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Our Giving Program - Grant Guidelines

You must submit an application to be considered for funding.

Please send us only the information we require. We will call you if we need additional information or would like to speak with you about your proposal.

We encourage you to work closely with your neighbors and colleagues to build grant proposals that meet specific community needs and have a sustainable impact on your community.

Our Funds Are Limited

The corporate Board of Directors determines the amount of funds available for community donations annually, based on the financial performance of the corporation. Grant levels are determined by the amount of community need and the funds available. Grant renewals are not automatic and cannot be guaranteed from year to year. Consequently, requests for multiple-year gifts are discouraged.

Unfortunately we can't accommodate all requests for funding. Your request will be evaluated on the merits of the proposal and the organization, and if it meets our criteria, you will hear from us within thirty days.

Eligible Organizations and Projects

We welcome applications from 501(c)(3) organizations as defined by the Internal Revenue Service that have reviewed our guidelines and feel there is a reasonable match between their request and our mission and funding priorities.

We do not fund:

- Individuals
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, marital status, or veteran status
- Organizations located outside the geographic boundaries of our service territory, except to fund a specific project that is delivered directly to our customer communities
- Organizations that spend more than 25% of their budget on overhead and fundraising
- Political or lobbying organizations

Required Information to Complete Community Giving Application

Section 1:

- Type of grant (fundraising event, fundraising campaign or general request)
- Legal name of your organization
- State whether you are affiliated with a state or national organization
- Choose the area does your organization serves (i.e. Massachusetts – Central & West; Massachusetts – Merrimac Valley – areas North of Rt. 495; Massachusetts – North Shore; Massachusetts – South Shore & South East; Nantucket; New Hampshire; New York or Rhode Island)
- State whether your organization receives funding from the United Way
- State whether your organization is an IRS 501 (C) (3) organization
- Provide Federal Taxpayer ID #
- Give definition of your services: (i.e. Health/Social Services, Educational/Cultural; Environmental/Conservation or Economic Development)
- List your organization's mission and goals
- Provide the following information on your organization's size:
    - Number of employees
    - Number of volunteers
    - Number of clients served
    - What percentage of each dollar raised directly supports client services
- Your organization's full address including street, city, state and zip code
- Provide first and last name of applicant, as well as title and phone number

Section 2:

- Provide project or event name, location, date, time and honoree (if any)
- State project's objective
- State project's measurable goals
- State the amount of funding being requested from National Grid