

Grant Award Range: \$5,000-\$20,000 (with eligibility to renew the grant in 2020)

Approximate Available Amount: \$70,000

Application Deadline: October 16, 2019 - 5 pm

Grant Cycle Goal:

This grant cycle aims to foster and develop within Tompkins County communities, the ability to improve the quality of life for all residents through collaborative planning, capacity building, and finding solutions to complex challenges.

Grant Cycle Priority Areas:

To improve the quality of life in Tompkins County by focusing on areas that pose barriers to an enhanced quality of life for our residents. Examples might be one or more of the following areas:

1. **Access to affordable housing and transportation**
2. **Access to food security and nutritional health**
3. **Access to living wage jobs and safe housing for those re-entering after incarceration**
4. **Eliminating race, class, disability and gender as predictors of student participation and achievement**
5. **Strengthening our system of prevention and treatment services for people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis**
6. **Access to high-quality, affordable childcare in early childhood (birth-5)**
7. **Other**

Values and Preferences that inform the grant review process:

1. Clear **collaboration** across organizations and/or sectors. (Defined as entities systematically adjusting and aligning work with each other for greater outcomes)
2. The **inclusion of “context experts”**, those for whom programs are intended to serve, in planning, decision-making, control of resources and action plans.
3. The promotion of **equity** across race, socio-economic difference and rural/urban access.
4. The use of supporting **data with clear targets** that reflect our local community
5. To prioritize the improvement of **systemic practices** that advance social and racial justice.
6. The building of social capital (i.e. relationships, civic engagement, interpersonal trust) for and with **new audiences** not traditionally engaged in community

leadership and decision-making.

Application Guidelines

1. Applications must be completed and submitted online by October 16, 2019 at 5 pm. Late applications will not be accepted. The link to the application can be found at www.cftompkins.org.
2. If a grant is awarded, a report must be submitted by September 21, 2020, prior to determining eligibility for year-two funding.
3. Collaborating entities will be required to provide online Letters of Support indicating their role in and support for the applicant entity and the mutually reinforcing work being carried out.
4. Applicants must serve Tompkins County and provide services for a charitable purpose to residents of Tompkins County. Lead applicants must also be one of the following:
 - a. 501(c)3, not-for-profit organization
 - b. Government (e.g. public schools, municipality, school district)
 - c. Faith-based organization (to support non-religious activities directed toward a public purpose)
5. Please direct technical questions related to the online application to Jessie Galbreath-Nocera, admin@cftompkins.org. Direct application content questions to Janet Cotraccia, Chief Impact Officer, at jcotraccia@cftompkins.org or (607) 272-9333.
6. Applications meeting the requirements will be evaluated by a review team with final approval by the Community Foundation Board of Directors. Each application will receive feedback from the review team.