



The Love Your Community initiative has been formed to support projects and programs aimed at enhancing and engaging communities. The strongest proposals will demonstrate creativity and innovation, and cannot duplicate services or programs already in place. Grant awards will not exceed \$2,000 and funded projects must be completed by May 1, 2019.

Ideal Project Qualities:

- Good planning is evident in project timeline, goals, budget, and evaluation
- Project has potential for great community impact
- Any collaboration with other organizations has been agreed upon by all parties involved
- Project will promote engagement of volunteers
- Project displays cooperative efforts
- Project will utilize local resources (businesses, vendors, etc.) as much as possible

Eligible project examples are community beautification efforts and projects that promote community improvement, interaction, or engagement.

The Love Your Community program will not allow grants for:

- Religious or sectarian purposes
- Individuals
- Legislative or political purposes
- Loans
- Capital campaigns
- Routine maintenance, including office equipment
- Administrative costs for maintaining the present operation of an organization, including, but not limited to, staff salaries, wages, and benefits
- Education requests that supplant rather than supplement the ongoing operations of the school district such as equipment or education materials, including curriculum supplies and resources.

Timeline for the Love Your Community program:

Applications due to HCCF.....	January 31, 2018
Applicants Notified (to be included in online voting).....	March 6, 2018
Facebook Voting Process Begins.....	March 12, 2018
Facebook Voting Ends.....	March 26, 2018
Community Reception	April 12, 2018



Love your community grant application

Please use only the space provided and answer all of the questions.

Project Title: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Group (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Amount Requested: _____ Total Project Cost: _____

1. Project Overview (*Briefly describe your project. What are your goals?*)

2. Community Impact (*How will your project enhance or improve your community?*)

3. Evaluation (*How will you know you have reached your desired objectives? What measurements will you use?*)

4. Project Timeline *(When will planning and implementation of your project take place?)*

5. Future Implications *(How can your project lead to future opportunities to enhance or improve your community?)*

6. Project Budget *(If awarded, explain how you propose to utilize the funds. Is HCCF the sole source of funds?)*

Item	Cost

Total: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications must be received by 4 pm on January 31, 2018.

Faxed or electronic submissions are not accepted.

Please note that application submission is not a guarantee that an applicant will be selected to participate.

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