



CommunityGives Youth Service Program - Guidelines

The CommunityGives Youth Service Program is sponsored by Dow Inc. and the Midland Area Community Foundation. Similar programs are in place for the Bay City and Saginaw Community Foundations.

Grant Amount - **\$1,000**

Eligible Groups:

- Must be made up of youth in the K-12 age range
- Must be located in Midland County and comprised of predominantly Midland County residents
- Must be affiliated with a 501(c)(3) or school district (public or private)
- Must show a **demonstrated need for the grant funds.**

Demonstrated Need:

- Must be able to explain what the grant funding will be used for and why said is essential to the core activities or mission of the organization. Examples: Team Uniforms, Group Supplies, etc.

Volunteer Activities:

- Must take place within Midland County. Activities or events in the Great Lakes Bay Region will be considered if it includes a direct connection or support for Midland County residents.
- Must take place within 12 weeks following the grant application due date, unless **pre-approved** by the CommunityGives Grant Administrator (contact information below).
- Activities cannot be fundraising related (includes events that fundraise for another organization; e.g. Walk to benefit <cause>).
- Must involve a minimum of 10 youth volunteers.
- Must be a minimum of 3 consecutive hours in length, resulting in a minimum of 50 cumulative volunteer hours within two consecutive days unless **pre-approved** by the CommunityGives Grant Administrator.
- Must not benefit the organization or school with which the youth group is affiliated.
- Must be impactful and meaningful to all involved.

Other:

- Grants are not made to individuals.
- Grant funds may not be used for previously incurred debts.
- Grants are *competitive*. Your submission does not guarantee approval or award. The evaluation process includes consideration of demonstrated need, the impact of the proposed volunteer project, the number of K-12 Volunteers pledged, and previous CG grants awarded.
- **All volunteers & their legal guardians/parents must submit a MACF Photo Release Form.**
- 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 Reports (including a minimum of 3 pictures and Photo Release forms) must be submitted **within two weeks of completed volunteer project.**

Questions? Contact CommunityGives Grant Administrator:

- Sara JacobsCarter at (989) 839-9661 or sjacobscarter@midlandfoundation.org (preferred).