



GRANT GUIDELINES

The mission of the Mequon Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in Mequon. Grants from the Mequon Community Foundation will support programs and projects in the areas of recreation, education, culture, outdoor beautification and general public improvement.

Grant Criteria:

- The Mequon Community Foundation Board of Directors reviews each proposal to ensure a good match with our stated mission and areas of interest.
- We prefer opportunities that allow for the greatest community impact, based on numbers of residents that may benefit from our support.
- Projects should emphasize capital improvements or additions.
- Projects should not be those that are typically supported as budgetary items through tax dollars, but should provide embellishments to City life.
- Projects that will have lasting impact over a period of years will receive preference over those that are time-limited or brief in nature.
- Organizations must be located in and provide their program/activity/event/opportunity in the City of Mequon
- Organizations applying must meet one of the following criteria:
 - An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;
 - A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or
 - A church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large and is open to all without regard to belief.

What we do not fund:

- Individuals
- Labor or political organizations
- Grants are not made for ongoing operating expenses
- Conferences and meetings

Other:

- Grant funding will not be provided to the same organization more than three years in a row.
- We do not consider multi-year requests.
- Recent grant funds have not exceeded \$2,500; however, for special projects outside this range, please contact the MCF Board President for consideration prior to submission of your grant request.
- Deadlines: October 1 and April 1. For grant needs outside these deadlines, please contact the MCF Board President.