

Friends of the Animal Center Foundation Grant Review Committee Application

Description of Committee Member Role

Friends of the Animal Center Foundation (FACF) raises funds to expand and support animal care services and programs at the Iowa City Animal Care & Adoption Center. In addition, when FACF has a surplus of unrestricted funds, it now may use that surplus to offer grant funding to community organizations or initiatives related to animal welfare. Fiscal year 2020 is the first year that this program will be in place.

FACF is looking for committee members who will lead the process of evaluating and selecting applicants, and bringing recommendations to the FACF Board of Directors for final approval and funding.

Committee Member Selection Dates

- Committee member applications will be accepted until midnight July 1st
- Committee will be established by September 15th

Committee Member Expectations

The timeframe for receiving and evaluating grant applications, then making recommendations for funding is relatively short – therefore, applicants must be available and committed to the process and meeting schedule.

Committee members will recuse themselves in the event they have a direct connection with the organization submitting a proposal (family is staff/volunteer, current donor, current volunteer, current board member, direct business relationship).

Committee members will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and not reveal any information related to the grants reviewed or the selection process of the committee.

Review Committee members will be asked to make a two-year commitment.

Committee members will require a concentrated time commitment of approximately one month per year.

1. Initial committee meeting will occur prior to close of grant applications on Sept. 15th – **Meet Monday prior to Sept. 15th at 5:30 p.m.**
2. Bulk of commitment will run from after the close of applications on Sept. 15th until the October FACF board meeting (**3rd Tuesday in October**).
 - a. **Expectation to meet each Monday at 5:30 pm between Sept. 15th and the October FACF board meeting.**
3. The committee will determine which grants to fund at what amount, and make their recommendations to the FACF Board at the October board meeting.
4. Due to the compressed nature of the commitment, members are expected to attend all meetings (dates may be adjusted after formation of committee).
5. Absences from meetings will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may result in dismissal from the committee.

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What organizations have you been a part of within the last three years? What is/was your role(s) within that organization?

I am a board member at Table to Table and serve on the volunteer committee there. I was employed at the Community Foundation of Johnson County as a grants manager for just shy of 2 years, though I managed 3 grant cycles.

List your relevant committee experience(s) within the last five years:

I have been on the Events Committee with the Friends of the Animal Center for a few months and have worked to find potential venues, coordinate, and brainstorm new ideas. I also worked with a few different committees at my previous employer--the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

Based on your experience and knowledge what contributions will you bring to this committee?

I worked with the Community Foundation of Johnson County as the grants manager. I was tasked with setting up the online grant application, receiving and organizing grant applications as they came in, and assigning them to reviewers to evaluate them. I will pull from my experiences at CFJC to lead this years' committee members in an organized manner, communicating to gather members opinions, and maintaining and submitting the committees decisions to the board.