Fairmont Area Foundation Grant Application

The Fairmont Area Foundation is accepting grant applications. Non-profit organizations interested in starting a program or project to enhance the quality of life in the Fairmont area are encouraged to apply for a Fairmont Area Foundation grant. Application forms are available at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce office. The application deadline is March 31. Applicants must have 501(c)3 tax status as a non-profit organization with the IRS. More information is available by reading the grant guidelines on the application, by contacting one of the Board of Directors, or contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 235-5547. Please return all applications to Fairmont Area Foundation, P.O. Box 704, Fairmont, MN 56031, or drop off at the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce located at 323 East Blue Earth Avenue. Thank you!

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Guidelines for Seeking Grants

Fairmont Area Foundation (FAF) uses these guidelines to determine if your organization qualifies for consideration. If you feel you do, we encourage you to apply. If you're not sure, we'll be happy to review it with you.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Projects/Programs must serve Fairmont and the surrounding area.
2. FAF makes grants for innovative and creative projects/programs dealing with changing community needs in the areas of Arts and Humanities, Community and Civic Affairs, Social and Economic Growth, Environment, and Youth.
3. FAF makes grants to organizations recognized as a 501(c)3 public charity.
4. FAF gives preference to projects/programs which:
    a. Hold the greatest potential for long-term community benefits.
    b. Hold the best potential to succeed.
    c. Encourage more efficient use of community resources and services.
    d. Fulfill unmet community needs.
    e. Involve other citizens and community groups.
5. FAF also encourages other groups to participate in funding projects.

II. PROJECTS NORMALLY NOT CONSIDERED BY FAF

1. Funding projects/programs beyond three years.
2. Grants to tax-supported public agencies.

III. PROJECTS NOT CONSIDERED BY FAF

1. Annual operating expenses.
2. Annual fund drives for sustaining support.
3. Direct grant to an organization's endowment fund.
4. Religious organizations for non-community purposes.
5. Grants to individuals.
6. Grants for political activity.

IV. FAF FUNDING PROCESS/PROCEDURES

1. After the grant is awarded but prior to funding, FAF requires a digital photo and documentation of all funding sources to be in place to ensure completion of project.
2. Upon presentation of the funds the recipient agrees to cooperate in any promotional materials related to the grant as requested by the Foundation. Signage is encouraged to acknowledge a grant form the Fairmont Area Foundation