

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION



### INFORMATION ABOUT GRANTMAKING

Unfortunately, around 50% of grant applications received by community foundations do not obtain funding. Generally, most successful grant proposals are requests that:

- Build the capacity of organizations to effectively deliver their services
- Enhance cooperation and collaboration among organizations
- Focus on prevention as well as treatment
- Address new and emerging needs or try new approaches to deal with existing needs
- Encourage people to help themselves
- Benefit a large number of people
- Avoid duplication of services

Generally, grants are not awarded for:

- General operating support of established programs
- Endowment
- Fundraising campaigns
- Sectarian religious programs
- Projects outside the service area
- Individual endeavors

### GRANTMAKING ETHICS

As members of a group that reflects the expertise and knowledge of the youth community, it is imperative that all grant decisions be above reproach by community members. Thus, the need exists to be very clear about ethical considerations:

- **CONFIDENTIALITY** – Information entrusted to you by grant applicants may be sensitive or confidential in nature. Confidentiality is strictly necessary to maintain/foster continual trust.
- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – In the event a family member is employed by, volunteering at, or receiving benefits from a grant applicant, this information should be stated at the beginning of any discussion of that request. If a YAC member, member's school, or other affiliation might gain a benefit from a grant, that information should also be stated before discussion of the request begins.
- **RESPECT FOR DIVERGENT VIEWPOINTS** – Throughout the entire YAC grantmaking experience you will be exposed to different opinions/values/viewpoints. Each member should respect the opinion of others.



## GRANT PROPOSAL RATING SCALE

- 4 Meets all or most of the criteria. Strongly recommend it for funding.
- 3 Meets most of the criteria. Strengths greater than weaknesses. Recommend it for all or partial funding if sufficient dollars remain after awards are made to proposals scoring higher.
- 2 Low priority. Meets few if any of the criteria for funding. The proposal may have merit but it is not recommended that our limited resources be used to support the project at this time.
- 1 Denied. Proposal does not meet the funding criteria of the YAC or the Community Foundation. The project may be ill conceived or the organization does not have the ability to implement it.

Add:

- + If you think we should grant additional funds
- If you think we should grant less than the request