



Project Grant Guidelines

Snow-Redfern Foundation provides financial support to nonprofit partners that offer programs and services that make a life-changing impact for kids in need. The Project Grant is a small supplemental grant aimed to support existing nonprofit programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes for youth.

General Guidelines

- Timeframe: Project grants are only available once per year. Submission window is 8:00am (mountain time) on July 1 through 5:00pm (mountain time) on August 1
- Submission: Only grant applications that include all required supplemental documents and are submitted online at snowredfern.org within the designated timeframe will be accepted
- Nonprofit Status: All entities must be qualified as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under IRS regulations, designated as a Public Charity meeting the public support test
- Geography: support is provided only to nonprofits operating in Nebraska
- Types of Support: We favor short-term projects that directly impact youth, can demonstrate how they improve youth outcomes, and that utilize a strength-based approach
- Preference is given to applications that can demonstrate project goal alignment with their local Public Health District's Community Health Improvement Plan (see supplemental document).
- For Panhandle organizations, preference is given to applications that can demonstrate project goal alignment with one of the six priority impact areas identified for the year (see below)
- Only one application is accepted per organization each year.
- Typical Project Grant Range: \$1,000 to \$15,000

Exclusions

- Multiple-year grants
- Grants to individuals
- Nonprofit organizations located outside of Nebraska
- Grants to other Private Foundations
- Capital requests, construction, purchase of vehicles, salaries
- Grants that serve populations of youth over the age of 19 years (some exceptions exist)
- Hardcopy, faxed, or emailed proposals will not be accepted

Please review the focus area guidelines and online application instructions before applying. If you have questions concerning program eligibility, please contact Foundation Executive Director at info@snowredfern.org.

Online Application Submission Instructions

Applications can be found at: <https://www.snowredfern.org/nonprofits/>



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All grant application fields must be completed to submit the application. Failure to do so will create an error message for each incomplete field, prompting you to complete. Most narrative sections have a 500-character limit, as is indicated on the bottom of each narrative box.

Important: If you want to exit your application before it is complete, click on “Save and Continue Later” at the bottom of the screen. You can then come back later and continue to work on your application by following the provided link to return and complete the form from any computer after you provide your email address at the bottom of the page. Once the link has been sent, a screen will pop up indicating the email address to which it was successfully sent. The link will expire after 30 days.

The email you will receive says: *“You can use the unique link below to return to the Grant Application form from any computer. (a link will be identified here) This link will expire after 30 days, so please return via the provided link to complete your form submission within that timeframe.”*

When your application is complete click the “submit application” button. A new screen will then appear confirming receipt of your application. You will then receive an email that says, *“Thank You! We have received your grant application. The Snow-Redfern Foundation Grant Committee will be reviewing all eligible applications for this grant season and notifying applicants about award decisions. In the meantime, see how we are investing in the good life for kids at SnowRedfern.org. Best Regards, Snow-Redfern Foundation Team”*

All application materials must be received by 5:00pm on the day of the deadline – however, technical support is only available until noon on that date.

Should you require assistance with the online proposal submission, please submit challenges to: info@snowredfern.org. Please do not send any grant-related documents separately by email or mail.

Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients are required to collect and report data related to achieving outcomes using the provided [Final Grant Report](#) document.

New grant applications will not be accepted if the Final Grant Report was not submitted for the previous year’s grant prior to submitting a new application.

Funding Categories

We concentrate awards on programs and projects that aim to create opportunities to kids and are related to Basic Needs, Well-Being, and Education. Preference is given to applications that can demonstrate how their project will address one or more of these focus areas, as further defined below.

Basic Needs

Those things that are necessary to sustain life, including:

- Biological and physiological needs; Safety needs; Love and belongingness needs, Esteem needs, Cognitive needs, Aesthetic needs, and Self-actualization needs.



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Well-Being

The presence of positive emotions and moods (e.g., contentment, happiness), the absence of negative emotions (e.g., depression, anxiety), satisfaction with life, fulfillment, and positive functioning, including:

- Physical well-being, Economic well-being, Social well-being, Development and activity, Emotional well-being, Psychological well-being, and Life satisfaction.

Education

The process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, morals, beliefs, and habits and categorized as one or more of the following:

- Formal, Non-formal learning, Special education, Preschool, Elementary, Secondary, Post-Secondary, Summer Learning Programs, and Afterschool Programs.

Target Population

All young people have potential, but not all are given the same chance to realize it. Our project grant funding is specifically aimed at kids that may need help realizing their potential and include organizations that serve vulnerable, at-risk, and disconnected populations. This includes children and youth ages 0-18 years that are most vulnerable or at risk of disparities in access, service use, and outcomes.

Vulnerable Populations: Are often defined by race or ethnicity or by sex or gender and include other such groups as foster youth; disconnected youth; families/youth that are homeless or in transition; and youth at risk for exploitation.

Disconnected Youth (At-Risk Children/youth): Are kids who face extreme threats to a successful transition into adulthood and experience circumstances that place them at greater vulnerability for problematic behaviors such as substance abuse, school failure, and juvenile delinquency, disconnection from school or family, along with mental health disorders, such as depression and anxiety. The principal areas of risk are related to individual, family, peers, school, neighborhood, and community.

