



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING GRANT GUIDELINES

Introduction:

3 Rivers Communications was formed as a cooperative and strongly believes in the cooperative principles. In keeping with these ideals, the 3 Rivers Communications Board of Trustees has implemented an Economic Development Training Grant Program.

Grants available through this program will help facilitate economic development, providing access to new ideas and creative approaches to promote community growth by funding attendance at relevant conferences and bringing in speakers. These grants support our commitment to helping our rural communities not only survive but thrive by encouraging economic development and advancing prosperity.

Guiding Principle:

3 Rivers Communications will provide support that is equitable throughout its service areas, taking into account geographic regions and communities of mutual interest.

Process:

1. The Board of Trustees will set a budget each year for Economic Development Training Grants. There is currently \$5,000 available annually, with grants not to exceed \$500 per event.
2. 3 Rivers staff will screen applications to determine grant levels.
3. Staff will redirect any inquiries that do not fit this program to other applicable 3 Rivers programs (i.e. public relations, donations, sponsorships, etc.).
4. Grant applications will be reviewed and awarded monthly.

Criteria:

1. Funds will only be provided to bona-fide community organizations.
2. Organization must follow up with 3 Rivers by providing an assessment of the benefit of the event attended or presentation of the speaker.
3. Organization will provide documentation to show how the funds were used within one month of event.
4. Grants can cover registration fees, speaker fees, travel and/or lodging.
5. Requests must be submitted 30 days prior to event.