



# Future Fund Grant Cycle FY25-26 Updates

# Future Fund

- **Children and Youth Programs serving Abilene and Taylor County**
- **Supported by Future Fund membership endowment**
- **Revamped application and cycle schedule**



*In 2025, the Future Fund awarded over \$122k in Future Fund grants to 36 nonprofits.*

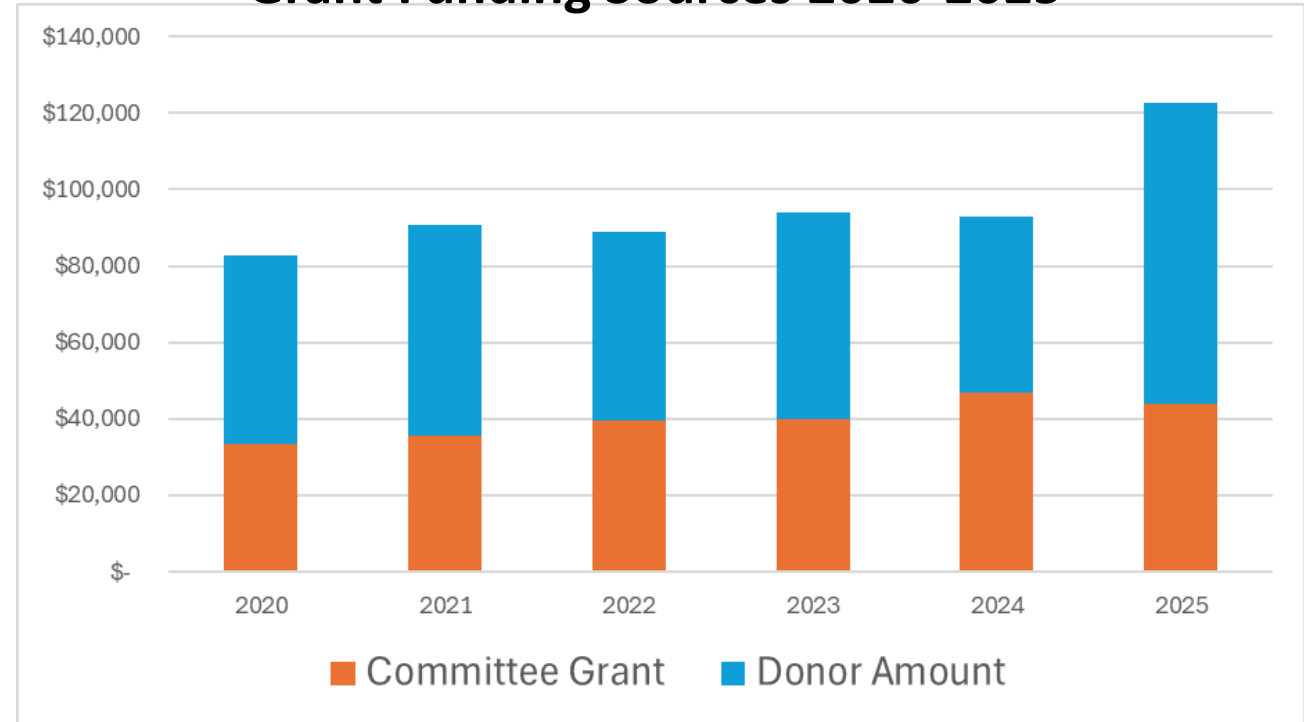


# Historical Data

## Grant Cycles 2020-2025

- Committee amount available averaged less than \$40k
- Applications increased from 22 to 36 per cycle
- Request totals have grown from \$94k to more than \$169k
- Donor funding averaged 58% of total granted

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**Grant Funding Sources 2020-2025**



# Future Fund Updates

## **New Timeline:**

- Opens: September 15
- Deadline: **November 1**

## **Simplified Application:**

- All requests are for Program Support
- Committee will consider up to \$2,500
- Fewer questions and uploads
- Any donor support is in addition to the committee award

## **Simplified Evaluation:**

- Attest that funds were expended as intended
- Impact Story

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# Notifications & Information

## Visit the CFA Website

*[cfabilene.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities/abilene](http://cfabilene.org/nonprofits/grant-opportunities/abilene)*

- Grant Guidelines
  - Application & Evaluation Previews
  - FAQ's
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- Watch for emails through nonprofit eNews and directly from grants team.



# Application Snapshot

Application

Community Foundation of Abilene

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### Eligibility

#### Eligibility Restriction\*

Community Foundation of Abilene Future Fund Grants are restricted to support programs serving children and/or youth in Abilene and Taylor County, Texas.  
Can this grant be restricted to serving the required population?

Choices

Yes

No

#### Ineligible

Community Foundation of Abilene Future Fund Grants are restricted to support programs serving children and/or youth in Abilene and Taylor County, Texas.  
Organizations unable to restrict grant funds to serve the required population are not eligible to apply for this grant.  
Thank you for your interest.

### Grant Request Details

**All requests will be considered for up to \$2,500 of Future Fund grant support for children and youth program costs.**

#### Program Name\*

Provide the name of the children/youth program or programs for which you intend to these funds.  
Character Limit: 100

#### Program Service Area\*

In addition to serving children or youth, please choose the service area that best your organizational mission.

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### Choices

Arts & Culture  
Education  
Health & Human Services

### Program Description\*

Briefly describe the organization's program or programs that benefit children and/or youth. Be sure to include:

- Population(s) served
- Number served annually
- Expected benefits & outcomes of the program(s)

Character Limit: 1500

### Mission Statement\*

Please provide the organization's mission statement.  
Character Limit: 250

### Organization's Annual Budget Amount\*

This amount should align with the expenses reported on the annual budget document you will upload in the next section.  
Character Limit: 20

### Amount of Annual Budget Dedicated to Local Youth Programs\*

Please provide the estimated dollar amount of your organization's annual budget that is dedicated to serving children and/or youth programs locally (Abilene/Taylor County).

For example, if your organization serves 200 clients per year, and 50 of them are children/you in Taylor County, it's reasonable to calculate that 25% of the budget is allocated to local youth programs.

Character Limit: 20

### Budget Notes (optional)

This section is not required, but if you have additional information you'd like to share ab your budget to help us understand the allocation to local youth programs, you are welk add it here.  
Character Limit: 500

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### Uploads

#### UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

The following upload formats will be accepted:

- .doc or .docx (Microsoft Word)
- .xls or .xlsx (Microsoft Excel)
- .pdf (Adobe)

Please be sure the document is formatted to print in a manner that uses the appropriate number of pages and is easy to read.  
For example: Excel documents should be set to the appropriate print area, and all columns should print on one page width.

#### Annual Operating Budget\*

Please upload your organization's annual operating budget  
Utilize your own format  
OR  
Use the attached [Annual Operating Budget form](#)  
You can download the form and edit line items/categories if needed to make the form appropriate for your organization. Save the completed form with a new name and upload it.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

#### Board of Directors\*

Please upload a list of your Board of Directors. If available, include their professional, business, or community affiliations.  
File Size Limit: 2 MB

#### First-Time Applicant?

If this is your first time to apply for a grant through the Community Foundation of Abilene, or if your IRS tax status has recently changed, please answer "Yes" to this question. You will be required to upload tax status documentation in the following section.

Choices

Yes - I am a first time applicant or my organization's tax status has changed.

No - I am a returning applicant and my organization's tax status has not changed.

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See the [FAQ document](#) for additional information regarding Future Fund updates.