Panhandle Organizations

In 2022, Snow-Redfern Foundation engaged researchers to complete an environmental scan for the Panhandle of Nebraska to better identify the needs, challenges, and barriers negatively impacting youth. Based upon the results of this work, a portion of grant funds have been allocated to initiate creation of shared solutions for the challenges identified, particularly in the most impacted counties. Plans to partner with other entities across the state to complete environmental scans is being assessed.

For non-profit organizations located in the Panhandle, grant applications that can adequately align their work or identify projects that integrate the needs identified through the data will be prioritized for Project Grant awards or be asked to submit further project details for other specialty funding.

The 2022 Environmental Scan Report can be located on the Snow-Redfern Foundation website, as well as via this Interactive Flipbook, which provides direct access to more in-depth explorable data sets.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/869162482/>

For organizations that serve youth in the Panhandle, grant applications should clearly articulate one or more of the Priority Impact Areas.

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Priority Impact Areas (Panhandle)

Based upon the data portrayed in the Panhandle environmental scan, (5) main funding priority areas have been identified. Though it is not required for Panhandle-based organizations to submit a grant proposal that specifically addresses one or more of these priority areas, preference will be given to applications that can clearly articulate how they are addressing one or more of them.

The below table is not an inclusive report of the identified needs in the Panhandle, nor are the prioritized counties the only counties that have significant need in one or more priority area.

Organizations that seek to address one or more of the priority areas in other counties are encouraged to support their requests with relevant data.

2023 Panhandle Priority Funding Areas

Priority Area	Activities	Priority County	Supporting Data
Disconnected Youth	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to “connect” 16–19-year-old youth	Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sioux	Garden: 11.5, Kimball: 14.9, Morrill: 16.7, Scott Bluff: 4.7, Sioux: 91.7 compared to State: 4.5.
Minority Juvenile Arrest Rates	programs, projects, services, supports or in-dept studies that assess this further	Scotts Bluff, Sheridan	Rates- Scotts Bluff: 82%, Sheridan: 77%
Juvenile Delinquency Cases	programs, projects, services, or supports that seek to decrease cases	Scotts Bluff, Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan	Rates- Scotts Bluff: 62.8, Dawes: 50, Box Butte: 50, Sheridan: 28
Youth Depression	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to improve mental health and decrease incidence of depression	Box Butte, Deuel, Scotts Bluff	Rates- Box Butte: 48.9% for 10 th graders, Scotts Bluff: 48.9% for 12 th graders.
Suicide Attempts	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to reduce suicide attempts	Box Butte, Deuel	Percent of attempted suicides- Box Butte: 10.6%, Deuel: 9.1%
Children (5-17) in Poverty	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to reduce effects of poverty for 5–17-year-olds	Sioux, Garden, Sheridan	Poverty Rates- Sioux: 28.7, Garden-18.2, Sheridan-21.0, compared to state rate (14.8 vs 9.5%, respectively)

Alternative Panhandle Priorities

The Environmental Scan contained county-level data from the eleven counties of the Panhandle. In some instances, consistent data could not be gathered across all counties, therefore was not cited as a priority area for funding. However, organizations that can support services, supports, or projects that address one or more of these other areas can include them in the application.



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Additionally, there may be existing data that supports other areas of risk but was not chosen as one of the top priorities. Organizations that can support rationale to utilize one of these additional areas can include them in an application.

Youth Homelessness	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to improve housing stability	Unspecified	See *Note
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**Note: Homelessness or Housing challenges for older youth was also determined a significant issue, though consistent data was unable to be connected across all counties to articulate this concern.*

Children in Poverty (under 5 years)	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to reduce poverty.	Scotts Bluff, Box Butte, Garden, Dawes	Rates- Scotts Bluff: 20.4%, Box Butte: 27.5%, Garden: 20.3%, Dawes: 25%
Teen Birth	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to reduce teen births.	Scotts Bluff, Box Butte, Sheridan, Morrill	Scotts Bluff: 34.7, Box Butte: 26.7, Sheridan: 25.3, Morrill: 25.5. State: 18.3
Alcohol Use/Abuse	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to decrease alcohol use/abuse	Box Butte, Deuel, Scotts Bluff	Alcohol Use- 12 th graders: Box Butte: 50% use, Deuel: 40.6%. Binge Drinking- 12 th graders: Box Butte: 28%, Scotts Bluff: 15.5%
Marijuana Use	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to reduce marijuana use.	Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Dawes	12 th graders-Box Butte: 19.1%, Scotts Bluff: 16.3%, Morrill: 8.3%, Dawes: 5.9%
Health Outcomes-Ranking	programs, projects, supports, or services that seek to improve health outcomes.	Kimball, Cheyenne, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan	Rankings. Kimball: 78, Cheyenne: 72, Morrill: 73, Scotts Bluff: 76, Sheridan: 74

***NOTE:** Please refer to the Interactive Flipbook for specific county-level data.