Janvrin Fund Application FAQ

Organizations are strongly encouraged to read this FAQ and the Instructions PDF prior to submission.

1. **What organizations may submit an application?**
   - All 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and 170(b) organizations able to receive a tax-deductible contribution, such as schools, faith-based organizations, and other public entities are eligible.
   - We are not able to fund individuals or businesses directly, labor unions, or other 501(c) organizations.

2. **Is there a maximum amount our organization may request?**
   - Application requests of up to $15,000 will be considered.
   - Applications should be
     - Collaborative in nature;
     - Regional in scope;
     - Rooted in solution-oriented approaches;
     - Include specific, measurable outcomes;
     - Promote positive change over the long term.

3. **Will CFMC be the sole or "primary" funder of a program that an organization is applying for?**
   - No, CFMC will not consider applications where we are the sole funder.
   - To determine if CFMC might be the sole or primary funder, an organization should ask itself, **"will this program go forward without funding from CFMC?"** If the answer is yes, then it is not a "sole or primary" funded program and the other funding sources should be included on the CFMC Summary Budget to show where funding is leveraged.

4. **How are applications submitted?**
   - **CFMC uses an online application submission process**.
   - The link to the application is on our website, in the Nonprofit Menu Section, under Grants Program – select the **Janvrin Fund Application Information** page (https://middlesexcountycf.org/grants-program/janvrin-fund-application-information/).

5. **Is there a geographic focus for this fund?**
   - Yes, funding requests must directly impact any, some, or all of the fifteen (15) towns of Middlesex County, CT.

6. **What is the application cycle timeline?**
   - CFMC accepts competitive applications twice a year – in the fall and in the early spring. The timeline for the cycle is posted on the CFMC website.
   - Organizations interested in learning more and/or considering an application submission must attend one of the information sessions for the current cycle. These sessions are posted on the events calendar on our website.
   - Recommendations for the fall cycle will be presented to the CFMC Board of Directors in December and for the spring cycle to the CFMC Board of Directors in June.
   - Applicants will be notified of the recommendation regarding their application during the last week of December or June respectively.

7. **What types of requests will be considered?**
   - Applications must meet the purpose of the Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals and Nature – to preserve, protect, and steward land, waterways, and wildlife habitats for the benefit

of the county's ecosystem, the habitats for birds and other wildlife, and the well-being and enjoyment of our residents.

- We are particularly interested in applications that
    - Engage youth in environmental education to help develop the next generation of stewards of the environment;
    - Focus on meaningful participation of all in environmental concerns;
    - Promote partnerships across a wide and broad spectrum of constituents and cohorts.
    - Foster equitable conservation and stewardship*.
        - Equitable conservation and stewardship: We're born on the land. Eat food grown in it. Drink water that flows over it. Build our communities upon it. There's not a single aspect of our lives that is not touched by land and water. While land and water connect us all, it has also been used historically to separate us. Entire communities of people have been excluded from direct interaction with the environment and understanding of the fundamental connection to our community. That shared history of inequity means that collectively our stewardship work does not benefit all people as we intend it to. Equitable conservation and stewardship programs seek ways to connect all people, of all demographics including race, economic status, and abilities, to our environment. (Adapted from Conservation Trust for North Carolina "An Equitable Vision for Conservation")

8. Are there certain items CFMC won't consider supporting?

- Grants made directly to individuals.
- Initiatives that ***regrant*** our funds to other organizations.
- Organizations that, in their constitution, bylaws or practice, discriminate against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or identification, political affiliation, or religious belief.
- New staff positions or hazard pay expenses (due to the COVID-19 pandemic).
- Recouping lost revenue which occurs prior to the application submission date of the current cycle. July 1 annually if applying in the spring cycle, or occurring prior to January 1 if applying in the fall cycle.
- Programs or materials that would normally be included in the regular operating budget for municipal/government agencies or schools.
- Annual fundraising campaigns or event sponsorships.
- Payment of debt or legal settlements or Repayment of SBA, PPP, or other COVID-19 related loans.
- Political or partisan purposes, campaigns, or lobbying activities.
- Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes, although religious organizations providing non-religious community services will be considered.
- Endowments, reserve funds, capital campaigns, or annual fund drives.

  NOTE: We are not accepting land acquisition applications at this time.

9. How many applications may we submit? May we submit applications in both of CFMC's application cycles?

- Our program is collaborative with two or more nonprofits involved – do we submit one application, or may each organization apply?
    - One organization applies *on behalf of all the partners/collaborators* – One (1) application per program/project
- Our organization has two programs in mind – one that is collaborative and one that is stand alone and specific to our organization only, may we apply for both?
    - No. Your organization must decide which program to submit for consideration.

- Our organization has two programs in mind – one that is collaborative that another organization is submitting and one that is stand alone and specific to our organization only, may we be a "partner" on one and apply for our stand-alone program as well?
    - No. We appreciate that there are great programs and ideas impacting our community, but we ask that you determine which is best for consideration in the current application cycle.
- We have an idea but no specifics, no timeline to development and implement the program yet, and no ideas of possible partners, may we apply now?
    - If there is no clear program development and implementation plan yet, you should wait for another cycle to submit an application.
- If our organization applies for a Janvrin Fund award in Fall cycle and is denied, may we re-apply to Janvrin Fund in Spring cycle?
    - Yes.

If you have specific program/project questions or have difficulty with the online application form, please contact Thayer Talbott at Thayer@MiddlesexCountyCF.org.