



The  
**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
of the New River Valley

## **Awarding Grants through the Community Foundation**

The Community Foundation (CFNRV) offers two convenient ways for donors who hold Donor-Advised Funds to award grants. They are:

### **Participation in the Competitive Grants Process**

The CFNRV awards grants each fall through a competitive application process, and donor-advised funds may choose to participate in this process. Applications are received by the CFNRV and those relating to the purpose of your fund are then forwarded to you for review. You may then recommend to the CFNRV those grants which you would like to support through your fund. Please note that the CFNRV Board of Directors has ultimate authority over all grants awarded. As such, recommendations from donors are solely recommendations and the Board may choose to decline a recommendation.

This process allows you to see a broad range of needs and to support programs of which you may not have been familiar prior to the grant cycle. In addition, donors are encouraged to complete Giving Book with short summaries of all applications, allowing you to get a broader sense of what the CFNRV supports and how it evaluates applications.

### **Non-binding Request**

For our donors that already know which programs or charities they would like to support, they can make grants through a non-binding request. Simply contact the CFNRV with the organization you would like to support and the amount to be awarded. The CFNRV researches the organization to ensure that it is a qualified non-profit eligible to receive funding. If the organization is eligible, the CFNRV cuts a check to that organization as requested. As with the competitive grant process, the CFNRV Board of Directors has ultimate authority over all grants awarded. As such, a non-binding request from a donor is solely a recommendation and the Board may choose to decline a recommendation.

This process is best for donors who already know the organizations that they would like to support, or for donors whose funds may not be receiving adequate applications within the competitive grants process.

**For more information about the Community Foundation's grant programs,  
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