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TO: Watertown Nonprofit Organizations
FROM: Cammie Mengwasser, Executive Director
RE: Giving Back 365 Grant Opportunity

The Watertown Area Community Foundation's Giving Back 365 program is accepting grant applications for requests **up to $3,650** through **Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 12:00 PM.**

Grant Guidelines:

- In general, grants are made for start-up costs for a new program, the acquisition of equipment for an existing program, one-time projects, and for capital improvements.
- All items from the Grant Application Checklist must be submitted to be eligible for Giving Back 365 grant funds.

Grant Application Checklist:

- ☐ Grant Application- submit as a pdf document.
- ☐ One-Page Summary – Submit a pdf document that includes your program or project description and budget proposal. Giving Back 365 program donors review this summary when making their grant selections.
- ☐ Brief video – provide a one-to-two-minute video (videos over 2 minutes will not be accepted- no exceptions!), **recorded in landscape orientation,** that includes an introduction to your organization and a summary of your proposed project or program. Giving Back 365 program donors will also view this when making their grant selections. Get creative and let the impact of your mission shine! Videos should be new each year- please do not reuse a previously submitted video from prior years.
  - See video submission instructions below.
- ☐ Grant applications will be accepted via email ONLY. Please submit to both cammie@wacfsd.org and assistant@wacfsd.org **.**

Video Submission Instructions:

- Please upload your completed video grant application to the Watertown Area Community Foundation's shared Google Drive folder:
  Upload Your Giving Back 365 Video Here
- Click the link above and sign in to your Google Account if prompted. You do not need a Gmail address.
- Click **New → File upload** and select your completed video.
- Upload your video in **MP4 or MOV format**.
- Name your file using your organization's name (example: OrganizationName_GB365_2026.mp4).
- Wait until the upload is complete before closing your browser.
- If you experience any difficulty uploading your video, please contact **Kristen Henderson** at kristen@wacfsd.org or call **605-882-3731.**
- We recommend submitting your grant application and video early to avoid any technical difficulties. Applications and videos received after the deadline **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**