

The Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation is currently accepting grant applications.

The Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation, chartered in 1983, works to contribute to the welfare of our local community through projects managed by the Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation and our sister organization the Grand Rapids Jaycee chapter.

The Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation mission is to: *"build stronger non-profit organizations throughout the community through charitable contributions, providing non-financial resources and developing of community leaders."*

Grant applications will be evaluated, in part, on the following criteria:

- Grants shall be awarded to qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations which will utilize the grant proceeds for generally recognized charitable purposes consistent with the Foundation's tax-exempt status.
- Grants shall be awarded to organizations in Kent County with the predominate use of grant proceeds to be within Grand Rapids.
- Grants shall be made for charitable 501(c)(3) purposes allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation will look most favorably upon projects that:

- Impact children and youth.
- Impact the greatest number of people, consistent with Jaycees' philosophy.
- Are capital in nature (bricks and mortar, equipment) and/or that serve to improve the efficiency and productivity (technology) of nonprofits.

The Foundation will also make grant requests for Special Projects in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Jaycees – in recognition of our special relationship. These programs or projects must meet the tax-exempt definition of charitable purpose.

The Grand Rapids Jaycee Foundation Generally will Not Fund:

- Contingency funds or operational funds
- Grants for religious or political purposes or for direct use by individuals.
- The same organization in consecutive years, except in rare circumstances, and considers once in three years to be reasonable.
- Multiple year grants.

Application Process:

- Download an application form from the Grand Rapids Jaycee Foundation website at www.grjayceesfoundation.org. Select the Forms and Documents tab, then Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation Grants Application.
- Completed Grant Application and accompanying documentation should be submitted to:

Grants Administrator

Grand Rapids Jaycees Foundation
2774 Birchcrest Dr., SE
Grand Rapids MI 49506

- Questions should be directed via email to: JayceeFoundation_Grants@yahoo.com
- The Foundation Grants Committee will carefully review all applications and submit recommendation(s) to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will vote on all final funding decisions. Responses to all applicants will be made based on the timeline outlined below.

Timeline:

- **September 30, 2008** – Deadline for Grant Applications. Applications must be received in the Jaycee office by 5:00pm, EST to be considered.
- **October 2008** – Grants Committee Review
- **November 2008**– Grants Recommendations made
- **December 2008**– Grants Awarded
- **January 2009** – Organization(s) are presented grant(s) at the annual Jaycee Year End Gala. Actual date TBA.

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