



## **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT GUIDELINES**

3 Rivers Communications was formed in 1953 as a cooperative and still strongly believes in our cooperative principles. In keeping with these ideals, the 3 Rivers Communications Board of Trustees has implemented a Community Enhancement Grant program. This community support is a key element of the cooperatives' vision and Strategic Plan to assist in promoting the well-being of our members and the communities we serve.

We strive to provide support that is equitable throughout our serving area, taking into account geographic regions and communities of mutual interest.

### **PROCESS**

- The Board of Trustees will annually set a budget for Community Enhancement Grants. There is \$40,000 available this year with grants not to exceed \$5,000 per entity.
- 3 Rivers staff will screen applications to determine eligibility and submit grant requests to the Board for approval. Staff will handle involvement in support activities as needed and redirect any inquiries that do not fit the grant guidelines to other applicable 3 Rivers programs, i.e. donations, sponsorships, etc.
- Staff will request additional information and verification if needed for assessment of the organizations ability relative to community impact and program goals.
- Grant applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Funds will only be awarded to qualifying nonprofit community or civic organizations who are open to all cooperative members.
2. Organizations must demonstrate through the application process specific measurable ways in which the grant is projected to benefit the community.
3. Funding will not be awarded to the same group for two consecutive years.
4. For long term projects, funding will be granted if the project consistently meets the CEG guidelines until a maximum of \$10,000 is reached.