



FOR SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK

Chobani Community Impact Fund 2022 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 “2022 Chobani Community Impact Fund,” complete and submit the on-line “LOI”.

Application: Visit www.donorswhocare.org under the “Grant Seekers” tab for in-depth instructions and links to tutorial videos. Contact Stacy Mastrogiacom, Program Assistant at stacym@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 Monday, August 15th, 2022
- If invited to apply, full application will be due Wednesday, September 21st, 2022
- Grant awards will be announced in mid-October

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 Chobani Community Impact Fund plans to distribute \$100,000 in grants to organizations that are passionate about making a difference in their communities. The typical grant will range from \$5,000 - \$20,000.

-NEW for 2022: Grant recipient organizations may reapply for future Community Impact funds two years following their final grant payment.

Addressing Poverty

- Defined as programs that increase access to food, housing and/or resources to residents in Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Madison counties facing food insecurity and financial

hardship. Additional consideration will be given to opportunities that address inequities and stigmas around poverty.

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 and/or solutions that address food insecurity.

Expanding Educational and Economic Opportunity

- Building financial resilience through education, support and asset development planning
- Workforce development/training especially for underserved demographics
- Programs that address barriers to education and/or employment
- **NEW for 2022:** Programs that provide direct financial assistance (grants, lines of credit or loans) to individuals for the purposes of credit repair/building or business development. Individuals may not apply directly to the Community Foundation for this assistance. Applicant must be an organization that operates this lending/grant program.

Examples of projects that might be of interest would include: fostering the advancement of young entrepreneurs; expanding the capacity of food pantries; 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.

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.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have about submission procedures or the development of your on-line inquiry/application. Please contact Tina Barber, Program Officer, at 607-206-5180 or via e-mail: tbarber@donorswhocare.org or Stacy Mastrogiamoco, Program Assistant at 607-752-2317 or via e-mail: stacym@donorswhocare.org