



Timeline for 2026 Grantmaking Cycle

December 4, 2025 – 5:30 pm Board meets to approve grant cycle for 2026.

December 22 - First press release announcing grant availability. Others follow.

January 7 at noon. Application workshop.

January 15, 2026 – New Board meets, 5:30 re-organization, election of officers, new members, etc.

February 6- Grant application deadline. 4:00 pm.

February 12 - Tentative Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. This meeting may not be held.

March 5 - Board meets to review and score applications- Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

March 16 (week of) - GDMCF Exec Committee approves grant recommendations

March 27- Notice to grant applicants

April 16 – 6 pm Awards ceremony and check to recipients-quick Board meeting to follow

August 1- Reminder of November 1 deadline

October 1 - 30-day reminder to deadline

November 1 Deadline to submit final evaluation report

(Proof of purchases and expenditure of funds applying to grants must be supplied to the community foundation by Nov. 1 or a request for extension must be requested and approved by the community foundation utilizing the form for this purpose)

The grant project must be completed or a request for an extension must be made by November 1. *Failure to meet requirements and deadlines will affect future funding requests or result in a request for you to return the funds.*