



Community Grant Program Guidelines & Criteria

Iroquois' *Community Grant Program* was established to strategically assist our host communities in providing long-term, lasting benefits through environmental initiatives, historic preservation and passive recreational opportunities that improve the quality of life for residents and increase the sense of community.

Who May Apply

- Local, state and county governments representing pipeline host communities
- Environmental organizations and land trusts which are tax-exempt, not-for-profit
- Private tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code

Types of Grants

Iroquois' *Community Grant Program* is a competitive based program with grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Iroquois will consider requests as follows:

- New, enhanced or phased projects based on a documented need, having a strong project plan, specific outcomes and a feasible budget
- Priority will be given to those that meet the criteria and have a high correlation with the grant program's intent
- Preference is given to requests with visible community involvement and demonstrated additional fundraising
- Startup or ongoing projects or programs that have proven specific benefits to the community (no more than 2 consecutive years of funding will be considered)
- Lower priority given to requests for capital and equipment
- Requests from schools must have approval of the Superintendent
- Projects/programs located only in Iroquois' host communities
- Projects/programs that are shovel/launch ready and will achieve completion within one year of approval

Focus Areas

- **Primary Focus Areas:** Environmental Initiatives (Preservation, Enhancement, Education) and Passive Recreation
- **Secondary Focus Areas:** Historic Preservation, Civic & Community, Targeted Arts and Culture

Ineligible Requests

Requests from or for the following are not eligible:

- Individuals
- Organizations without 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations that have an open Iroquois grant
- Political organizations, campaigns, causes or candidates
- Fraternal, veterans or social organizations
- Health and human service organizations
- Sectarian or religious organizations
- Athletics or youth sports organizations
- Capital campaigns, endowment funds and scholarship funds
- Municipal capital/public works projects
- Fundraising events such as dinners and golf tournaments
- Conferences, trips or tours
- Personnel positions
- Research projects
- Planning/Conceptual Stage of Projects
- Technology - computers, software or hardware
- Projects proposed outside an Iroquois pipeline host community
- Projects initiated prior to approval

Application Process

Submit a cover letter with attachments of no more than 5 pages. Information should include:

- Project description
- Description of organization [include proof of 501(c)(3) status]
- Outcomes: Expected long-term impact or results
- Community Involvement
- Activities and Timeline: Principal steps with benchmark dates
- Amount of funding requested
- Additional funding secured and/or pending
- Detailed budget including copies of written contractor/vendor estimates

Submission

Iroquois reviews grant requests two times per year. While applications may be submitted at any time, deadlines for the two funding cycles are as follows.

Grant Application Deadlines	Cycle One	Cycle Two
Full Grant Application Deadline	May 1	November 1
Funding Decisions Made	June 15	December 15

If dates fall on a weekend or holiday, proposals will be accepted on the following workday.

Hard copy proposals must be **received** by Iroquois on or before the deadline date. Email submissions must be received the day prior to deadline to allow for confirmation of receipt.

Submit applications to:

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