

Local Foundations...finding funding in your communities!



Northern New York
Community Foundation, Inc.



The Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF) accepts grant requests to support the work of non-profit tax exempt organizations in or serving Jefferson and/or Lewis Counties. (Non-profit organizations serving the Gouverneur area may submit requests for grants from the A. Eleanor Jackson Fund).

The Foundation encourages proposals for programs that are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of health, human services, education and cultural affairs. Grants are made only for capital items and for seed money for new agencies, or new projects by established agencies. The Foundation does not fund general operational costs or pay off deficits.

If you wish to submit a grant proposal, you must first contact the Foundation by letter, phone or email to provide a brief summary of your program and needs and to request grant application guidelines. After an initial discussion with the director of NNYCF, libraries would then submit a written application.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nnycf.org/grantguidelines.asp>

The John Ben Snow Foundation, Inc.

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John Ben Snow Foundation provides funding to tax-exempt organizations (501c3) in Central and Northern New York State.

Grants have been made in the past in the following program areas: Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, Environment, Historic Preservation, and Journalism.

Proposals seeking funds for new or enhanced programs, one-time, short-term grants to sustain a program until funding is stabilized, matching grants used to encourage the participation of other donors, and "last dollars" towards a capital campaign are given preference.

There are no minimum or maximum grant amounts; however, most grants range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Letters of intent must be submitted and received by January 1st.

For more information, please visit <http://www.johnbensnow.com/jbsf>



Pratt-Northam <http://prattnortham.thrivingdesigns.com/>

Pratt-Northam grants are provided to only not-for-profit organizations located between Boonville and Carthage. Thousands of dollars are given each year to various organizations in order to make the Black River Valley, from Boonville in the South to Carthage in the North, a better and more exciting place to live.

If you wish to apply for a grant from the Pratt-Northam Foundation, you are welcome to contact Tom Yousey at ttlyousey@frontiernet.net for a grant application. They have also provided a printable form on the Internet. Merely print the application and send it to the address listed on the top of the form.

The Wal-Mart Foundation <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/>

The Wal-Mart Foundation offers two possibilities for funding: The State Giving Program and the Community Giving Program. Only organizations with a current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status are eligible to request funding under either program.

The State Giving Program

- submit an application online
- only eligible to receive one grant within a fiscal year (February 1 – January 31).
- Minimum grant size for this program is \$5,000.

They are no longer accepting applications for the State Giving Program because New York state has exhausted its State Giving Program budget for this fiscal year. Updated program information, as well as the 2010 application submission deadlines, will be posted on their website at the beginning of February 2010. Please check back at that time to review any changes in the program's guidelines or funding priorities.

The Wal-Mart Store and Sam's Club Giving Program

(allows local facilities to support needs within the communities Wal-Mart/Sam's Club does business by providing grants less than \$5,000)

- Submit an application online or obtain one at your local store
- Award stipulations vary for each area store
- Applications can be made at BOTH stores, your local Wal-Mart AND your local Sam's Club. If you apply at Wal-Mart it does not exclude you from applying at Sam's Club.

You can learn more about requesting a Community Grant from your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club as well as the award limits by speaking with the facility manager at your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club Stores or contacting the Community Involvement Coordinator at the location closest to you.

Please contact Dawn Vincent at NCLS: 782-5540 or dvincent@ncls.org if your library has grant resources they would like to share.