

## **Richard O. Jacobson Fund for Belmond** **Grant Program Information**

**Mission (Purpose of Fund):** The Richard O. Jacobson Fund for Belmond plays a key role in providing significant funding to projects that strengthen Belmond by proactively responding to community trends and opportunities. This grant program seeks to address critical challenges and opportunities in the community and provide seed funding to leverage dollars for high impact projects.

**What we support (Funding Priorities):** Grants are made to charitable organizations or causes with a 501(c)(3) status or to governmental agencies serving a charitable purpose or to projects considered charitable in nature. Applicants that are not organized as a 501(c)(3) or governmental agency are still encouraged to contact the Committee to explore if a fiscal sponsor or other partnership could be formed to support a project that would benefit the Belmond community. Geographically, funding is limited to projects that will significantly improve the Belmond community. It is not The Fund's practice to fund completed projects or proposals. The Fund seeks projects which will have a transformative impact on Belmond.

**What we don't support:** The Fund does not provide general operating funds for existing organizations. Grant funds are not to be used to substitute for ongoing funding streams. Projects must be in the community of Belmond or deliver significant direct benefit to Belmond.

### **Eligibility to Apply for Funding:**

- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations.
- Component units of government organizations (*Fire Dept., Ambulance, Libraries, Parks, etc.*).
- Organizations providing services within Belmond.
- Entities operating and organized in compliance with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination.
- If you are not a 501(c)(3) or a component unit of government, you must align yourself with a fiscal sponsor.
- Grant request minimum is \$25,000

### **Grant Timeline:**

- January 31st:** Letters of Intent due
- February 21st:** Grant applications due
- March 1st:** Presentation of Information
- March 8th:** Grant Awards

### **Fund for Belmond Committee:**

Jose Alfaro, Tate Goeman, Isai Guerrero, Linda Loux, Heather Ridgeway, Barb Soma and Larry Turner

### **Questions and Submissions:**

Questions can be directed to Joe Sorenson at 515-447-4210 or [sorenson@desmoinesfoundation.org](mailto:sorenson@desmoinesfoundation.org) or Darrel Steven Carlyle at 641-444-3386 or [citymanager@belmondiowa.com](mailto:citymanager@belmondiowa.com). Letter of Intents should be sent to [sorenson@desmoinesfoundation.org](mailto:sorenson@desmoinesfoundation.org) no later than **5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st.**

**Richard O. Jacobson Fund for Belmond  
Letter of Intent**

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Applicants are asked to complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) by answering the following questions and return it to the Committee by Sunday, January 31st.

**Project Title:**

**Organization:**

**Address:**

**City, State, Zip Code:**

**Contact Person Name:**

**Contact Person Phone Number:**

**Contact Person Email:**

**Tax ID (Employer Identification Number):**

**Will your organization be partnering with a fiscal sponsor? If so, please list the name of the organization, contact person's name, phone number and email.**

**Organization:**

**Contact Person Name:**

**Contact Person Phone Number:**

**Contact Person Email:**

**Please provide a brief overview of your organization. Responses should be 250 words or less.**

**Total Project Budget:**

**Amount Requested from Fund for Belmond:**

**Anticipated Project Completion Date:**

**Please outline the scope of the project you are requesting funding for. Be sure to explain how this project addresses the critical challenges or opportunities facing the community and will ultimately be a part of strengthening Belmond. Responses should be 500 words or less.**