

COLUMBIA COUNTY CHILDREN'S FUND

GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

Application Cycle Open: Monday, May 4, 2026

Application Cycle Close: Friday, July 10, 2026

Announcement: September 14, 2026

Final Reports Due: September 30, 2027

PROGRAM AREAS

The Columbia County Children's Fund provides support to organizations within Columbia County. Applications must address one of the following program areas:

- Educational enrichment and special needs programs, preferably for elementary school-aged children
- Counseling and therapy for children and their families
- Medical and dental services and/or supplies (i.e. glasses, hearing aids, braces) for disadvantaged children

PROGRAM DETAILS

The application period for the 2026 Columbia County Children's Fund Grant Program opens May 4, 2026, and closes July 10, 2026. All applicants will be notified of their funding status by September 14, 2026. The grant period for all awardees is one year: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027. Grant awards are typically less than \$4,000.

Please visit Innovia Foundation's website at: <https://innovia.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant/> for application log-in directions and additional guidance.

GRANT TYPES

Organizations may request a grant for any of the following project types. Requests should align with the program areas stated above.

- Project/Program Support – to adapt/expand an existing program or develop new programming in response to a current challenge or opportunity.
- Capital projects/equipment – this could include, but is not limited to, technology, furnishings, equipment or building construction or renovation.



- Capacity building – to help strengthen and stabilize an organization’s governance or operations.

NONDISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HATE POLICY

The Anti-Hate Policy at Innovia Foundation states: “Innovia Foundation will not make grants to organizations that Innovia knows or has reason to believe support or engage in hateful activities. activities that incite or engage in violence, intimidation, harassment, threats or defamation targeting an individual or group based on their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.”

Further, Innovia Foundation does not unlawfully discriminate regarding employees, volunteers, delivery of programs or services, or clients served based on age, religion/creed,

race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, marital status, military or veteran status, pregnancy or genetic information.

Applicants for Community Grant must adhere to similar anti-hate and nondiscrimination standards. You can read our Anti-Hate Policy [here](#).

WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Debt retirement, operating deficits, or after-the-fact support
- Academic or scientific research
- Direct or grassroots lobbying
- Annual fund appeals and contributions to endowments
- Re-granting programs
- Litigious activities
- Organizations that are headquartered in a county or geographic area outside of Innovia’s 20 county service areas

For faith-based organizations:

- Must be open to all members of the community (not just members of the faith community applying for funding)
- Cannot require clients to participate in or adopt any specific religious practice or belief

QUESTIONS?

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