



2026 Healthy Living Grants

Culpeper/Madison/Orange

Program Guidelines

This competitive grants program will award project support of up to \$10,000 to eligible organizations. Project support is defined as a set of activities conducted during a specified period of time and with clear deliverables that further the organization's mission or build organization capacity.

Guidelines

- Organizations must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or be a school, municipality or other subdivision of government. Organizations that do not have public charity status may apply for grants if another public charity acts as a fiscal sponsor.
- Proposed activities must support the mission of Culpeper Wellness Foundation:
 - To improve health and promote wellness in Culpeper, Madison and Orange counties.
- Funds must be used for charitable purposes and community benefit in Culpeper, Madison, and/or Orange counties.
- Projects need to be completed by 3/31/2027.
- An interim or final report is required by 12/31/26. If the project or activity is not completed until 3/31/27 a final report must be submitted by 4/12/27.
- The Foundation reserves the right to rescind a grant if the project is canceled or delayed or if the recipient organization no longer qualifies.
- If an organization received funding in a previous year, a final grant report must be on file at the Foundation prior to being considered for additional funding.

We do not fund:

- Grants to individuals
- Event sponsorships

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Strong applications should demonstrate:

- Clear community need for the project
- The depth and breadth of impact on the citizens of Culpeper, Madison, and/or Orange counties
- Timeliness: Why is this a strategic time to invest in the project?
- A clear and realistic plan describing what will be accomplished
- A strategy for how the work, if ongoing, will be sustained beyond the grant period

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I apply?

Applications will be accepted online only from March 9 to April 17, 2026.

How do I submit my application?

The link to our online grants system will be posted on our website on the morning of March 9. You will be prompted to create an account and, subsequently, to enter the requested information about your organization and proposed project. Your application does not need to be completed in one visit to the site, you can return to edit or add information as needed until 5 pm on April 17, 2026.

What information is required to apply?

Please be prepared to provide the following information and required documents.

- Project Description – Describe your project and proposed work plan
- Results – What will be different as a result of this project? What measurable outcomes do you expect to achieve?
- Need/Timeliness of Request – Describe evidence of community need for the proposed activities. Why is it important that this project happen now?
- Reach – anticipated number of people in Culpeper, Madison, and Orange to be impacted?
- Organizational Capacity – Provide background on your organization and its experience meeting its goals.
- Sustainability – If the project work is ongoing, how will that be funded?
- Attachments required:
 - Organizational budget
 - Project budget

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- Tax determination letter
- List of the Board of Directors

When will I know if my application is chosen for funding?

You will be notified of our decision by May 22, 2026.

What type of projects or activities will be considered for funding?

The Foundation is interested in funding projects and activities that improve the health and promote wellness for people living in our service area of **Culpeper, Madison and Orange counties**. Health is broadly defined to include physical, social and emotional well-being.

My project will cost \$30,000. Can we still apply for funding?

The maximum Healthy Living Grant award is \$10,000. You can apply for funding for a larger project IF you have secured the additional funding needed prior to applying for a Healthy Living Grant.

Who decides which grants receive funding?

The Healthy Living Grant Committee of the Foundation consists of volunteers who will assess each qualified application and decide how to distribute the available funds.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

Holly Durrer, at hdurrer@culpeperwellness.org or 540-445-5409.