



Daniel Island Community Fund Grant Funding Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear and consistent guidelines for the awarding, use, and oversight of grant funds distributed by the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF), a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. DICF was established as a means for supporting community enhancement projects and philanthropic initiatives on Daniel Island and in the surrounding Cainhoy peninsula communities. Grant funding is intended to address community needs, encourage civic engagement, and promote the long-term well-being of the Daniel Island community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Eligible Funding Areas

DICF grant funds may be awarded to eligible organizations and projects that demonstrate a meaningful and measurable benefit to the community. Eligible funding areas include, but are not limited to:

- **Programs or Projects:** Initiatives that directly advance the mission of the DICF by addressing community priorities such as education, recreation, cultural enrichment, environmental stewardship, health and wellness, and public safety.
- **Tangible Purchases:** Acquisition of equipment, tools, supplies, or other materials that are essential to the successful implementation or continuation of an approved program or project.
- **Community Enhancements:** Improvements to public spaces, parks, trails, and other community assets that promote accessibility, sustainability, and community engagement.

Ineligible Funding Areas

To ensure that grant resources are used efficiently and equitably, the following uses are not eligible for DICF grant funding:

- **Operational or Administrative Expenses:** Routine overhead expenses such as rent, utilities, staff pay/salaries, insurance, transportation, or other general administrative costs.
- **Marketing and Promotion:** Advertising, branding, or promotional activities that are not directly connected to the funded program or project.
- **Individual Financial Assistance:** Scholarships, stipends, or other forms of direct financial aid to individuals, including tuition assistance or endowment contributions.
- **Non-Local Impact:** Any expenditure that does not produce a clear, direct, and measurable benefit within the defined service area.



Geographic Impact Requirement

To ensure alignment with the DICF's mission, all funded projects and activities must have a clear and substantial impact within the defined service area. The DICF service area includes Daniel Island, Cainhoy, Wando, Huger, and Thomas Island, or zip codes 29492 and 29450.

Examples of eligible impacts include:

- Providing direct services, resources, or programming to residents within the service area.
- Enhancing or preserving natural habitats, green spaces, and other environmental resources within the local community.
- Supporting infrastructure or amenities that are accessible and beneficial to the general public.

Application and Grant Agreement Requirements

Grant applicants must submit a complete application demonstrating how the proposed project or purchase aligns with DICF's funding priorities and benefits the community. All applications must include:

- A detailed project description.
- A clear budget and timeline.
- Measurable goals and expected outcomes.

Compliance and Accountability

Recipients are required to use grant funds solely for the purposes approved by the DICF Board. Grantees must maintain accurate financial records and provide regular progress and final reports detailing project implementation, outcomes, and expenditure of funds.

Failure to comply with these requirements — including misuse or misappropriation of funds — may result in termination of the grant, repayment obligations, and disqualification from future funding opportunities.

Policy Review and Amendments

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the DICF Board to ensure it remains relevant, effective, and responsive to the evolving needs of the community. The DICF Board reserves the right to amend this policy at any time to better fulfill the Fund's mission and stewardship responsibilities.