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### **HCCF announces annual grant cycle**

**GREENFIELD, Ind. (February 3, 2020)** – The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) is offering a 2020 Annual Grant Cycle open to tax-exempt, charitable nonprofit organizations serving Hancock County. The application opens today on HCCF’s website, [giveHCgrowHC.org/nonprofits](http://giveHCgrowHC.org/nonprofits), and the deadline for application submission is Friday, March 20 at noon.

This grant cycle will offer organizations three types of grant opportunities to address the following areas of need:

**1. Strategic Operating Support Funding**

- a. A grant to help nonprofits formulate and/or implement resource development efforts for a strategic purpose as it relates to their operations.

**2. Program & Project Support Funding**

- a. A grant to support or expand an existing charitable program/project or to create and launch a new charitable program/project.

**3. Capital Improvement Funding**

- a. A grant to support capital purchases with an expected useful life of 12 months or more, such as building repairs or additions, purchase of new equipment, purchase of technology (hardware & software), vehicles, and furniture.

Organizations can attend one of HCCF’s two grant workshops in February (Feb. 6 and Feb. 10). Katie Ottinger and Carol Reynolds will explain the 2020 Annual Grant Cycle parameters and offer a refresher course on the grants management system. Foundant’s GLM system provides many benefits including not having to enter your contact information each time, allowing multiple people per organization to access grant information, looking up grant history, and reporting all in one online portal. Organizations interested in attending one of the workshops should register at <https://hancock.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/ticket>. Attendees may bring a laptop or other mobile device for assistance logging into the system.

Organizations may submit **one application** total in this grant cycle. HCCF will notify applicants of the status of their request in late May. Organizations should contact Katie Ottinger, Community Investment and Grants Officer, with questions regarding the application or eligibility at [kottinger@giveHCgrowHC.org](mailto:kottinger@giveHCgrowHC.org).

*HCCF provides philanthropic leadership by encouraging giving, learning, community pride and civic engagement. Working with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent endowment funds is critical to the organization’s mission. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor’s favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted millions of dollars since its inception in 1992.*

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