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The Lakeview Area Community Fund

Background and General Grant Guidelines

A BRIEF HISTORY - THE LAKEVIEW AREA COMMUNITY FUND

In the spring of 2001, interested Lakeview citizens discussed the concept of having a community fund that would provide a future-funding base to enhance the quality of life in the Lakeview area. The group learned that this could easily be done by affiliating with the Greenville Area Community Foundation. The Lakeview group could concentrate on raising funds and making the area aware of this new opportunity to give back to the community and the GACF would be responsible for administrative tasks for a small fund fee. With volunteers agreeing to become the first Advisory Committee – The Lakeview Area Community Fund (LACF) was on its way!

Now sixteen (16) endowment funds make up the LACF family of funds. They include: the LACF Unrestricted Fund, the Lena Rader Meijer Donor Advised Fund, the Tamarack District Library Fund, and the Lakeview Youth Fund. Scholarship funds include the Rossman Family Scholarship Fund, the Wales Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Kos Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Joe Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Clair & Alice Ellafrits Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Elmer & Mary Coon Performing Arts Scholarship Fund, the Guilfoyle Family Scholarship Fund, the Abby & Todd Molitor Scholarship Fund, the Ken & Aletha Sutherland Family Scholarship Fund and the LCS Calculus Scholarship Fund. A new fund under construction (growing to the \$10,000 min.) is the Lakeview Community Wellness Center Fund. All of these funds will benefit the Lakeview area for years to come.

The Lakeview Area Community Fund aspires to bring together donors, community, and grantees by demonstrating reliability to donors, concern for community and usefulness to grantees. It strives to conduct its grant-making process with openness, mutual respect and trust.

GRANT MAKING

The grant-making policy of the Lakeview Area Community Fund is to disburse funds to ensure the enhancement of the quality of life in the greater Lakeview community through creative, visionary and issue-sensitive grants. The philanthropic endeavor will be directed to the community's cultural, educational, social, health, environmental and recreational concerns. Within these broad categories established to serve our constituency, the LACF has identified several objectives which proposals should address, including:

- Creative, "cutting edge" programs/projects that address emerging or new community needs.
- Programs/projects that yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested and serve a broad segment of the community.
- Programs/projects that address prevention as well as treatment.
- Programs/projects that increase citizens' commitment to meet community needs through involvement in the development and implementation of solutions.
- Programs/projects that develop self-reliance and character and eliminate dependency.
- Programs/projects that strengthen or support the family.
- Programs/projects that will become self-sustaining without requiring ongoing foundation funds.
- Programs/projects that have a strong possibility for replication, or benefiting other nonprofit organizations facing similar problems.
- Programs/projects that eliminate duplication of services and encourage cooperation within the community.

COMPONENT FUNDS

As mentioned above the LACF family is made up of several component funds. Some donors create perpetual funds that may restrict use to specific agencies or for specific purposes or fields of interest. Other donors have created funds without restrictions. These funds are referred to as unrestricted or discretionary. It is from a combination of these funds that the LACF Advisory Committee makes its grant budget each year. If an application meets the criteria of one of the more restricted funds, the board will direct the request to the donors associated with that particular fund to see if there is a match between the need and the financial resource.



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NON-PROFIT, TAX EXEMPT CRITERIA

In general, the LACF accepts grant requests from organizations within the greater Lakeview area. This area has been defined as the Lakeview school district.

Organizations must be recognized (or be in the process of applying for recognition) as a non-profit, tax exempt organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service to be eligible to apply. The period for grant support is normally one year. The LACF does not usually provide ongoing support to programs. A proposed request may receive partial or full funding or be denied funding.

GRANT CYCLE

Generally, grants are made once annually in the fall for the following year. Grant proposals may be submitted anytime prior to the deadline. Grant monies available for distribution depend on the amount of the current foundation endowment and the earnings determined by the GACF Spending Policy. (Copies available in the GACF office upon request.)

The LACF Advisory Committee evaluates individual grant applications in search of quality projects with the attributes to succeed; including practicality, good management, efficiency, fiscal integrity and commitment. The LACF views itself as a social investor, funding programs and services that meet worthy objectives and that continue onward after the grant ends.

WHAT'S NOT FUNDED?

Generally, the Lakeview Area Community Fund does not provide funding for the following:

- Endowments (unless within the LACF)
- Debt retirement
- Annual fund-raising campaigns
- General operating expenses (Special consideration is given to new, innovative programs addressing current identified community needs.)
- Travel for individuals/groups
- Meetings/Conferences
- Sectarian religious programs
- Individuals (except Scholarships)
- Commonly accepted community services already supported by tax dollars.



