



## Masonry's B.E.S.T Community Grant

Build.Enrich.Strengthen.Transform

The Masonry's B.E.S.T. community grant program is most interested in projects that focus on the needs of our youth. In general, priority is given to those grant ideas that reflect one or more of the following characteristics:

- increase the capacity of the community to participate in identifying needs and developing and implementing solutions
- Encourages cooperation
- Demonstrates a clear and convincing need
- Develops self-reliance
- Targets gaps in services
- Mirrors the diversity of our community
- Programs that solve or address critical local needs. These can include
  - New programs
  - Expanding programs, or
  - Current program which are evidence based and achieving significant desired outcomes
- Sustainable projects and programs which have proven plans for long term impact
- Self-contained or time limited projects and programs which utilize best practices
- Focus on prevention
- Encourage collaboration and cooperation among charities
- Unite and build our communities

### **Geographic area this grant will support:**

- Michigan statewide

### **WHAT DOES THE MMCF GRANT SUPPORT?**

- MMCF can only provide grants to nonprofit organizations.
- Wages and other administrative expenses relevant to the program or project will be considered. Operating expenses for the organization as a whole will not be considered.
- Grant amount minimum will be \$5,000 with the maximum grant amount \$50,000. Grants over \$50,000 may be considered with full MMCF board of director approval.

## WHAT DOESN'T THE MMCF GRANT SUPPORT?

- Basic operating budgets
- Basic government services
- Basic education functions
- Annual fundraising and events
- Normal office equipment
- Endowment campaigns
- Previously incurred debt or contracted commitments
- Sectarian religious programs (the exception is if the program or project is community based)
- Political or lobbying activities
- Efforts which will require a commitment for long term financial support
- Bricks and Mortar
- National or regional organizations unless their program addresses a specific local need.
- Medical or research organizations

## Application Deadlines and Allocation Dates

- March 15, 2018 with allocation April 15, 2018
- June 15, 2018 with allocation July 15, 2018
- September 15, 2018 with allocation October 15, 2018
- December 15, 2018 with allocation January 15, 2019

## Reporting:

At the end of the project, MMCF will expect a narrative explaining significant program impact, changes in the organization's financial position, whether or not all the funds were expended and copies of all press releases, newspaper articles, pictures or other marketing in relation to the program/project.