

Learn about our COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS



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Muskegon County

Many grant committees and funds utilize the Foundation's competitive grant application. All applications, made online through eGrant, are general applications that are matched by staff with the best-fitting fund. Use this list as a good source of grant priority and funding criteria information.

Unrestricted Funds

To be eligible for a grant from the Foundation's Unrestricted Funds that are advised by our Distribution Committee – the committee that makes decisions on investments from our unrestricted funds - a potential grantee must address one of the Foundation's new leadership goals. We encourage all potential grantees to address one or more of the following goals, and will give preference to those who do.

Create hope and opportunity for youth

Empowering our youth to have aspirations for a bright future and create opportunities for them to realize their dreams.

Support collaborative community goals and decision making

Supporting active partnerships that are working together sharing power, resources, and decision-making for the common good.

Build an inclusive community

Building a welcoming, accepting community that respects difference and actively promotes full participation by all people; a place where everyone has the opportunity to share their voice, to participate in decisions that affect their lives, and access all the community has to offer.



Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore

We consider funding for the following:

Arts

- Support the Frauenthal Center
- Quality arts programming benefiting a diverse audience
- Improved access to cultural programs, especially for children and youth
- Financial stability and organizational development for arts organizations

Community Development/Urban Revitalization

- Community development projects which improve the quality of life for all Muskegon County residents
- Capital projects with county-wide impact and benefit.
- Capital renovation projects only if they provide new and expanded programming
- Efforts that will enhance the perception and image of Muskegon County



Russell Block Downtown Muskegon

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Education

Education funding will prioritize programs that have a county-wide focus, and will consider individual pilot projects only if a plan is provided for scaling the project county-wide.

- Increase the number of career and college ready high school graduates
- Improve student access to high quality extended learning programs after school and during the summer

Environment

- Environmental education for all ages
- Comprehensive community planning, priorities and strategies
- Balanced and innovative land use
- Protection and restoration of green spaces, shorelines, dune areas and wildlife habitat, water quality and air quality

Health and Human Services

- Programs that promote healthy lifestyles
- Programs that encourage families to become self-sufficient

Meeting the Needs of Children Ages 0 - 5

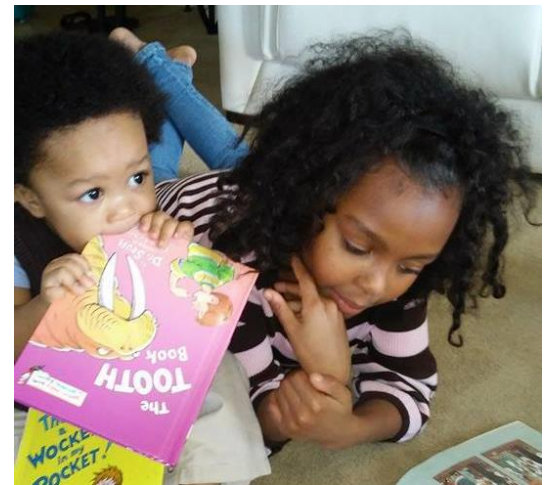
- Promote responsible parenting through outreach services and education programs, including the special needs of at-risk parents and teen pregnancy prevention
- High quality child care choices for young children
- Early literacy

Emerging Community Needs

We recognize that standard grantmaking categories do not always encompass all community needs. The Distribution Committee and other targeted grant committees will, to the extent appropriate and possible, accommodate other requests that address important or emerging community needs.



Muskegon Promise



Read Early Read Often

Grantmaking Committees

Several other grant committees, with their own stated priorities, also utilize the Foundation's general grant application to recommend grants from their funds.

