



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Title of Item: Community Grant Program awards

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*								
Submitted by: Mark Jeffers	Department: Administration									
Presenter (Name and Title): Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator		Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes								
Summary of Issue: <p>The Aitkin County Economic Development Committee has received grant funding requests for the 2022 Community Grant Program. Grant applicant summary and grant award summary are attached, along with the 2022 Community Grant Program guidelines.</p> <p>The ACEDC recommends awarding four grants at this time:</p> <table><tr><td>Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr><tr><td>City of Hill City- water tower project</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr><tr><td>City of Hill City- park project</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr><tr><td>Shamrock Township- park project</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr></table>			Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat	\$5,000	City of Hill City- water tower project	\$5,000	City of Hill City- park project	\$5,000	Shamrock Township- park project	\$5,000
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Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:										
Recommended Action/Motion: ACEDC requests motion to approve recommended grant awards.										
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>										

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.



AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator
DATE: September 13, 2022
SUBJECT: Aitkin County Community Grant Program

The ACEDC recommends awarding three grants at this time:

Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat	\$5,000
City of Hill City- water tower project	\$5,000
City of Hill City- community park project	\$5,000
Shamrock Township- park project	\$5,000

2022 Community Grant Program

Applicant Name	Project Name	\$ requested	Awarded Y/N	\$ Awarded
Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat	Disabled Veteran Shooting Range	\$ 20,000	Y	\$ 5,000
Shamrock Township	Shamrock Township Recreational Area	\$ 20,000	Y	\$ 5,000
Hill City	Community Play Park	\$ 20,000	Y	\$ 5,000
Hill City	Water Tower Project	\$ 20,000	Y	\$ 5,000



AITKIN COUNTY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Background

Aitkin County has received Federal Fiscal Recovery Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The Fiscal Recovery Fund was established to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, have approved \$100,000 to be used to directly impact the Community of Aitkin County by establishing the Aitkin County Community Grant Program.

Program Goal

To provide outstanding service in a fiscally responsible manner through innovation and collaboration with respect for all. This program will positively affect and support planned community projects in Aitkin County.

Eligible project examples include:

- City comprehensive plan creation
- City redevelopment efforts
- Quality of life projects directly benefiting the community
- Community transportation efforts
- Public safety

Funding Eligibility

501(c)(3) organizations, Tribal entities and government entities are eligible to apply. Additionally, other types of organizations may work with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor to submit an application. Applicants must submit formal paperwork confirming the fiscal sponsor relationship. Not for profit organizations must have a physical location in Aitkin County and provide direct assistance to the residents of Aitkin County. Consideration will also be given to not for profit organizations that can demonstrate the ability to make an impact for individuals or the community.



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All applicants must submit a full application with signatures and agree that by signing and submitting the Aitkin County Community Grant Program application they will be subject to a random audit by Aitkin County for accuracy in expenses, or any other statements or information requested. If it is determined that false or misleading information is provided on the Aitkin County Community Grant Project Application, the organization, Tribal entity or government entity will be required at a minimum to repay Aitkin County the entire grant amount. Aitkin County may invoke any and all legal remedies available.

Grant Award Amounts

Maximum Grant amount is \$20,000.00 and Minimum Grant amount is \$1,000.00, based upon request and eligible expenses. All applications will be reviewed by the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Timeline and Process

Applications will be made available on June 15, 2022. The first review of grant applications is scheduled for June 29, 2022. Grants will continue to be awarded until all funds are expended. Final approval will be subject to approval by the Aitkin County Board.

Grant applications will be available on the Aitkin County website and by request and may be submitted by mail to Aitkin County Government Center, ATTN: Mark Jeffers, 307 2nd Street NW #316, Aitkin, MN 56431 or electronically to mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us

All applicants will be required to submit a Form W-9, attached, for payment processing.

It is the intent of Aitkin County to award the Aitkin County Community Grant Program as soon as possible.

For any questions or clarifications, please contact Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator at 218-513-6188, mark.jeffers@co.aitkin.mn.us



Aitkin County reserves the right to reject or modify any application or portions thereof it feels does not meet the guidelines or application process requirements. Applications may be prioritized based on impact.

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Reporting Requirements

Organizations that receive a 2022 Community Grant Program award are required to submit a grant evaluation form at the end of the one-year grant period. Reporting information documents and deadlines will be included in the award letter.