

Community Grants Information and Guidelines

What is the Kuhar Endowment Fund:

Jeffrey A. Bogue grew up in Stratford, Connecticut, his mother Marie Kuhar Bogue, was originally of Rensselaerville. He attended college in Texas and afterwards moved back to Stratford where he married his wife, Polly. Polly was a beloved teacher and Jeffrey worked for the State of Connecticut as a Senior Investigator in the department of Social Services, child support division. Jeffrey's grandparents were Susan and John Kuhar, who lived in Rensselaerville, and this is where he spent his teenage years falling in love with the community. Jeffrey left part of his Trust to the Town of Rensselaerville which enabled the town to create an endowment fund. This fund is being established as part of the legacy of Jeffrey Bogue to support volunteer organizations in the Town of Rensselaerville through community grants. Jeffrey A. Bogue wanted to recognize, honor, and encourage the spirit of volunteering he saw whenever he came to visit family here.

Who can apply for a grant?

Volunteer-run groups or organizations in the five hamlets of the Township of Rensselaerville (Rensselaerville, Medusa, Preston Hollow, Potter Hollow and Cooksburg) that are doing or wish to do work that enriches/benefits the community. This could include, but is not limited to, cultural organizations, youth groups, non-profits, fire companies, cemetery committees and community beautification projects. The applicants can be from established organizations or groups formed for the purpose of a single, limited community project. The grants are not for religious or politically affiliated groups except for special exemptions like a Food Pantry located in a church but open to the community.

All applications need to be in sealed envelopes with the words Kuhar Endowment Fund on the outside. Applications may be mailed to: Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120, or dropped off in person at the Town Hall. The deadline for applications to be dropped off or postmarked by the last day of February. Organizations that are awarded the first round of grants will be notified by May 15, 2024. Groups or organizations awarded will have six months to complete their projects. Grant winners must submit documentation on how the money was spent before January 31, 2025, to be eligible for the next round of grants in 2025.

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