



## **CommunityGives Youth Service Program - Guidelines**

The CommunityGives Youth Service Program is sponsored by Dow Inc. and the Midland Area Community Foundation.

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Grant Amount – \$500 or \$1,000

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This program is designed to encourage youth philanthropy and to foster mutually beneficial relationships between our community's charitable organizations and our young people. These grants are available to 501©(3) youth groups who are able to organize at least 5 students to spend about 3 hours each contributing to our local charitable 501©(3) organizations. Funds will be awarded after your Final Report is received until all funds are disbursed that year. Projects with 5-9 volunteers will be granted \$500 and those with 10 or more young people participating will receive \$1,000.

### **Eligible Groups:**

- Must be made up of youth in the K-12 age range.
- Must be headquartered in Midland County and comprised of predominantly Midland County residents.
- Must be affiliated with a 501(c)(3) or school district (public or private).

### **Volunteer Activities:**

- Must take place within Midland County (events held in the Great Lakes Bay Region will be considered if it includes a direct connection or support for Midland County residents) and we encourage projects that provide about 3 hours of volunteering / team building for each student volunteer.
- Must take place within 6 weeks following the submission of the grant application.
- Activities cannot be fundraising related (includes events that fundraise for another organization, e.g. Walk to Benefit <cause>).
- Must not directly benefit the organization or school with which the youth group is affiliated.
- Must be impactful and meaningful to students and charitable organizations alike.

### **Other:**

- Grants are not made to individuals. Funds will be disbursed to the youth group organizing body (e.g., a check will be sent to Midland Public Schools to be used for the Black Student Alliance).
- Funds will be used to remove barriers to participation, to foster inclusion, and to support organization goals for youth participants.
- Grant funds may not be used for previously incurred debts.
- Groups can receive a maximum of one CommunityGives Youth Volunteer Grant within a rolling year (i.e., a team granted in October must wait until the following October before applying again).
- Requests for support of programs presented by religious organizations will be considered if a general community need is being met and the project for which the grant is requested does not promote the teachings of a particular church or denomination.

### **Final Report:**

- Final Reports must be submitted **within two weeks of completed volunteer project** and should include at least three photos of the team or club completing the project. Submission of photographs infers that the Midland Area Community Foundation has permission to use images in our communications. Please confirm this understanding with a child's parent or guardian before submitting.
- Funds will be disbursed in the order of \*Final Reports\* being received as long as funds are available.

### **Questions? Contact our Youth Impact Coordinator**

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