

**From:** [Dogwood Health Trust ION Grants](#)  
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Town of Waynesville  
16 South Main Street  
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Dear Robert,

On behalf of Dogwood Health Trust, thank you for the time and work you put into completing and submitting your application, Waynesville Taskforce on Homelessness, for our Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants. We made an effort to minimize the demands of the application process, but know that every moment you spent on it was time not spent on other important aspects of your organization.

Our board has completed the review of your grant application in accordance with established policies and procedures set forth by Dogwood Health Trust. We regret to inform you that we are unable to fund your request at this time. Please know that this is not a reflection on the work of your organization, but instead reflects the overwhelming number of requests we received from around the region.

Although we were unable to provide funding at this time, we will offer additional funding opportunities in the future, and will continue to communicate our Foundation's focus areas, funding priorities, and grant cycles on an ongoing basis through our website, our e-newsletter, and other communication channels. You may also wish to explore support from our Leverage Fund, which matches area organizations with experienced grant writers to pursue state or national opportunities of \$100,000 or more.

In the meantime, we would appreciate your feedback on our grantmaking process through a short (2-question) survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L6DTXMQ>. This is completely optional and anonymous and will not affect future grant applications.

Sincerely,  
Leah Jones-Marcus  
Team Lead, ION Grants

If needed, please schedule a 10 minute meeting with me to discuss your application:  
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=19117279>