

Community Grant Guidelines

Overview

- Community Grants range from a minimum of **\$250** to the maximum grant of **\$2,500**.
- Organizations must submit an [online application](#) to be considered for funding.
- The 2017 grant cycle begins **Feb. 1, 2017** and the application deadline is **Dec. 31, 2017**.
- Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected.
- Organizations may only submit and/or receive 25 applications.

Eligibility Checklist

Organizations applying must meet the one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code, listed on the IRS Master File and conduct activities within the United States;
- 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 such as food pantries, soup kitchens, clothing closets, etc.

Funding Exclusions

- Advertising, film or video project.
- Athletic sponsorships (teams/events)
- Capital campaigns and endowments (defined as any plans to raise funds for a significant purchase or expense, such as new construction, major renovations or to help fund normal budgetary items).
- Contests or pageants.
- Fundraising events (walks, races, tournaments, dinners etc.)
- In-kind donation requests, including requests for gift cards.
- Nationally-sponsored organizations: American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network and United Way.
- Memberships, including association/chamber memberships.
- Organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.
- Organizations or programs that do not benefit the communities within the facility's service area.
- Organizations who apply to a large number of facilities outside of the primary area.
- Organizations whose programming or policies may position Walmart or the Foundation in a negative light.
- Organizations whose services do not benefit the community at large.
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns.
- Projects that send products or people to foreign countries or on domestic travel.
- Registration fees.
- Requests made on behalf of another organization or by an unauthorized representative of the recipient organization.

- Request made solely to benefit one person or family.
- Research
- Salaries, stipends, tips and rewards.
- Scholarships (tuition, room, board, other expenses for college/university/vocational school attendance).
- Third-party giving, including funds that are re-allocated to fiscally sponsored organizations.
- Tickets for contests, raffles or any other activity with prizes.

Selection Process

- Management at the facility to which you are applying will review the application and make initial funding recommendations on all submitted requests. The deadline for manager review is Jan 8, 2018.
- Each facility manager may set the frequency and process in which application determinations are made.
- The facility manager and the grant administrator reserve the right to adjust the amount awarded to each organization without prior notice.
- Organizations will be notified of any decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.
- If an organization is approved, grant checks will be mailed directly to the recipient organization's address listed in the grant application. Please allow two to four weeks for delivery.
- In the event of being awarded a grant, organizations should contact their local facility from which funds were awarded to schedule a formal recognition event.