



# COMMUNITY GRANTS 2021

## Jasper & Newton County Community Funds

Please read before completing your grant application.

The 2021 Community Grant Cycle is from February 1 through October 1.

You may submit your grant request at any point between 2/1 and 10/1 this year.

Upon receipt grants will be reviewed by the appropriate County Advisory Committee and recommended action will be taken to the Governing Board at the next month's meeting. You should have a grant response in 4-6 weeks. Please talk with the Foundation Staff when you submit your grant application for an idea of your grant window. **This is an open grant cycle and requests will be reviewed as they are turned in.**

Please see the updated Community Grants Application. This form is available through our website for download in Word and PDF formats. Please follow the instructions carefully. Address any questions with the JNF Staff.

**This is NEW** – and there are no hard deadlines. The grant cycle has a rolling due date between February 1 and October 1. Submit your grant so that you have time to receive your grant dollars, if awarded, and then get started with your project.

\*\*Final Grant reports will be due 1 year after grant award is made.

### What are we looking for?

Jasper Newton Foundation strategically seeks out applications from local organizations who are planning projects and programming that fit the following criteria:

- Provide sustainable impact to a large portion of our community.
- Create partnerships with other organizations (public and private).
- Encourage matching dollars from another donor or organization.
- NEW ideas to meet a need.
- Purchases and programs that build the capacity and sustainability of your organization.
- Innovative ideas from established organizations or partnerships that need “seed money” to get started.

## Grant Rules

1. First-time applicants must contact the JNF Executive Director for a meeting or phone conversation and provide their IRS Designation letter and founding documents.
2. The Foundation performs initial due diligence with each grant application to ensure the health and filing status of each nonprofit organization. If the IRS 501(c)(3) status is revoked at any point during the application process, the organization will be allowed to apply again in the same calendar year if the IRS letter of reinstatement is provided to the Foundation.
3. The Jasper Newton Foundation does not grant to:
  - Specific political candidates or parties or political events
  - Profit-making enterprises
  - Religious projects/programs that specifically further the religious message of the church or benefit a specific church body directly
  - Individuals
4. Funding for salaries, general operational support, and travel for conferences are not likely to be funded but the Foundation would like to talk through these opportunities. The JNF wants smart, sustainable, and highly-capable nonprofit partners in our community and if helping on any of these three fronts is critical to your success – we want to talk about it.
5. National Organizations or annual giving campaigns.
6. Regional organizations that ask for operational support but have very little operations in Jasper or Newton Counties.
7. Reduction of debt – or reimbursements for expenses that have already taken place.
8. We generally do not fund to start a new organization – but our staff is willing to help. Please call first if this situation applies to you.

## Grant Qualifications

1. JNF only grants funds for charitable purposes described in the IRS Tax Code 170 (c) (2) (B) to organizations described in sections 509 (a) (1), (2), or (3). Essentially a charitable organization or municipal organization that exists to better the lives of a charitable class of people.
2. Our grants seek to fund ideas and programming in the areas of Arts & Culture, Historic Preservation, Education, Health & Wellness, and larger Community Initiatives that improve the quality of life in our communities.

### Where to find more information and get the application:

Visit our website at: [www.jaspernewtonfoundation.org](http://www.jaspernewtonfoundation.org) and click on “Grants”.