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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Working together for the common good, and the good in all of us.

GRANT GUIDELINES

All grants and gifts must meet the following criteria:

1. All requests must support the mission of the foundation: to provide the community a centralized source for the generation of charitable gifts, grants and funds to be used for the common good of the community, and to serve as a catalyst that will enable the community to maximize volunteer resources.

All must relate to or be specifically for:

- Education related programs and projects
- Historical preservation and/or related programs
- Research related to community development for the common good
- To support innovative concepts and ideas that will benefit the community-at-large and as a whole over an extended period of time
- Community services - services that benefit the community as a whole in the Dripping Springs area. The Foundation does not fund one-time or short-term programs or projects.

2. Requests will be measured based on the proven performance of past efforts of the organization making the request and the perceived value of the request to the community-at-large. All requests will be rated and ranked by their innovative logic, proven viability, measurable and beneficial application and the practical and effective use of the funds.
3. Emphasis will be placed on the proposed programs' objectivity and clarity. All grants will be made with a balanced and open view of diversity and equal opportunity regardless of race, creed, gender or religion.
4. All requests must be made using the Foundation's formal REQUEST APPLICATION FORM. Copies of the application are available as a downloadable PDF on this site and through the offices of the Foundation by making such request in writing to P. O. Box 1684, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

All requests must follow the guidelines outlined and defined in the formal application. It should be noted that support materials such as CDs, brochures and/or visual aids should not be submitted and will not be viewed by members of the Grants Committee. Completed applications must be mailed to:

Greater Dripping Springs Community Foundation
P. O. Box 1684, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

5. Funds requested must be made on behalf of a not-for-profit organization.
All requests must include:
 - A copy of the annual report and/or financial statement
 - The annual budget of the organization
 - Proof of 501 (c)(3) designation
 - Annual audit or Form 990 if applicable
 - List of trustees and officers
6. The Foundation does NOT grant funds for:
 - Unrestricted general operating expenses
 - The use of and payment for services of a fiscal agent
 - Endowment funds
 - Religious organizations for religious purposes
 - Fundraising activities or events (i.e., annual fund drives, telephone solicitations, benefit tickets)
 - Umbrella funding organizations that intend to distribute funds at their own discretion
 - Political lobbying or legislative activities
 - Individuals
 - One-time or short term programs or projects
7. If approved you will receive a formal contract which must be signed prior to receipt of funds. The contract will call for a complete report at the end of the grant performance. Grant recipients will be required to submit a comprehensive final report on the project no later than one year after the grant is awarded.