



Morrison County Area Foundation

GRANT GUIDELINES:

Overview: The Morrison County Area Foundation is a designated endowment fund of the Initiative Foundation, established in partnership with local citizens, to serve as a philanthropic vehicle for accumulating and distributing financial resources to benefit the Morrison County area. The entire principal of the Community Foundation is held as permanent endowment by the Initiative Foundation. The income is distributed in the Morrison County geographic area to support local charitable endeavors based upon recommendations made by a local Community Foundation Advisory Board.

Funding Priorities: The Morrison County Area Foundation will accept and consider funding proposals that fit within our mission to improve the quality of life for residents of Morrison County. The following categories will receive priority funding:

1. Programs that provide positive opportunities for community youth.
2. Programs that facilitate school and business partnerships to support next generation workforce development.

General Guidelines:

1. Eligible applicants are those that serve the residents of Morrison County and include:
 - a. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations,
 - b. school districts,
 - c. local unites of government, or
 - d. community groups operating through a mission-related fiscal host with the appropriate tax-exempt status.
2. The MCAF Advisory Board will periodically review the minimum and maximum grant size. Our current maximum grant size is \$2,000, not to exceed 50% of total project costs.

INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

The Morrison County Area Foundation will not provide grants to/for the following:

- Grants, loans or reimbursements to individuals or businesses.
- Expenses incurred prior to receipt of this grant award.
- Any programs or projects that DO NOT directly benefit residents of Morrison County.
- Religious activities.
- Lobbying or campaigning for a candidate, issue or referendum vote.



APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Apply for a Grant: The 2016 grant round will open on Friday, May 13th

Application Deadline: Applications are due by midnight on Sunday, June 19th

Funding Decisions: Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by July 31st

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants complete and submit online application. Application can be found under the "What We Do" tab of Morrison County Area Foundations website: morrisoncountyaf.org
2. The Morrison County Area Foundation Advisory Board reviews grant applications and makes grant recommendations to the Initiative Foundation.
3. Initiative Foundation staff process grant awards and sends award letters and payments directly to grantees.
4. Grantees receive from the Initiative Foundation final reporting requirements at the end of the designated grant period.
5. Grantees submit final report online within one month of grant period end date. (*Grantees must submit a final report before they can be considered for future awards.*)

APPLY ONLINE AT:

<http://morrisoncountyaf.org/what-we-do/grant-application-process/>

Note to applicant: *Please allow 60 days between the grant deadline and the start date of your project to allow for grant processing. Grants cannot be made for expenses incurred prior to notice that the grant award has been approved by the Initiative Foundation.*

Learn more about the Morrison County Area Foundation by checking out our website, following us on Facebook or joining us at our annual Cheers to Morrison County event on the third Saturday of September.

Website: www.morrisoncountyaf.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/morrisoncountyareafoundation/

Cheers to MC: www.cheerstomc.com

