



Community Grant Guidelines

Overview

- Community Grants range from a minimum of \$250 to the maximum grant of \$2,500.
- Organizations must submit an [online application](#) to be considered for funding.
- The 2015 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2015 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2015.
- Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that any application not approved by the facility manager will be declined on the dates listed below:
 - May 1, 2015
 - July 31, 2015
 - Oct. 30, 2015
 - January 2016
- Organizations are encouraged to limit the number of pending applications to 25.

Eligibility Checklist

Funds must benefit the facility's service area; potential grantees should be nonprofit organizations with programs that benefit communities within the service area of the Walmart store, Sam's Club or Logistics facility from which they are requesting funds.

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have identified four core areas of giving: [Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating](#), [Sustainability](#), [Women's Economic Empowerment](#) and [Career Opportunity](#). To ensure that your application has the best chance of being funded, the proposed use of the grant should fit within one of these areas of giving. Primary consideration for the Community Grant program is to support local organizations with programs that align with Walmart and the Foundation's areas of giving. However, programs that do not align with these areas may also be given consideration. These include programs that are geared toward strengthening the local communities, for example: local organizations providing health and dental screenings, support for local police and fire departments and local school-based initiatives. If you are applying for funding through a Sam's Club location, additional focus areas are considered. Learn more about the [Sam's Club Giving Program](#).

Organizations applying must meet the one of following criteria:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes;
- A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or
- A church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large.

Selection Process

- Management at the facility to which you are applying will review the application and make initial funding recommendations on all submitted requests.
- Each facility manager may set the frequency and process in which application determinations are made.
- Organizations will be notified of any decision via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.
- If an organization is approved, grant checks will be mailed directly to the recipient organization's address listed in the grant application. Please allow two to four weeks for delivery.
- In the event of being awarded a grant, organizations should contact their local facility from which funds were awarded to schedule a formal recognition event.

Funding Exclusions

- Advertising, film or video project.
- Athletic sponsorships (teams/events)
- Capital campaigns and endowments (defined as any plans to raise funds for a significant purchase or expense, such as new construction, major renovations or to help fund normal budgetary items).
- Contests or pageants.
- Fundraising events (walks, races, tournaments, dinners etc.)
- In-kind donation requests, including requests for gift cards.
- Nationally-sponsored organizations: American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network and United Way.
- Memberships, including association/chamber memberships.
- Organizations that deny service, membership or other involvement on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status.
- Organizations or programs that do not benefit the communities within the facility's service area.
- Organizations who apply to a large number of facilities outside of the primary area.
- Organizations whose programming or policies may position Walmart or the Foundation in a negative light.
- Organizations whose services do not benefit the community at large.
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns.
- Projects that send products or people to foreign countries or on domestic travel.
- Registration fees.
- Requests made on behalf of another organization or by an unauthorized representative of the recipient organization.
- Request made solely to benefit one person or family.
- Research
- Salaries, stipends, tips and rewards.
- Scholarships (tuition, room, board, other expenses for college/university/vocational school attendance).
- Third-party giving, including funds that are re-allocated to fiscally sponsored organizations.
- Tickets for contests, raffles or any other activity with prizes.