



**2021 Grant Committee  
Workshop**  
Celebrating 20+ Years

# Purpose of BACF

The purpose of the Barrington Area Community Foundation is to establish a permanent, long-term fund for the betterment of the community.

The Foundation will use the annual proceeds to support initiatives that benefit the community and maintain our quality of life.



# BACF Mission

TO ADDRESS THE UNMET NEEDS  
OF THE COMMUNITY



Have you ever said to a friend,  
neighbor, co-worker or classmate:

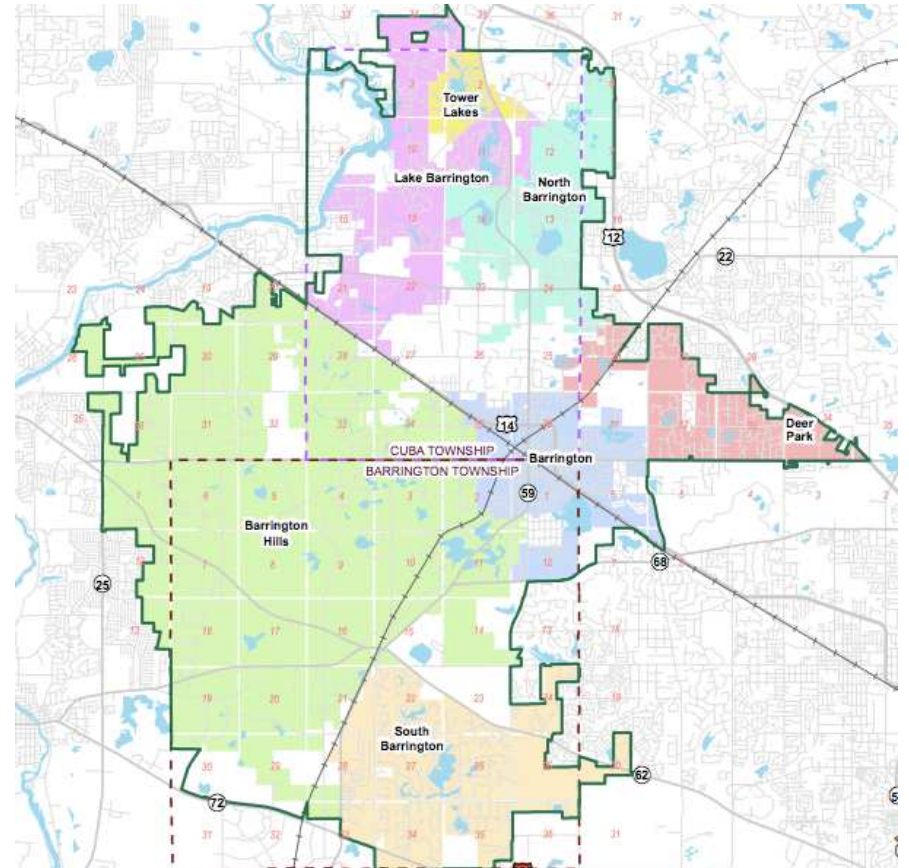
"What this community really needs is ..."?



# Defined Area

The Barrington Area is the greater of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (seven villages) and the area Barrington 220 School District serves.

Population is approximately 40,000 people.



# Facts About BACF

Founded in 1998

Granted almost \$3 million to local charities to date

Granted \$325,000 to 36 local charities in 2021

Granted over \$100,000 to 24 local charities from the  
COVID Relief Fund

Board of Directors are 100% Volunteer

We aspire to high standards of financial efficiency

Committed to introducing philanthropy to the next generation via our  
Youth Advisory Council (YACsters)



# 2022 Grant Cycle

Plan to give approximately \$362,000



# Important Dates

**December 1, 2021**

- Window opens for Applications

**January 21, 2022**

- Cutoff date for Application submission

**February 2022**

- Initial Interview with BACF Board Member

**March 11-12, 2022**

- Second Interviews

**April 11, 2022**

- Breakfast Award Ceremony





# What BACF Looks to Fund

Projects that meet unmet needs

Initiatives that impact Barrington Area

Programs that provide unique value

Projects that are sustainable

Sustainability grants



# Sustainability Grant

BACF focus remains addressing unmet needs

NEW: Sustainability grants to continue existing programming

Strong emphasis on financials and longevity of charity

Charities who can show that they have lost funding or lost grant funding from other community groups



# Info Required From You

Name, address, point of contact, phone, e-mail etc.

Proof you are a 501(c) (3) IRS recognized non- profit

Does your service operate within our footprint area?  
(Greater of BACOG or School District 220)

What is your mission and how long have you been doing it in Barrington?



# Strategic Diligence

Does project represent extension of existing or new programming?

Does project have your Board support?

Have you previously executed project of this size?

Is there another organization to collaborate on project?



# Financial Diligence

How much are you requesting?

Budget

Financial Sustainability

Metrics for Evaluation



# Financial Inquiry

Composition of organizational funds: individual donors or grant requests?

Can you fund project out of reserves?

Are reserves growing/shrinking?

Matching donors contingent on BACF support?



# Types of Grants

Single Year

Multi-Year (up to 3 years)

Best Use of Volunteers (\$3,000)

Collaboration Award (\$5,000)



# Objective Review Process

A disciplined scoring and rating process to evaluate grants

Recused members do not participate in the evaluation process





# What to Expect

**Now to January 21, 2022:**

All applications are reviewed for completed materials, attempt to contact charity for incomplete applications.

**February 2022: Primary Interviews**

**March 11-12, 2022: Second Interviews**

**April 11, 2022: Awards Breakfast**



# Second Interview

## Possible Questions

Explain your financials.

Is this project sustainable without a BACF grant?

How does this differ from another charity's program?

Have you contacted them or are you working together?

Why is this not part of your current operational budget or fundraising drive?



# Final Grant Review

Evaluations are completed shortly after the secondary interviews.

Grant award recommendations are finalized.

Recommendations from the Grants Committee are presented to the full Board of Directors for approval.



# After Granted Funds

- BACF Board of Directors have asked that awardees help build awareness by displaying their plaque and including acknowledgement in any press contacts, donor newsletters and websites which relate to the grant project.
- Grant awardees may be asked to participate in joint press releases or BACF donor events.
- Audit this year will include a written submission and may include a site or project visit by BACF BOD representative.



# How to Apply

Complete Application Online:

[www.BACFGrants.org](http://www.BACFGrants.org)



## How to apply for a BACF Grant

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT (ONE TIME ONLY), COMPLETE YOUR ORGANIZATION PROFILE, AND SUBMIT YOUR GRANT APPLICATION. YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE CREATE ACCOUNT/APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS HERE: [BACF Account-Profile-Apply](#)

Grants

BACF Grant Information

Grantee Spotlight

Past Grantees

Grant Workshop



# Questions?

Email:

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[www.barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org)

