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 September 30, 2024.

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 ................................................................. August 11, 2023
Applicants Notified by ................................................................. September 8, 2023
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?)

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Total: _______________

Applicant’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

Applications must be received by 4 pm on August 11, 2023.

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