

THE IONIA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FUNDING GUIDELINES

THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS:

The Ionia County Community Foundation gives priority to projects that address the areas of art & culture, community development, education, environment, health, or social needs and that:

- represent an innovative, start-up effort or are capital in nature (e.g., construction, renovation, equipment)
- promote cooperation among agencies without duplicating services
- obtain the necessary additional funding to implement and maintain the project
- are located in the Ionia County area
- strengthen or improve agency self-sufficiency or efficiency
- yield substantial community benefits for the resources invested
- serve a broad segment of the community
- encourage additional and permanent funding or matching gifts from other donors
- have non-profit, 501(c)(3) status

THE FOUNDATION DOES NOT SUPPORT:

The Foundation generally does not support:

- annual fund-raising drives
- films, videos or television projects
- endowments or debt reduction
- capital projects without site control
- medical research
- individuals
- ongoing operating expenses of established institutions
- organizations located outside greater Ionia County
- political projects, or those that are primarily cause-related
- religious organizations for religious purposes
- sabbatical leaves
- scholarly research
- travel, tours or trips
- underwriting of conferences
- venture capital for competitive profit-making activities

THE FOUNDATION WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF THEY:

are highly unique, collaborative, and community-oriented; have limited access to other resources; demonstrate substantial impact; or will address the needs of a substantial or underserved portion of the community.

- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ K-12 schools
- ◆ child care centers
- ◆ commonly accepted community services already supported by tax dollars
- ◆ nursing or retirement facilities
- ◆ computers
- ◆ motorized vehicles

PROPOSAL DUE

DECISION FINALIZED

12/30/08

2/28/09