November 2026 Board Meeting

Grant Progress Report

A comprehensive review of funding submissions, awarded grants, community scope, and strategic growth opportunities.

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COMMUNITY GRANT REPORT • MAY – NOV 2026

Executive Summary & Strategic Milestones

17
Submissions

$1.58M
Requested

$63,451
Secured

80
Identified Needs

- **Community Partnerships:** Aligned project priorities across schools, local businesses, emergency services, and civic groups.
- **Pipeline Development:** Vetted over 35 new prospective grant opportunities matching identified local needs.
- **Civic & Regional Outreach:** Helped at Balloonfest and attending WAHC committee meetings.

COMMUNITY IMPACT BREAKDOWN

Sector & Partner Grant Scope

Grant development spans key municipal, educational, safety, and civic partners across the region.

School Districts

11 Applications ($1,399,709)

Campus safety, CTE, Tech Ed, classroom and student support, energy, and athletics.

Small Business

2 Applications ($70,000)

Local food economy initiatives and business development.

Public Safety (TVFC)

2 Applications ($7,500)

First responder safety equipment.

Community & PTO Groups

1 Application ($50,000)

Playgrounds.

Library

1 Application ($5,000)

Project support.

FUNDING CLIMATE & INSIGHTS

Observations

High Demand & Growing Pipeline

Identified **80 distinct community funding needs** to date, demonstrating a strong and expanding demand for grant support.

Competitive Funding Cycles

State and federal opportunities face record applicant volumes, reinforcing the need for data-backed, highly competitive proposals.

Timelines & Sponsorships

Grant cycles span several months. Developing local business sponsorships and donor partnerships bridges immediate operational gaps.

Shift to Invitation-Only

Corporate and private funders increasingly require pre-application networking and direct relationship building prior to submission.

Staying flexible and connected helps us quickly adapt as funder priorities change.

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

Next Steps

1. **Targeted High-Alignment Applications**
   Focus grant submissions on top-priority community needs with strong funder alignment.

2. **Standardized Request Intake & Resource Guides**
   Implement standardized partner request forms and build a Grant FAQ for community partners.

3. **System Migration**
   Transition grant tracking and pipeline management to Monday.com (or similar) to streamline tracking and reporting.

4. **Expanded Community Outreach**
   Increase awareness of the Community Grant Writer role across local civic organizations and partners.



Questions?

Thank you!

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