Thomas and Geraldine Seyferth Advised Fund

Grants from this Committee will be targeted at, but not limited to:

- Projects of permanency/capital expenditures in Muskegon County, with a focus on youth
- Development of Muskegon County parks, playgrounds, recreation programs and human service programs that show measurable impact

Youth Advisory Council Fund

Grants from this Committee will be targeted at specific youth issues as determined by a youth-executed needs survey:

- Current focus: teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, and academic stress
- Teacher Mini-Grants for innovative classroom projects

Julia E. Hackley Memorial Fund

This fund was left by Mrs. Hackley with her directive to provide for the support, maintenance, and relief of the poor people in the City of Muskegon, including:

- Direct service support to low income families
- Projects that support self-sufficiency of low income families
- Projects that address child care and transportation issues of low income families

Environmental Endowment Fund

- To educate residents about the environment, including social justice issues that relate to current or past environmental practices
- Improve the quality of the environment through the reduction of pollution and waste
- Support a balanced and innovative approach to local and regional land use planning that maximizes use of available land and natural resources
- Promote conservation and restoration of natural areas, air quality, shoreline and dune areas, wildlife habitat and fresh water eco-systems
- Support for acquiring, conserving, or enhancing public accessibility to green space, open lands, natural parks, or undeveloped land in its natural state West of US 31 via the James Hanna and Mary Murphy Land Fund



Annis Water Resources Institute

Muskegon County Medical Society Endowment Fund

Grants from this Committee will be targeted at programs and projects relating to health and science education and services.

White Lake Community Fund

Grants from this Committee support programs and projects that improve the quality of life for residents of the White Lake Area. Additional areas of focus:

- To improve local library services, provide elderly assistance, for beautification projects or to support recreational facilities and public parks via the Leonard and Edna K. Blomdahl Fund
- Support improvements in Covell Park via the Covell Park Fund
- Support greater cooperation and consolidation between the municipalities via the R. Covell Radcliffe Fund

HEALTHY Muskegon Endowment Fund

Healthy Eating and Access – Local Teams Helping Youth

Grants from this Committee will support programs or projects that sustainably increase access to healthy food, especially among children and seniors living in poverty.



HEALTHY Muskegon

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest funds were created by donors to address community priorities that matched their own. As such, they may or may not align with our stated grant priorities. These funds are advised by the Foundation's Distribution Committee and accessed via the general grant application.

- **Next Generation Child Care Fund** - Child care for low income children
- **Nick Pool Performing Arts Fund** - Programs and projects that enhance the lives of the elderly through performing arts
- **Beautification Fund** – Projects throughout the City of Muskegon such as parks, natural areas, and publically owned properties, including capital projects designed to improve the aesthetics of these areas
- **Raymond C. Alstrom Memorial Fund** - Music programs
- **Douglas A. Rosen Fund** - Lung disease, the arts, and United Way agencies
- **West Shore Mental Health Fund** - Identification, prevention and treatment of mental health impairments of children and adolescents
- **African American Celebration Fund** - Celebration of African American culture and heritage
- **Clita R. Anderson Child Care Center Fund** - Child care centers
- **Muskegon County College Access Fund** - College access programs
- **W. William and Kathleen E. Joy Fund** – Education
- **Roy R. Burch Fund** – Education
- **Children's Wish Fund** – Terminally ill children in Muskegon County
- **Edith and Jack Lipman Fund** - Improved quality of life for ill children in ways other than providing for health care costs
- **Rhoda R. Rosen Fund** - Health-related activities, especially programs that relate to the psychological care of the terminally ill, as well as the prevention and education of cancer
- **Muskegon Quadrangle B.P.W. Fund** - Advancement and betterment of girls and women
- **William Munroe/Friends of the Disabled** - Camperships and recreation for the disabled
- **Healthy Youth-Healthy Seniors Fund** - Programs and projects that improve the health of youth and seniors
- **Dietrich Fund for the Prevention of AIDS & Drug Abuse** - Prevention of AIDS and drug abuse
- **A.J. Flogge Performing Arts Fund** - The performing arts
- **Sebastian and Frances Kielar Fund** – Programs or organizations assisting women in crisis to gain independence by becoming self-supporting and improving the lives of Muskegon County's children who are disadvantaged, neglected, or abused
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- **Jayne Rollin and Leo Williams Trust Fund** – Supports classical music concerts and lessons, and the environment
- **ESCO Company Fund** – Environmental issues, safety improvements, and economic development

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