



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Creation of a Community Grant Fund

Athens Federal Community Bank had a rich history of community involvement in McMinn, Monroe, Bradley, Meigs and Polk counties, as well as surrounding communities. This commitment was strengthened by the establishment of Athens Federal Foundation, a Charitable Foundation created to provide funding to support charitable causes within the former Athens Federal Community Bank's market area.

We are keenly interested in funding community development via affordable housing, job training, and programs that assist the economically disadvantaged. We believe that education of our youth is our future and special emphasis will be given to educational efforts. Programs providing continued good health care and supportive human service programs are also a priority. We will also support local cultural groups and institutions knowing these grants will broaden access to cultural and arts activities and will enhance the quality of life in our local communities.

Athens Federal Foundation Grants will support programs or projects occurring through 12-01-2026 and 12-01-2027. We are providing you with these guidelines to assist you as you prepare your proposal.

## GRANT GUIDELINES

### Eligibility

The Foundation's primary target areas are the following communities: non-profit organizations in Bradley, Monroe, McMinn, Meigs and Polk counties that are tax-exempt under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply.

### Restrictions

Political organizations, fraternal organizations nor individuals are eligible to receive grant funds.

### Awards

Awards are expected to be announced in November 2026.

### Application Deadline

Completed applications and attachments must be submitted to Athens Federal Foundation by **August 18, 2026** via email **only** to [athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com).

### Payment

Payment will be made to grantees upon approval. Previous year grant recipients should complete the 2025 project update section of the 2026 application to be considered for a grant in the current cycle.

### Questions

For questions, email [athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com).