



Community Investment Program Guidelines

The Community Investment Program (CIP) was established at the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation by Grid United. CIP supports communities in Cimarron and Texas Counties, where Grid United's Three Corners Connector - a transmission line connecting U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Oklahoma and Colorado - will be located. Grid United is dedicated to partnering with these communities; as a result, CIP funds support innovative projects that enhance the quality of life while strengthening communities in this corner of Northwest Oklahoma.

Requirements:

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government entity, such as a local government, tribal government, or school district.

Applicants who have applied for previous grant cycles may apply for subsequent grant cycles for different phases of their project. Applicants do not need to be based in Cimarron or Texas County; however, grants must be used to benefit residents and communities in these counties. Only one (1) application per organization per cycle is allowed.

Grant Amounts: Grants are awarded up to \$50,000.

Eligible Projects:

- Projects that have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Cimarron or Texas Counties of Oklahoma.
- Projects that propose ways to address community issues and problems.

- Projects that leverage other sources of support.
- Projects that encourage others to get involved in addressing community needs.
- Projects that are creative in their approach to solving problems or capturing opportunities.
- Projects that are responsive to changing and emerging needs.
- Projects that support innovative approaches to economic and community development.

Grant Restrictions:

We do not provide grants for sectarian religious purposes, political endeavors, or individual funding.

Application Process & Deadline: CIP will have two application cycles each year.

Spring Cycle Deadline = **May 15th**

Fall Cycle Deadline = **November 1st**

Only online applications will be accepted and can be accessed here:

www.cherokeestripcf.com/cip

All applications are reviewed by the Community Advisory Committee, which is made up of a diverse group of leaders and residents in Cimarron and Texas County. The Cherokee Strip Community Foundation will notify applicants of the Community Advisory Committee's decision within a few months of the application deadline.

The Cherokee Strip Community Foundation cannot guarantee that every proposal will be funded, or that an applicant will receive the full amount requested.

Reporting:

A project report will be due within one year of receiving funds. Project reports must be received before additional grants are made.

For questions about the fund or application please contact CSCF at **(580) 234-3988** or **grants@cherokeestripcf.com**.