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## Grant Guidelines

**Overview:** The Black Oak Getty Community Foundation is a designated fund of the Initiative Foundation, established in partnership with local citizens, to serve as a philanthropic vehicle for accumulating and distributing financial resources. The purpose of the fund is to improve the quality of life in the communities of Ashley, Getty, Raymond and Sauk Centre townships and their surrounding areas (collectively the "Black Oak Getty Wind Farm service area").

**Funding Priorities:** Black Oak Getty Community Foundation welcomes and encourages grant applications from tax exempt, non-profit organizations that are likely to have a substantial positive impact in one or more of the following broad categories:

- Education Support and Youth Development
- Housing, Food, and Other Basic Needs
- Civic Engagement and Community Development
- Conservation and the Environment

Preference will be given to innovative programs in the areas of education, environment, and community development that encourage volunteerism, community involvement, and/or promote environmental awareness and improvement.

### **General Guidelines:**

1. Eligible applicants are those that serve people living and/or working within the Black Oak Getty Wind Farm service area and include:
  - a. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations,
  - b. community groups operating through a mission-related fiscal host with the appropriate tax-exempt status,
  - c. school districts, or
  - d. local units of government.
2. Grants will be made only in support of proposals that fit one or more of the above funding priorities and that benefit the community identified in the geographic boundaries described above.
3. The Black Oak Getty Community Advisory Board will periodically review the minimum and maximum grant size. Our current maximum grant size is \$5,000.

**INELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** The Community Fund will not provide grants to/for the following:

- Grants, loans or reimbursements to individuals or businesses.
- Expenses incurred prior to receipt of this grant award.
- Replacement of government funding.
- Religious activities.
- Lobbying or campaigning for a candidate, issue or referendum vote.
- Any programs or projects that DO NOT directly benefit residents with the Black Oak Getty Wind Farm service area.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

1. Applicants complete and submit online application.
2. The Black Oak Getty Community Foundation Advisory Board reviews grant applications and makes grant recommendations to the Initiative Foundation.
3. Initiative Foundation staff process grant awards and sends award letters and payments directly to grantees.
4. Grantees receive from the Initiative Foundation final reporting requirements at the end of the designated grant period.
5. Grantees submit final report online within one month of grant period end date. *(Grantees must submit a final report before they can be considered for future awards.)*

**APPLY ONLINE AT:**

[https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_1411?SA=SNA&FID=35083](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1411?SA=SNA&FID=35083)

**Note to applicant:** *Please allow 60 days between the grant deadline and the start date of your project to allow for grant processing. Grants cannot be made for expenses incurred prior to notice that the grant award has been approved by the Initiative Foundation.*