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Community Grant Guidelines

Overview

- Community Grants range from the minimum grant of \$250 to the maximum grant of \$2,500.
- Organizations must submit an [online application](#) to be considered for funding.
- The deadline to apply for 2014 funding is December 31, 2014.

Eligibility Checklist

- Funds must benefit the facility's service area; potential grantees should be nonprofit organizations with programs that benefit communities within the service area of the Walmart store, Sam's Club or Logistics facility from which they are requesting funds.
- Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have identified four core areas of giving: [Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating](#), [Sustainability](#), [Women's Economic Empowerment](#) or [Career Opportunity](#). To ensure that your application has the best chance of being funded, the proposed use of the grant should fit within one of these areas of giving. Primary consideration for the Community Grant program is to support local organizations with programs that align with the Foundation's areas of giving. However, programs that do not align with these areas may also be given consideration. If you are applying for funding through a Sam's Club location, additional focus areas are considered. Learn more about the [Sam's Club Giving Program](#).
- Organizations must be described as one of the following:
 - An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
 - A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;
 - A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or
 - A church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Selection Process

- Management at the facility to which you are applying will review the application and make initial funding recommendations on all submitted requests.
- Each facility manager may set the frequency and process in which applications are reviewed, however, applications are typically reviewed within 90 days of the submission date.
- Organizations will be notified of any decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.
- If an organization is approved, grant checks will be mailed directly to the recipient organization at the address listed in the grant application. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks for delivery.
- In the event of being awarded a grant, organizations should contact their local facility from which funds were awarded to schedule a formal recognition event.

Funding Exclusions

- Advertising, film or video project
- Athletic sponsorships (teams/events)
- Capital campaigns and endowments (defined as any plans to raise funds for a significant purchase or expense, such as new construction, major renovations or to help fund normal budgetary items)
- Capital improvements or construction costs, defined as property improvements that will enhance the property value or increase the useful life of the property
- Contests or pageants
- Fundraising events (walks, races, tournaments, dinners etc.)
- In-kind donation requests, including requests for gift cards
- Nationally-sponsored organizations: Children's Miracle Network and United Way
- Memberships, including association/chamber memberships
- Organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.
- Organizations or programs that do not benefit the communities within the facility's service area
- Organizations who apply to a large number of facilities outside of the primary area
- Organizations whose programming or policies may position the company or the Foundation in a negative light
- Organizations whose services do not benefit the community at large
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns
- Projects that send products or people to foreign countries or on domestic travel

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- Registration fees
- Requests made on behalf of another organization or by unauthorized representative of the recipient organization
- Requests made solely to benefit one person or family
- Research
- Salaries, stipends, tips and rewards
- Scholarships (tuition, room, board, other expenses for college/university/vocational school attendance) Third-party giving
- Tickets for contests, raffles, or any other activity with prizes

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