

SOUTHEAST OTTAWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Grant Guidelines

THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS:

The Southeast Ottawa 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 greater Georgetown Township, Hudsonville, and Jamestown Township 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 foundation-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 the greater Georgetown Township, Hudsonville, and Jamestown Township area
- 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	• nursing and retirement facilities
• K-12 Schools	• computers
• child care centers	• motorized vehicles
• commonly accepted community service already supported by tax dollars	

PROPOSAL DUE

DECISION FINALIZED

8/29/08

10/31/08

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Due to limited resources, the Foundation does not consider more than one proposal from the same organization within a 12 month period.
- The Foundation requests recognition of its grants through plaques placed at agencies, or announcements in written materials. However, trustees, volunteers, and staff cannot accept gifts, plaques or gratuities.
- After filing an application, a site visit may be scheduled. Outside of this process, the Foundation discourages personal interviews with individual Trustees. Any indication of interest initiated by a Trustee, Committee member, or Foundation staff member of a request shall not be construed as a commitment in support of the request.
- The Southeast Ottawa Community Foundation values projects that promote inclusiveness and that do not discriminate in hiring staff or providing services on the basis of race, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability.