Eligibility

We accept applications from charitable organizations that impact one or more of the Frey Foundation’s program areas.

We are not likely to fund conferences or events, requests for general operating support, or programs that require participants to practice or adhere to specific religious beliefs.

As a collaborative funder, Frey Foundation generally considers funding up to 15% of a total program budget and up to 5% of a capital project budget.

Our geographic focus is primarily in Kent, Emmet and Charlevoix counties or the broader West/Northern Michigan region.

We value inclusive practices in board recruitment, hiring and delivery of service.

For more information on eligibility visit www.freyfdn.org

Program Areas

The Frey Foundation invests in four major program areas in West and Northern Michigan. Our current grantmaking priorities are as follows:

Building Community

- Addressing housing insecurity.
- Building strong and attractive city centers and vibrant neighborhoods.
- Encouraging well-planned development with broad community input.
- Fostering public/private partnerships to enhance local and regional impact.
- Supporting projects and programs that leverage capital investments and foster urban-rural connections.

Community Arts

- Fostering high-quality, meaningful arts education.
- Improving access to arts and cultural experiences for vulnerable populations.
- Supporting an arts and cultural community that is strong and diverse.
- Supporting leadership development for arts or cultural organizations.

Children & Families

- Ensuring access to high-quality child care.
- Improving parenting skills.
- Leveraging community systems that ensure students and schools are successful.
- Promoting universal access to high-quality pre-school programs.

Environment

- Expanding and connecting regional trails and greenways.
- Preserving and restoring significant lakes and streams.
- Protecting critical lands including farmland, parkland, and natural habitat areas.
How to Apply

1. Review: Confirm eligibility by reviewing grant guidelines
2. Inquire: Submit brief inquiry online
3. Apply: If invited, complete a full application
4. Meet: You may be contacted for a meeting or site visit
5. Decision: You will be notified of Trustee funding decision

Timeline

Funding decisions are made by Frey Foundation Trustees quarterly in February, May, August, and November.

Please note that decision timelines may vary based on several factors, including proposal readiness. Foundation staff will keep you informed throughout the review process.

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