For more information contact Dallas Lincoln at 989.352.6884 or Amy O'Brien, Director of Grants & Communications for the Greenville Area Community Foundation at grants@gacfmi.org or call 616.754.2640.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lakeview Area Community Fund is to enhance the quality of life in the Lakeview area.

To do this it will attract and hold permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors, it will make grants directed to the communities cultural, educational, social, environmental, recreational, and health related concerns and it will function as a community leader and catalyst.



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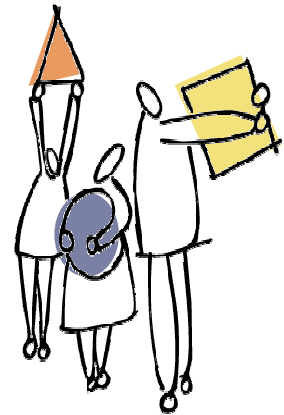
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Grant Application Instructions and Format

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

- Please provide the following information in the order specified & answer each question as completely as possible.
- It's recommended that you use these headings, subheadings and numbers in your own word processing format, thus leaving flexibility for length of response -- or request this application on a disk or as an email attachment.
- The Grant Application Common Cover Sheet as provided should be the first page of the application.
- If you would like suggestions, please submit one (1) copy of the total application for the initial staff review -- at least 10 days prior to deadline. Otherwise ...
- Submit ten (10) copies of the final application before the deadline.
See Grant Guidelines and Grant Procedures for more information.

- Submit to: Lakeview Area Community Fund
c/o Greenville Area Community Foundation
101 N. Lafayette, Greenville, MI 48838
For questions contact Dallas Lincoln at 989.352.6884



FORMAT - THIS APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

A. NARRATIVE

1. Organization Information
 - Brief statement of organization's mission and goals.
 - Brief summary of organization's history.
 - Brief description of current programs, activities and accomplishments.
2. Purpose of Grant
 - Statement of need to be addressed, description of target population, how they will benefit & number affected.
 - Description of project's goals and objectives (measurable, if possible) and statement as to whether this is a new or ongoing part of the sponsoring organization.
 - Description of how this project meets the mission of the Lakeview Area Community Fund.
 - Plans to accomplish goals and objectives.
 - Timetable for implementation.
 - Other organizations participating in the project and their roles - collaboration.
 - Long-term strategies for funding this project at end of grant period.
3. Evaluation
 - Plans for evaluation including how success will be defined & measured -- in detail if budget item.
4. Letters of support to verify project need & collaboration with other organizations. (optional but valuable)

B. BUDGET - use attached budget template.

C. ATTACHMENTS - **(Need only one copy of the following information attached to your Master Application.)**

1. A copy of the current IRS determination letter indicating non-profit, tax-exempt status.
2. List of current governing board members with affiliations.
3. Finances
 - Organization's current annual operating budget, including expenses and revenue.
 - Most recent audited financial statement and most recent IRS Form 990.
4. Annual report, if available.



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Grant Application Cover Sheet

Date of Application _____

Legal name of organization applying _____
(Should be same as on IRS determination letter and as supplied on IRS Form 990)

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| Name of Program/Project _____ | |
| Purpose of Grant _____ (one sentence) _____ | |
| Amount Requested \$ _____ | Total Project Cost \$ _____ |
| <i>Can this program/project survive if it receives partial funding?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Date(s) of Project _____ | Projected No. of people affected? _____ |
| Contact Person/Title _____ | |
| Address _____ | |
| Phone Number _____ | FAX Number _____ |
| E-mail Address(s) _____ | Web site _____ |

List any previous support from LACF in the last 5 years _____

Are you applying to the LYAC's also? _____
(LYAC Lakeview Youth Advisory Council) (If yes, indicate name of program/project)

Signature _____ Date _____
(Person writing the application/program supervisor/contact person)

Typed Name and Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____
(Head of Organization & /or Board Chair)

Typed Name and Title _____



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**Grant Application
Budget**

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES

Expenses: include a ***description and the total amount***
for each of the following budget categories, in this order:

Indicate if item is
included in this
request with an

- Salaries _____
- Payroll Taxes _____
- Fringe Benefits _____
- Consultants and Professional Fees _____
- Insurance _____
- Travel _____
- Equipment (itemize) _____
- Supplies _____
- Printing and copying _____
- Telephone and Fax _____
- Postage and Delivery _____
- Rent _____
- Utilities _____
- Maintenance _____
- Evaluation _____
- Marketing _____
- Other (specify) _____

TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED _____
FROM THE LACF