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The Grand Impact Announces 2026 Grant Cycle and Launches New Website

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA — The Grand Impact announced the return of the \$100,000 grant given to one organization locally. The 2026 grant cycle will open July 1 and remain open through July 31. Eligible 501(c)(3) organizations serving Greater Cedar Rapids are encouraged to submit proposals for bold, community-strengthening projects with measurable, long-term impact.

“The Grand Impact is designed to elevate visionary nonprofit work and bring our community together around transformative ideas,” Dave Sorg, an original founder, said. “Each year, we are inspired by the creativity, collaboration, and commitment demonstrated by local organizations and the generosity of the business community supporting Grand Impact.”

2026 Program Timeline

- **July 1–31:** Application window open
- **Late August:** Top three nonprofit finalists notified
- **September 25:** The Grand Impact Celebration, finalist presentations, and selection of the 2026 Grand Impact recipient

During the celebration on September 25th, the three finalists will present their proposed projects to an audience of community partners. The event concludes with the selection of the 2026 Grand Impact recipient, who will receive significant funding to implement their project and a celebration.

The Grand Impact was created to spotlight innovative nonprofit solutions and foster a spirit of shared investment in the future of Cedar Rapids. Nonprofits interested in applying can visit thegrandimpact.org beginning July 1 for full application details, eligibility criteria, and supporting materials.

The Grand Impact also announced the launch of its newly redesigned website, thegrandimpact.org, offering clearer, more accessible experience for nonprofit applicants and community members. The updated site features streamlined navigation, application guidance, and expanded information about the program’s mission and past finalists.

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