



Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation Grant Guidelines

Mission:

The mission of the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in Mequon and Thiensville.

Guidelines:

Grants from the Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation will support programs and projects in the areas of recreation, community education, culture, outdoor beautification and general public improvement.

Grant Criteria:

- The Mequon-Thiensville 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, but are not limited to, 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 and Village 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.
- Applicants must be located in and provide their program/activity/event/opportunity in the City of Mequon or Village of Thiensville
- Organizations must have a non-discrimination policy.
- 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.

What we do not fund:

- Individuals
- Religious, labor or political organizations
- Grants are not made for ongoing operating expenses
- Conferences and meetings
- Organizations that are located outside the City of Mequon or Village of Thiensville
- Activities, events or programs outside the City of Mequon or Village of Thiensville

Other:

- Unrestricted Grants from our general fund will be limited to one grant per calendar year, not to exceed three consecutive calendar years.
- We do not consider multi-year requests.
- For grant requests in excess of \$10,000, please contact your MTCF grant liaison or the MTCF Board President (info@mtcfgives.org) prior to submission of your grant request.
- Deadlines: March 15 and September 15. For grant needs outside these deadlines, please contact the MTCF Board President at info@mtcfgives.org.