



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING 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 an Economic Development Training Grant program. This community support is a key element of the cooperative's vision and strategic plan to help our rural communities not only survive but thrive by encouraging economic development and advancing prosperity.

Grants available through this program will help facilitate economic development by providing access to new ideas and creative approaches to promote community growth by funding attendance at relevant conferences and bringing in guest speakers.

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 Economic Development Training Grants. There is \$5000 available this year with grants not to exceed \$500 per event.
- 3 Rivers staff will screen applications to determine eligibility and will handle involvement in support activities as needed. Staff will redirect any inquiries that do not fit the grant guidelines to other applicable 3 Rivers programs, i.e. donations, sponsorships, etc.
- Grant applications must be submitted at least one month prior to the event. Grant applications will be reviewed and awarded monthly.

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 and encourage economic growth.
3. Grants can cover registration fees, speaker fees, travel and/or lodging.