

LCTV ENDOWMENT FUND

The Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) Fund is a nonprofit endowment fund established on September 17, 2007 by means of the sale of the assets of Lowell Cable Television. A portion of the annual investment earnings are distributed in agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Fund and may be available for grants each year.

The LCTV Board was created to solicit and review grant applications for projects that benefit the Lowell Area including the City of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township. LCTV Board grants recommendations are subject to final approval by the Lowell City Council.

The LCTV Fund promotes projects that are:

- Non-profit making activities
- Benefit a broad segment of the Lowell Area Community
- Enhance the quality of life in the area
- Encourage cooperation among the communities
- Qualify as one time capitol improvement projects

The Fund does not support:

- *Individuals
- *Political projects
- *Salaries or continuing expenses
- *Religious Organizations
- *Profit-making activities

Grant Schedule:

2010 applications will be accepted beginning May 3rd and must be received by **June 25th**. The LCTV Board reserves the right to modify the grant application schedule in future years. The selected project applicants will be formally notified and the projects will be publicized consistent with City policies and practices. Applicants may be requested to present information to the Board and or the Lowell City Council prior to the final decision.

The Advisory Board will make its recommendations formally to the City Council by the second regular meeting in August. The City Council will approve the projects recommended by the Advisory board, with or without changes, based on funding levels, city and area needs, etc., at its first regular meeting in September of each year.

Application Process:

1. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall, Lowell Charter Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, Englehardt Public Library, Lowell Area Schools Administration Building and City and townships web sites.
2. Please write your grant application using the cover sheet and included application form.
3. Do not include materials other than the application and requested attachments.
4. Send or deliver 9 copies of the application and attachments as listed:
 - a cover letter that introduces the proposal
 - details for a specific project that includes a breakdown of expenses and key items the grant monies will be used for
 - a list of contacts, directors and project leaders
 - letters of support or recommendation
 - estimation of how many area residents will benefit from **or use** the project and description of how they may benefit
 - documentation of how a project will continue to be supported after the initial expense

- proof of 501(c)(3) or governmental unit status

5. All approved grantees will submit a progress report prior to the following year grant application deadline.

Applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the City, which will outline the terms and conditions of the grants, as well as the reporting requirements, prior to any distribution of funds to the applicants. The agreement shall be finalized by December 31.

Grant applications shall be submitted to Betty Morlock, Lowell City Clerk, at 301 E. Main Street in Lowell, Michigan 49331. Questions should be directed to Dave Pasquale, City Manager.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

LCTV Endowment Board

LCTV FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Information

Additional information may be attached as necessary

Organization _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Administrator _____

Contact Person (if different from above, name, title, phone#) _____

Is yours a 501(c)(3) organization or governmental unit ? (Check One)

Year of Incorporation: ____ Current Organizational Operating Budget \$ _____

What is the **mission/purpose** of your organization? _____

Project Name:

Purpose of Grant (one sentence):

Dates of the Project: _____ Amount Requested: \$ _____

Total Project Cost: \$ _____

Amount and sources of other funding for this project: _____

If a multiple year request, please specify the amounts requested per year: _____

Signature, Chairperson, Board of Directors

Date

Typed Name and Title

Signature, Administrator

Date

Typed Name and Title

Need

What need is being addressed by this project, and how will the project meet the need? Explain the *precise* reason for your project (avoiding generalities):

Plan

Specifically explain how your project will be conducted or implemented, and how the grant money being requested will be used, including breakdown of expenses and cost of key items. Attach pictures or drawings of the project if applicable.

Impact

Describe how this project will positively impact the Lowell area, and who will be served by your project.

Project Management

Who will be managing the project and what are their qualifications?

Evaluation

If funded, your project will be assessed for impact, effectiveness, and efficiency. Describe how you will determine if the project is a success and the data you will use to make that determination. (Note: Grant recipients may be asked to write follow-up reports and make presentations.)

Community Cooperation

List the Lowell area groups and partners who have agreed to support your project. Please include their names and affiliations. Describe specifically the nature of their collaboration on this project. Attach letters of support, if available.

Sustainability

Will this project be completed with the funding requested in this application? (Yes or no.) If no, explain your group's plan for future sustainability in terms of continued financial and/or logistical support, and who you anticipate to provide the support.