



**Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation:
2026 William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award
Application Guidelines**

About This Award

The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation (CCGF) is pleased to announce its 2026 William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award. Funding for this competitive award is made possible through the Foundation's Community Impact Fund, supported by the Foundation and its stakeholders.

The Goal of the William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award is to support nonprofit organizations that make a meaningful difference in the lives of residents in Camden, Glynn, and McIntosh Counties. The award seeks to address diverse community needs while building long-term community strength.

Only one proposal may be submitted per organization.

Award Amount
\$15,000 per organization

Application Window
June 1 – July 1, 2026

Awards Presentation
October 30 2026

Eligibility

To be considered for this award, your organization must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a 501(c)(3) organization
- Serve residents of Glynn, McIntosh, and/or Camden counties.
- Restrict all distributed funds to use within these three eligible counties.

Required Documentation

All applicants must submit the following documents with their online application:

- I.R.S. determination letter and current Form 990.
- Proof of Georgia Secretary of State annual registration as a non-profit.
- List of the organization's current board members.
- A strategic plan.
- Organization's annual plan and operating budget (expenses).
- Organizations with an annual budget exceeding \$500,000 must submit audited financial statements from the most recent fiscal year. Organizations with a lower budget must provide a financial review conducted by an independent certified public accountant.

Timeline:

- April 25: Guidelines, FAQ, Application Tips, and Scoring Rubric posted online.
- May 20: An hour online information session
- June 1: Online application portal opens.
- 2nd – 3rd Week of June: Free draft review sessions with a professional grant writer.
- July 1: Online application portal closes.
- July-August: Application review period.
- Late September: Committee interviews with applicants.
- Beginning of October: Staff finalization of scoring.
- Mid-October: Applicants are emailed notice of award decision.
- October 30: Award presentation event.

Funding will not be considered for the following:

- Retroactive funding.
- Capital building campaigns.
- Annual fundraising campaigns.
- Advocacy or lobbying efforts.
- Endowments.
- Grants for individuals.
- Debt or deficit reduction.
- International NGOs.
- Medical or academic research.
- Grants for re-granting.
- Government organizations.
- Grants for religious activities.

Note on Religious Organizations: Churches and religious organizations are not eligible for this grant. However, programs operated by religious organizations that serve the broader community are eligible, for example, a community food pantry run by a church.

Reporting Requirements

- Awards will be granted for a 12-month period. All successful award recipients are required to provide the Foundation with a final report within the 12-month award period.
- All unused funds will be returned to the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation.
- Applicants who received the 2025 William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award must submit an interim report as part of their application.

Questions and Scoring

The online application includes 1 unscored question and 6 scored questions. For the detailed application questions, please refer to the 2026 William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award Scoring Rubric available on the website.

★ **Bonus Points for New Applicants:** Organizations that did not apply in any of the past three years (2023, 2024, or 2025) will receive 2 bonus points in addition to the 60-point online application scoring rubric.

Publicity

CCGF will issue a press release immediately after the awards are announced. Organizations are encouraged to undertake their own publicity after receiving an award. The Foundation welcomes photographs, publications, and videos of funded projects for use in its promotional materials.

*Please note that an unsuccessful application does not reflect on a project's worthiness.
CCGF receives more funding requests than it can fund.*