



Neighborhood Grant Program

The Neighborhood Grant Program goal is intended to support initiatives that strengthen Bay County neighborhoods. This program is intended to foster inclusion and to build a sense of community within our neighborhoods. This pilot program will fund community-led solutions that will accomplish these goals.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants may be a 501(c)3 nonprofit, school, government entity. Neighborhood groups can apply through a project/financial fiduciary.
- Project must occur within Bay County.
- There must be involvement from neighborhood residents in planning and implementing projects that will benefit their neighborhood.
- Maximum allowable grant request is up to \$1,250. (Total project budget may exceed \$1,250.)
- Applications may be submitted up to 6 months in advance, but no later than 30 days prior to event/project event/project.
- Project must be completed within 6 months of receiving funding.
- Within one month of project completion, a final report is required.

Project Criteria

The Bay Area Community Foundation is looking to fund programs or projects that accomplish one or more of the following:

- Develop stronger relationships among neighbors and neighborhood groups (example: neighborhood block parties, outdoor movie night, neighborhood art display, etc.)*
- Strengthen neighborhood identity through the creation or enhancement of assets that are a source of neighborhood pride and identity (example: neighborhood cleanup where residents come together to remove litter and trash, community gardens, etc.)*
- Connect community members and nonprofit organizations to take action on common issues and concerns (example: neighborhood watch, educational community program, etc.)*

*Applicants are not limited to these examples. They are offered simply to spur creative thinking.

Deadline: Applicants to submit requests by the 1st of each month. BACF will make a funding determination by the 15th of the month with monies distributed within 14 days if approved.

How to Apply

Contact Program Officer **Erin Kreutzberg at (989) 893-4438** at erink@bayfoundation.org to discuss your project and request an application form.