

Grantmaking Guidelines for Community-Building Events

The Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) focuses a small amount of grantmaking dollars each year to support local community-building events that also align with our Mission, Vision, Values, and our Community Needs Endowment Fund Grantmaking Priority, Aims, and Guidelines. Grant opportunities are available to Jackson County, Michigan: 501©3 nonprofits, governmental agencies, school districts, churches, community groups, and out of county organizations serving Jackson County.

Examples of community-building events include:

- Conferences
- Forums
- Trainings
- Community events open to the public that
 - Help participants build an understanding of a community issue
 - Bring diverse groups of people together to build relationships and work together
 - Gather community resource organizations to support the community
 - Celebrate cultural diversity and inclusiveness

All grant applications must be submitted by Jotform at:

<https://form.jotform.com/220875400102139>

Limitations

- Grants for community-building events are limited to one per organization/group, per 12 month period.
- All requests for grants for community-building events are subject to the availability of resources, with a concerted effort made to spread support across a range of events across Jackson County throughout the four quarters of the calendar year.
- Current grantees are expected to acknowledge JCF as a grant funder at the event or in publications related to the event.
- Requests for grants will be considered on a case-by-case basis as these types of events enable JCF to support organizations and events that may not be timely candidates for a formal grant round.
- Requests will not be considered for: Event planning costs, development costs, fundraising events, capital campaigns, or political campaigns.
- The typical grant amount is in the \$200 - \$500 range. A higher grant amount may be considered when the event offers exceptional subject matter alignment and high JCF visibility.

You are eligible to apply, if you can answer “Yes” to the following questions:

- Are you a 501(c)3 nonprofit, governmental agency, school district, church, community group, or out of county organization serving Jackson County?
- Will the event be held in Jackson County or will a JCF grant enable people from Jackson County to benefit?
- Is the ultimate beneficiary of the event a priority group for JCF? In other words, if it's a community-building event, who benefits from the day's programming or the organization's programs and services on an ongoing basis? If it's a conference, who are target participants and what will they learn?
- Does the event organizer's mission and/or the event's theme/program align with JCF's Community Needs Endowment Fund Grantmaking Priority, Aims, and Guidelines?