



CVEA Community Foundation Contribution Season

June 26, 2024 – August 14, 2025

It is Community Foundation Contribution Season time. Each year, from July to mid-August, nonprofit organizations can request funding for projects and programs for the following fiscal year. This is the ONLY time during the year that the Foundation accepts requests for funding.

The Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and sponsors the community support activities of CVEA. The mission of the Foundation is “to provide scholarships for students and make contributions to educational, scientific, and charitable organizations in our communities.” The Foundation’s three flagship programs are the Educational Scholarship and Youth Leadership Programs, and the Nonprofit Contribution Season that supports new or expanding projects and programs of qualifying local nonprofit organizations.

Since 2008, the Community Foundation has funded over \$193,000 to local nonprofit organizations for projects and programs benefiting the CVEA membership. In 2025, the Foundation has over \$32,000 available for contributions. The goal of this funding is to help local nonprofits make an even greater impact on our communities.

If your organization is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization looking to fund a new or expanding project or program within the next 12 months, please review the Contribution Guidelines, listed on cvea.org, to determine eligibility and fill out the Contribution Request Form. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered. The deadline to submit contribution requests for funding is Thursday, August 14, 2025. The fillable form is available at cvea.org, under the Community Support page, or pick up a hard copy at your local office.

Please ensure your organization meets the specific guidelines for Foundation funding and the correct application form is submitted. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a volunteer committee in September/ October, awards will be approved by the Board of Directors in October, and checks will be distributed in November/ December.

Contributions Committee

The Foundation is looking for interested members to serve on the Contributions Committee. If you are interested in being a part of your local Cooperative, but do not have a lot of time to give throughout the year, this is a great opportunity.

Committee members are responsible for reviewing and scoring nonprofit contribution requests and making funding recommendations. If you are interested, plan on participating in one to two meetings in September or October. Commitment is estimated to be eight hours or less.

If you have any questions, please email Amanda Shipman, CVEA Marketing and Communications Specialist, at ashipman@cvea.org.