Community Support Grant Guidelines (Projects Over $100,000)

1. Vision & Focus

These grants are reserved for large-scale initiatives that significantly move the needle on community well-being. Priority is given to projects that address:

- **Health & Safety**
- **Recreation**
- **Mental Health**

2. Eligibility & Priorities: To be considered for this grant the project must demonstrate:

- **High Community Need:** Evidence the project addresses a gap or need in Benton County.
- **Sustainability:** Long-Term Maintenance Plan (maintenance, staffing, utilities).
- **Collaboration:** Priority consideration may be given to projects where multiple agencies (e.g., Town Council, Schools, and Non-profits) are working together.
- **Ownership of Asset:** Who owns building, area, etc.
- **Matching Funds:** Applicants are generally expected to provide or show significant progress toward the project through other grants, local tax dollars, or fund raising (private donations)

3. The Multi-Stage Application Process

Step 1: Mandatory Pre-Consultation The organization's leadership must meet with the BCF Executive Director to discuss the project's alignment with Foundation goals and financial feasibility.

Step 2: Formal Digital Letter of Intent (LOI) The project details provided in the LOI serve as the finalized strategic framework for your proposal. To ensure consistency in our review process, the language and goals submitted here will be locked and carried forward into full application without the option for further editing.

Step 3: Formal Digital Submission Applicants must complete the full Community Engagement Grant Application, including:

- Current or previous years financial statements or last two years operating budget (ex: profit/loss).
- A professional feasibility study or architectural plans and detailed budget for the project.
- One letter of support from community partner or local government.
- A formal resolution from your Board of Directors approving this specific request.

Step 4: Committee Review & Site Visit Governance/Grant Committee will review the materials and conduct an on-site visit to interview project leads and inspect the proposed location.

Step 5: Final Approval Board Approval, Check Presentation, Press Release.