

Community Impact Grantmaking at Madison Community Foundation

MCF's Community Impact grants advance initiatives that have a long-term impact on lives and our community. The grant application process begins in August, and grants are awarded at the end of December. The impact lasts much longer.

INQUIRE



01. Submit letter of inquiry

The process begins with nonprofits submitting a letter of inquiry (LOI). MCF staff reviews these to ensure eligibility and fit with MCF's mission and focus areas.

APPLY



02. Receive invitation to apply

Organizations whose LOIs have been approved are invited to submit a grant application summarizing the project, its purpose, proposed outcomes and other sources of funding.

REVIEW



03. Staff reviews

MCF staff consults with applicants and offers evaluation assistance, then reviews full grant applications and provides recommendations to the Grantmaking Committee.

RECOMMEND



04. Committee chooses

MCF's Grantmaking Committee reviews the grant applications and staff comments and recommends to the Board of Governors which projects to award.

APPROVE



05. Board approves

At its December meeting, the MCF Board of Governors votes on funding the grant recommendations.

AWARD



06. Organizations notified

Staff contact organizations to let them know whether their grant request was approved or not.

IMPLEMENT



07. Programs change lives

Organizations implement their programs, enhancing lives in the community.

REPORT



08. Measurable Outcomes

Organizations use the proposed outcomes and the indicators they identified in the application process to assess their program's effectiveness.