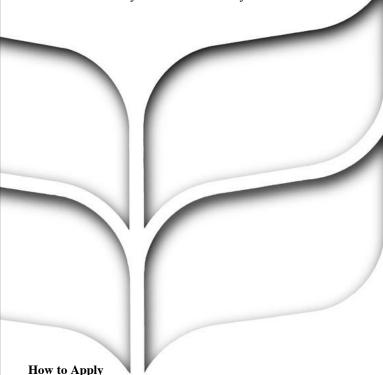# GRINNELL COLLEGE

# Community Mini-Grants

## 2015 Application

The Community Mini-Grant Program provides modest catalyst funding for small- to mid-scale projects designed to help Grinnell become a more attractive place to live, work, and study. Grants enhance the quality of life in our community by addressing issues of importance to the campus community and the community at large, focusing on primary initiatives that enhance the social and economic vitality of our community.

## How to Apply

Please complete this application to describe the proposed project. Applications need not be submitted on the application form itself, but if typed separately should not exceed one page (front and back). Submissions must also include a project budget (not to exceed one page) and signature attesting to the veracity of the application. All grant recipients will be required to complete a project report and submit a CD with photos of the project outcome.

## Application Process

Submit completed applications to:
Mini-Grant Review Committee
Office of Community Enhancement & Engagement
Grinnell College, Old Glove Factory
733 Broad Street, Grinnell, IA 50112

## Application Timing

Applications must be received by January 30, 2015. Awards will be announced by March 13, 2015.

## Grant Guidelines

**Support Areas.** Funding will focus on initiatives that enhance the social and economic vitality of our community including cultural, recreational, and educational projects, those addressing human needs and those enhancing the safety and beauty of our surroundings. Preference will be given to proposals that (1) leverage additional funding, (2) demonstrate collaborative partnerships in the community, (3) stimulate campus/community connections, (4) are distinct among what already exists in Grinnell, (5) improve over what has been done in the past, and (6) show promise that the desired results will be achieved.

**Grant Amounts.** No application will be rejected based solely on the amount requested. However, the program is primarily intended to support requests ranging from $1,000–$7,500.

**Exclusions.** Generally, the program does not support: Individuals; business ventures; high school sports organizations; non-governmental organizations without IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status; organizations that limit membership and services based on race, religion, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, or national origin; requests for loans or debt retirements; operating expenses or endowments of organizations; civic, labor, or fraternal groups; political organizations; projects or endowments of organizations without connection to the community of Grinnell; projects that already have financial backing from Grinnell College; and projects or organizations that might in any way pose a conflict with the mission, goals, or programs of Grinnell College.

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| SECTION I: ORGANIZATION DETAILS | |
|---|---|
| Name of Organization | |
| Tax ID Number/Governmental Status | |
| Contact Name | |
| Phone Number | |
| Address | |
| E-Mail | |

| SECTION II: PROJECT OVERVIEW | |
|---|---|
| Project Name | |
| Amount of Funding Requested | |

| SECTION III: PROJECT SUMMARY | |
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| **A. DESCRIPTION** Please provide a short description summarizing your project. | |
| **B. TIME FRAME** On what date or dates would your proposed project take effect? | |

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| SECTION IV: PROJECT RATIONALE | |
|---|---|
| **A. RELEVANCE**<br>How does this project make Grinnell a more attractive place to live, work, or study by enhancing the social and economic vitality of our community including cultural, recreational, and educational projects, those addressing human needs and those enhancing the safety and beauty of our surroundings? | |
| **B. PARTNERSHIPS**<br>Describe the extent to which this project is a collaboration or partnership with other community entities. | |
| **C. CAMPUS-COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**<br>Describe the extent to which the project stimulates campus/community connections. | |
| **D. DISTINCTIVENESS**<br>How is this project unique among what already exists in Grinnell? | |
| **E. INNOVATION**<br>How does this idea incorporate elements that are new and improved over what has been done in the past? | |

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| **F. PROMISE**<br>What evidence do you have that this project will achieve the desired results? | |
| **G. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**<br>Is there anything else that you believe the review committee should know? | |

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| SECTION V: PROPOSED BUDGET | | |
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| **A. EXPENSES** Please detail the expenses you will incur to bring this project to life. | 1. | $ |
| | 2. | $ |
| | 3. | $ |
| | 4. | $ |
| | 5. | $ |
| | 6. | $ |
| | 7. | $ |
| | 8. | $ |
| | 9. | $ |
| | 10. | $ |
| | Extra funds to cover S&H on supplies-$50   **Total Project Expenses**: | $ |

| **B. FUNDING SOURCES** List all other sources of funding. For each funding source, please indicate whether those funds are anticipated or already secured. If contributions are in-kind (vs. cash), please indicate as such and estimate the dollar value associated with the contribution. | Anticipated (A) or Granted (G)? | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | A  G | $ |
| | 2. | A  G | $ |
| | 3. | A  G | $ |
| | 4. | A  G | $ |
| | 5. | A  G | $ |
| | 6. | A  G | $ |
| | 7. | A  G | $ |
| | 8. | A  G | $ |
| | 9. | A  G | $ |
| | 10. | A  G | $ |
| | **Total Funding Source** | | $ |

| **C. OTHER GRANTS INQUIRIES** If you are applying for additional grants, please list the name of the grant opportunity. The amount for which you are applying and the anticipated decision date. | Name | Amount | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | | |
| | 2. | | |
| | 3. | | |
| | 4. | | |
| | 5. | | |
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| SECTION VI: PROPOSED BUDGET *continued* | |
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| **D. Funding Request** The total amount requested from the mini-grant program. What role will this grant play in the scope of the total project? | |
| **E. PARTIAL FUNDING** How would a partial mini- grant award affect the project? Would the project be scaled back and how? | |

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**Signature**　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　**Title**　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　**Date**

With my signature, I verify that the facts put forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. If funded, I agree that my organization will provide Grinnell College with documentation of expenses incurred under this grant as well as a brief report on the project's success.