

Mecosta County Community Foundation

Grant Guidelines

The Foundation recognizes the need to be flexible in its policies so that it can respond to creative or innovative proposals. However, grant funds are limited and not all proposals can be funded. The following areas are some of those that will be considered when grant requests are reviewed.

1. Priority will be given to programs with the greatest impact on the needs and growth of Mecosta County.
2. Organizations must be tax exempt under Section 501(C)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
3. Applications from tax supported organizations may be considered if the project is of an exceptional benefit to the people of Mecosta County.
4. Grants generally are given one time only, for a specific purpose.
5. Grants will not be made for operating expenses.
6. No grant money may be used for political campaigning or lobbying.
7. Applications from religious organizations may be considered if the project meets a charitable need, is available to anyone regardless of religious preference, and if there is no evangelizing.
8. The Foundation operates without discrimination as to age, race, sex, religion, political affiliations, handicap, ethnic or national origin in considering grant requests, and will award grants only to applicants which do not discriminate in any of the same areas.
9. See the Healthy Youth and Senior Fund page for special guidelines for this grant.