

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of LINCOLN COUNTY (CFLC)

2026 GRANT GUIDELINES

The Community Foundation of Lincoln County (CFLC) supports efforts for the benefit of the citizens of Lincoln County and surrounding areas.

The CFLC is proud to provide grants towards that end. The proposal deadline for submitting applications is **November 1, 2026**. Only one application per organization will be accepted and considered.

CRITERIA

Typical projects that will be considered for Grants fall within the following categories:

- * **Education:** Including assistance to libraries, funding for supplemental programs for preschools and elementary schools, support of literacy programs.
- * **Welfare:** Including programs for disadvantaged and troubled youth local fire-protection services, parks and civic improvements, food banks and human rights organizations.
- * **Health:** Including hospices, preventative health programs, EMS and ambulance services.
- * **Humanities:** Including local arts groups and historical projects.
- * **Conservation:** Including wildlife projects, ecosystem protection, and water projects.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be either: 501(c) tax-exempt organization (IRS designation)
OR exempt governmental organizations.

ABOUT THE GRANTS

The total to be granted each fiscal year varies. Grants must be used for specific projects benefiting residents in the Lincoln County and surrounding communities.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

- * Grant application cover sheet
- * Proposal narrative (see description below)
- * One-page budget for the project
- * Copy of IRS 501(c) designation letter (REQUIRED)
 - Note: non-profit status from only the state of NM will not qualify.
 - Applications without an IRS designation letter will be denied.
- * Roster of board members and officers.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please address the following (2-page maximum):

- * Briefly describe the proposed project.
- * Describe the constituency that will benefit from this project.
- * What will be the tangible impact of the grant in the community?
- * Approximate number of individuals that will benefit from this grant.
- * How will the project help the community?

WHERE TO SEND THE APPLICATION

Application packages must be postmarked **November 1, 2026 or before.**

Please mail your application to:

CFLC
attn: Grants Committee
P.O. Box 2750
Ruidoso, NM 88355

OR email your application to: cflcnm@gmail.com

Application forms and guidelines can be reviewed and downloaded at <http://www.cfolc.org/grants> or they can be requested by mail.

CYCLE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Begin accepting applications for 2026	June 1, 2026
Deadline to submit applications	November 1, 2026
Awarding of grants	December, 2026

FINAL CHECKLIST PRIOR TO MAILING

- * Is the application typed (preferred)?
- * Is your application package complete?
- * Is the **current** IRS 501(c) designation letter attached?
- * Is the application package postmarked no later than **November 1, 2026**?

In the interest of fairness to all prospective applicants, late applications will not be considered but they can be considered for the following year.
