

Rural Partners of Michigan Community Grant Award Request for Proposal (RFP)

Eligibility Criteria

- This RFP is open to all nonprofit organizations working within or on behalf of rural Michigan.
- Grant funds should be used to directly benefit rural communities.
- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, municipality or governmental entity must act as the fiduciary/grantee.
- Awards are limited to one per community per grant period.
- Applicants must have the ability to submit proposals electronically.

Applications for the Community Grant Award program are encouraged to include more than one entity or organization within a community or a larger geographic region. Priority will be given to programs or projects that have not been funded by Rural Partners of Michigan in the past and to communities that have gone through an RPM Community Assessment. Projects or programs selected to receive a Community Grant Award will be required to submit a brief final report when grant funds have been expended. As part of the final report grantees will be asked to submit a picture and press release outlining the project.

Proposal Submission

All grant proposals must be submitted online or faxed by the appropriate deadline. Instructions are on the last page of the application. All submitted proposals will receive confirmation of receipt.

Grants will be awarded bi-annually each year. The Granting Committee, comprised of Board Members of the Rural Partners of Michigan (RPM), will select up to five proposals to be awarded during each of the two cycles throughout the year.

Background

The Rural Partners of Michigan is pleased to announce their Community Grant Award program. This program offers grants of up to \$800 to organizations engaged in rural community development work. RPM, as part of the Michigan Rural Council (MRC), seeks to connect and educate community leaders, provide expertise and advocate for policy and projects that impact rural Michigan. Some of the focus issues of RPM and MRC are:

- Agriculture
- Broadband Access and Adoption
- Economic Development
- Education
- Health
- Housing
- Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation
- Rural Philanthropy
- Transportation
- Other Rural Development/Community Economic Development Projects

Descriptions and more information can be found at rural.cedamichigan.org

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