



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 the pillars of the organization: Municipal, Parks and Recreation, and Historical. Examples of which include recreation, community education, culture, outdoor beautification, and public safety.

Grant Criteria:

- The Mequon-Thiensville Community Foundation Board of Directors reviews each proposal to ensure a good match with our stated mission and pillars.
- We prefer opportunities that allow for the greatest impact on our community.
- Requests should emphasize projects, services, and/or capital expenditures .
- Requests should not be those that are ongoing operational items typically covered through operational budgets.
- Projects that will have lasting impact over a period of years will receive preference over those whose impact is short term.
- Projects or services must be located in and provide their program or service 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 or
 - A recognized government/publically-funded entity: state, county, or local municipality, including law enforcement and fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes.

What we do not fund:

- Individuals
- Religious, labor or political organizations
- Ongoing operating expenses for the organization
- Conferences and meetings unless direct community impact can be demonstrated
- 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 Executive Director (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 Executive Director at info@mtcfgives.org.