

Dutchess After-School Program Grant 2025/2026

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

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Instructions

Welcome to the Community Foundation's online application process. Guidelines for grant programs can be found on the Foundation's web site: Grant Programs. **It is important for you to read and understand the grant program's guidelines before starting an application.**

Please follow the instructions below in order to correctly complete the application. We also recommend that you familiarize yourself with the online application before you begin.

You will be asked to attach several documents. These documents must exist in electronic format (Excel, Word or PDF) you may attach them using the Browse button.

To avoid losing work, click on the **"Save As Draft"** button located at the top and bottom of the page frequently. We recommend saving your application after attaching each document to the application.

If you have questions, please contact the Community Foundation at (845) 452-3077 or email grants@communityfoundationshv.org

The **Dutchess After-School Grant** program will offer modest **2-year, general operating support grants to non-profit organizations across Dutchess County** who are providing established after-school programming to youth in our community. These programs should focus on academic support, including tutoring/mentoring in core subjects such as math, science, and reading, as well as cultural and skills enrichment activities like arts, sports, life skills, and technology.

Objectives:

1. **Enhance Academic Achievement:** Provide academic support to help students improve their performance in key subjects.
2. **Increase Accessibility:** Ensure programs are accessible (within walking distance for students or have transportation needs met) and basic student needs are addressed so they can participate and thrive in their programs.
3. **Promote Safe and Supportive Environments:** Create safe spaces where students can engage in positive activities and receive mentorship.
4. **Foster Community Engagement:** Encourage local organizations and stakeholders to collaborate and invest in the success of our youth.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

1. Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status or an established fiscal sponsorship arrangement with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing services in Dutchess County

Please note that grants **are not** given to support:

- Individuals
- Political or partisan purposes
- Lobbying activities
- Loan reimbursements for capital projects already underway or completed
- Retroactive expenses that were incurred prior to the grant award
- Endowments
- Religious organizations for sacramental or theological purposes; however, grants may be made to support non-religious community programs provided through these institutions.
- Private foundations
- For-profit organizations
- Schools and school districts
- Organizations that plan to sub-grant or regrant the funds
- Intermediaries that do not directly provide afterschool or summer programming
- Local governments
- Start-up programs

Funding Available & Awards:

It is anticipated that \$100,000 will be available to grant this year. **10 grants of \$10,000** (to be disbursed in 2 payments of \$5,000 annually) will be awarded.

Funding will be distributed in rural and urban communities across Dutchess County

Deadline:

The Community Foundations will be accepting applications from July 1 through October 1st.

Organization's Purpose or Mission*

Provide a brief statement of the organization's purpose or mission. The mission statement should be a clear and succinct representation of the organization's purpose for existence.

Character Limit: 500

Operating Budget (Amount)*

What is the organization's annual operating budget?

Character Limit: 20

Tax Status*

Select the organization's tax status from the list below.

Choices

- 501(c)(3)
- Faith-based Institution
- Other
- Not a nonprofit organization but have a fiscal sponsor

If Other Status (Description)

If you selected other, describe the organization's non-profit status.

Character Limit: 250

Organization Size/Staffing*

Indicate the staffing of your organization.

Choices

- 1-2 (full or part time)
- 3-5 (full or part time)
- 5-10 (full or part time)
- 11+ (full or part time)

Project Name*

Name of Project

Character Limit: 100

Grant Request (Amount)*

Provide the amount requested from this grant program. Grants made through this program will not exceed **\$10,000 (\$5,000 each year for two years)**

Character Limit: 20

Children & Youth Served*

Describe the population(s) to be served.

Be specific about:

- age ranges/grade levels
- special needs
- specific language or cultural characteristics
- any other details of the youth who will be involved in the program

Character Limit: 800

of individuals projected to be served in the next year*

Character Limit: 20

Years in Operation*

Please indicate the number of years the after-school program has been in operation

Character Limit: 100

Service Area*

Briefly indicate the geographic area that the program serves that this grant will specifically impact? (neighborhood, city, town, county-wide, etc.)

Character Limit: 400

Program Description*

Please provide a description of the afterschool program here:

Be sure to include the following:

- Description of the site(s) where programming is held
- Days/Hours of programming
- Activities (include specifics on educational supports and enrichment activities)
- Additional supports/programming (nutritional, counseling, mentorship, parent engagement, etc)

Character Limit: 4500

Program Accessibility*

Please detail how children and youth access the after-school program.

Be sure to include:

- Any fees, criteria/eligibility, application or referral process to participate
- Transportation needs/challenges

Character Limit: 3000

Collaborations*

Are you collaborating with other organizations for this after-school programming?

Choices

Yes

No

Collaborations (Description)

If yes, what organizations are you collaborating with and briefly describe the nature of the collaboration with this grant request.

Character Limit: 500

Impact*

Describe the overall impact you anticipate if you receive funding.

Character Limit: 2500

Outcomes & Evaluation

Detail any anticipated measurable outcomes and your plan or method for evaluation.

Character Limit: 2500

Additional Information (optional)

Please use this space to detail any additional information you wish to share about your afterschool program.

Character Limit: 3000

Attachments

Attach a Photo (Optional)

We encourage applicants to submit a photograph that helps tell your story/make a case for support, can be shared with other potential donors/funders, and or used for promotional purposes (CFHV social media, website, press and various publications). You can indicate any photo credit or caption below.

By attaching a photo here, you agree to the following terms:

You hereby grant to the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, unrestricted license to use and publish your photograph in foundation communications material in any way and all manner and media now know or hereafter devised. You hereby represent and warrant that you have the right to grant the rights granted hereunder. You hereby release the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and its employees from any and all claims and/or liability related to your photograph.

Character Limit: 250 | File Size Limit: 4 MB

Organization Operating Budget*

Attach the current year agency/organization operating budget.

Click [BUDGET-TEMPLATE-2025-FILLABLE_1.docx](#) to use our budget template if needed.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

After-school Program Budget*

Please provide a program budget detailing the costs for operating the after-school program this funding may support.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Form 990 (Attachment)

Please attach a PDF of your most recent Form 990 if you are a 501c3

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Board of Directors

Attach a list of the organization's Board of Directors including their professional affiliations.

If the program is fiscally sponsored a list of advisory members or leadership can be attached.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Fiscal Sponsor (if applicable)

If utilizing a Fiscal Sponsor, please attach your fiscal sponsor agreement or a letter by the sponsor stipulating that they have agreed to serve in this capacity.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Attachment #1 (optional)

Please attach any additional supporting material here. (Photos, promotional materials, letters of support, etc.)

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Additional Attachment #2

Please attach any additional supporting material here. (Photos, promotional materials, letters of support, etc.)

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Certification

IMPORTANT: Before submitting your completed application, we strongly suggest that you click on "Print Packet" at the top of the page. This will allow you to create and save a PDF of your application and all attachments for your records. You will also see if all of your attachments are displaying the information requested correctly. Please check spelling and grammar.

Organization Executive Authorization (Electronic Signature)*

Enter the organization Executive's full name, business title and the date of submission (e.g. Mary Smith, Executive Director, 9/15/2025)

Character Limit: 100

By entering the signature information of the organization's Executive above and clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that the Executive of the organization has reviewed and approved this application and the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of your/their knowledge and belief.*

Choices

I Agree

I Do Not Agree