2026 Butler Farm Show Community Outreach Grant Application

The purpose of the Butler Farm Show Community Grant Program is to build a stronger Butler County Community by promoting areas of service for the needs of others in our locality.

Awards are given annually on the basis of merit as determined by the Butler Farm Show Community Outreach Committee and administered by the Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show.

Please take note of these reminders:

- ➢ Grant awardees will be given ten months to complete their projects.
  - Grants awarded in August 2026 are for the September 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 project window.
  - No grant project reimbursements will be given before September 1, 2026.
  - All completed final grant reports are due by June 30, 2027.

After reviewing the guidelines and criteria below, please fill out all required fields to submit your 2026 Grant Application.

Please contact us with any questions at 724 482-4000 or slefever@butlerfarmshow.com

TIMELINE

April 15, 2026	June 30, 2026	August 9, 2026	September 1, 2026	June 30, 2027
Applications available on the Butler Farm Show website.	**Deadline for email or post marked applications to be submitted.**	**Awards announced at the Opening Ceremony of the Butler Farm Show (Sunday).**	**Deadline for final report and reimbursement.**	

CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

1. Grants applications will be accepted from an individual, business or organization that submit a grant request (not to exceed $10,000.00). The Farm Show Board of Directors will review all grant applications to select the awardees.

2. Grants will not be awarded for standard operational expenses such as payroll or utilities, political purposes or websites.

3. Priority of awards will be given to applications that:

    a. Promote a sense of community within the Butler area.
    b. Helps others in need or improves the quality of life within the Butler area.
    c. Education related to the areas of community service.

4. All applicants may be asked to present their project to the committee upon request for consideration. This will allow the applicant the opportunity to show their passion for their project and be able to answer any pending questions the committee may have.

5. An individual, business or organization may only apply for one individual grant per year. Winners may reapply every year, but new projects will receive priority consideration. It should not be presumed that any applicant will be awarded a grant on an annual basis, nor should the availability of these grant awards be considered an annual part of any applicant's budget.

6. Nothing shall prevent the Farm Show grant review committee from withholding part or all of the total monies available to annual awards should they feel that insufficient qualified requests have been submitted.

7. This document will be reviewed annually to enhance and amend.

8. **All funds will be awarded at the completion of the project (unless otherwise agreed upon between the Farm Show and awardee).** Recipients are responsible to complete a final report. The final report may be submitted for reimbursement any time between September 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. Criteria and format for the final report will be provided to each recipient and includes a summary, photos and receipts of their project.

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Applicant, Business or Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Title:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Project Title:

Amount requested:
(Not to exceed $10,000.00)

Total Budget of Project:

Would you accept partial funding? [ ] Yes [ ] No
(i.e. less than you're requesting)

Narrative must be 500 to 2,000 words and include the following: (use additional page if necessary)

- ➢ Brief description of you, your business or organization.
- ➢ Overview of project, including the need it solves and/or opportunity it provides.
- ➢ Details on how funds will be spent.
- ➢ Project timeline.
- ➢ How project will serve and strengthen the community.

Budget should be detailed and include the following information.

- ➢ Amount requested.
- ➢ All project expenses.

Attachments

- ➢ Please include bids, proposals, photos, research and anything else that helps tell your story.
- ➢ Supply documentation of completed project.

Without the above information, the application will be disqualified.

Project Narrative:

(add additional page if necessary)

I/We affirm that all information in this application and all attachments are true and correct to the best of my/our ability, and that the receipt of any grant funds relative to this request will be used for the purpose detailed within this application. I/We agree to abide by all local, state and federal regulations as they apply. I/We understand that the grant review committee may request additional information, site visits, and/or personal interviews from applicants.

Full Name:

Email:

Signature:

Checklist:

[ ] Organization and project meet all criteria and guidelines

[ ] Application form signed

[ ] Narrative written

[ ] Budget submitted

[ ] Bids

[ ] Pictures

[ ] Any necessary attachments