



FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK

Chobani Community Impact Fund 2020 Grant Proposal Guidelines

Inquiries: To make an inquiry to the Chobani Community Impact Fund, please go to www.donorswhocare.org and log-in or create an account at the link provided under our “Grant Seekers” tab. After successfully logging on, click the highlighted link “2020 Chobani Community Impact Fund,” complete and submit the on-line “LOI”. If the inquiry is in-line with our guidelines, you will be invited to submit a full application. If not, Tina Barber, Program Officer will be in touch to discuss why you are not eligible to apply.

Application: The Community Foundation will be accepting applications (the Uniform Grant Application) on-line. Visit www.donorswhocare.org under the “Grant Seekers” tab for in-depth instructions and links to tutorial videos. Contact Tina Barber, Program Officer at tbarber@donorswhocare.org if you are unable to access information on-line or if you will need a paper application. Please do not submit a paper application unless you’ve been instructed to do so.

Submission Deadlines:

- **Letter of Inquiry will be due on Friday, May 1st, 2020**
- **If invited to apply, full application will be due on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020**
- **Grant awards will be announced in mid-October**

Note:

- An organization may submit only one proposal to the Chobani Community Impact Fund during a calendar year.
- Organizations may not resubmit a proposal for a project previously funded or declined by the Community Foundation unless given permission to do so by the Program Officer.
- Letters of Inquiry will not be accepted after May 1st, 2020.

Who May Qualify?

- Any 501(c)(3) where a grant will benefit significantly residents of: *Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and/or Madison counties*.
- Certain local government agencies and municipalities, and public school systems within the Foundation’s service area.
- Organizations requiring a 501(c)(3) as a fiscal sponsor *may* be eligible to apply, please inquire before submitting an LOI.

Types of Support Available:

The areas of support for which qualified organizations may apply are listed below.

The minimum award will be \$15,000 and the maximum award will be \$30,000. New for 2020, organizations may request a 3-year grant totaling \$60,000.

Expanding Economic Opportunity and Promoting Entrepreneurship

- Applications will be accepted for proposals to establish projects and programs that strengthen the local economy, encourage local ownership, facilitate the development of new streams of financial resources, and support current or aspiring entrepreneurs.

Examples of projects that might be of interest would include: fostering the advancement of young entrepreneurs; establishing value-add opportunities for farmers and landowners; supporting the success of small business owners; facilitating beginning farmer resource development; and creating school to work training pathways for students.

- New projects/programs will be strongly considered.
- Innovation and collaboration are strongly encouraged and will be looked upon favorably.

Successful applications will propose projects/programs that create economic opportunity and/or promote entrepreneurship for community members that may otherwise have limited access to such.

Applications for new projects/programs should include plans for sustainability beyond the Chobani Community Impact Fund grant period.

We Do Not Consider Requests For:

- Funding to reimburse an organization for costs that were incurred prior to the date the grant was awarded.
- Funding for capital campaigns
- Funding to pay existing mortgages
- Grants to individuals
- Funding for religious purposes
- Funding to organizations that have so many counterparts (e.g. scout troops, ambulance squads, volunteer or municipal fire departments, individual schools within a school district, individual school classrooms, PTAs) that it would be difficult to assess the relative merits of similar proposals.

As this is a new grant opportunity, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about submission procedures or the development of your on-line application. Please contact Tina Barber, Program Officer, at 607-206-5180 or via e-mail: tbarber@donorswhocare.org.