





# The Johnson County Community Foundation Announces 2026 Grant Cycles

The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) is pleased to announce its 2026 grant cycles, offering local nonprofits and organizations opportunities to support programs that strengthen and enhance our community. Through these grant cycles, the JCCF continues its commitment to addressing critical needs, supporting youth, and advancing mental health initiatives across Johnson County.

The **Youth Program Grants Cycle** will open on **April 6, 2026**, with **applications due by April 30 at 4:00 p.m.** This cycle supports programs that positively impact children and youth in our community.

The **Mental Health Program Grant Cycle** will open on **July 6, 2026**, with **applications due by July 30 at 4:00 p.m.** Funding is available for programs that promote mental health, wellness, and access to care.

The **Community Needs Grant Cycle** will open on **October 5, 2026**, with **applications due by October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** This cycle addresses a broad range of community priorities and emerging needs throughout Johnson County.

Organizations interested in applying can find guidelines and submit applications online at [www.jccf.org/apply-for-a-grant](http://www.jccf.org/apply-for-a-grant). The Foundation encourages eligible organizations to apply and partner with the Foundation in making a lasting impact in Johnson County.



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## THE CHAIR DECLARES

*Evan Meade*  
Chair of the Board



As 2026 begins, I am honored to serve as Board Chair of the Johnson County Community Foundation and to share a few reflections at the outset of an important year. This year marks the Foundation's 35th anniversary, a milestone that reflects decades of careful stewardship and a sustained commitment to the well-being of Johnson County.

We enter this anniversary year from a position of strength. In 2025, the Foundation experienced meaningful growth in assets, a clear expression of trust in our governance and confidence in our role as a community institution. That growth enhances our ability to invest responsibly, respond to evolving needs, and support work that strengthens the county today while planning thoughtfully for the future.

This year also marks the launch of our five-year strategic plan, JCCF Together: A Strategic Plan for a Thriving Community, 2026–2030. Developed through listening, collaboration, and careful analysis, the plan establishes a clear direction for the years ahead. It is firmly grounded in our mission to inspire a legacy of support by connecting people who care with causes that matter, and it advances our vision to serve as the leading voice and trusted partner for community involvement and investment.

The Foundation's role extends beyond providing financial resources alone. We are committed to approaching community issues with foresight, convening partners when collective effort is required, and contributing informed leadership to conversations that shape Johnson County's future. This work reflects our unwavering commitment to building a stronger, more connected community where everyone has the chance to thrive.

As we mark our 35th year and begin this next chapter, I invite you to remain engaged with the Foundation's work. Your continued involvement helps ensure that Johnson County's tradition of generosity and civic leadership remains strong for years to come.

*E. Meade*



## 35 Years

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2025 Grant Recipient

**2025 AT A GLANCE**



**ASSETS**  
\$67+ MILLION



**UNIQUE DONORS**  
892



**GIFTS**  
\$12,519,215



**22**  
**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**  
\$76,500



**513**  
**GRANTS**  
\$3,423,576



**201**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$910,024



**TOTAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$4.2+ MILLION

## Want to be a Community Partner?

Help the Foundation address community issues, promote philanthropy, and develop nonprofit excellence. This important partnership makes a profound impact in community growth and improvement in Johnson County. Building a better community requires commitment and collaborative effort.

*If your company is interested in becoming a 2026 Community Partner, please contact Stephanie Marten, VP of Development, at [stephaniew@jccf.org](mailto:stephaniew@jccf.org) or (317) 738-2213.*

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## Years of Giving

*Pictured: JCCF's 2003 Annual Report (left), Sandy Daniels, former JCCF President & CEO (right)*

dedicated community leaders who shared a vision to strengthen cultural and educational opportunities, that began as the Pride and Progress Foundation of Greater Greenwood evolved Johnson County Community Foundation in 1991, reflecting a broader ment to serving the entire community. What started with just a few dozen \$1 million in assets has grown into more than 300 funds totaling over on in assets today. We carry this responsibility with deep respect for our vision and gratitude for the donors and investors who continue to in the power of working together to enhance quality of life in Johnson

**we celebrate 35 years of giving, we thank our erous donors (past, present, and future) for king this legacy of community impact sible.**



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## FEATURED FUND: Hillview Foundation Fund

We're excited to announce the launch of the Hillview Foundation Fund, created to support quality-of-place and beautification projects on the east side of Franklin. As Hillview Country Club celebrates its 100-year anniversary, this fund offers a meaningful way for members and the broader community to honor the past while investing in the future. Contributions will help enhance public spaces and ensure the east side of Franklin continues to be a vibrant, welcoming place for generations to come.



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