



What would you do with \$2,500 to make a more Sustainable Dubuque?

Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant Program

In 2006, a community task force was created to define a vision to make Dubuque a more Sustainable community. After nearly two years of work, they delivered to the City Council and greater community this definition of sustainability:

“Dubuque is a viable, livable and equitable community. We embrace economic prosperity, environmental integrity, and social/cultural vibrancy to create a sustainable legacy for generations to come.”

Helping to define that vision are 12 sustainability principles: Regional Economy, Smart Energy Use, Resource Management, Community Design, Green Buildings, Healthy Local Foods, Community Knowledge, Reasonable Mobility, Healthy Air, Clean Water, Community Health & Safety and Native Plants & Animals. For more information on the Sustainable Dubuque initiative, please visit www.sustainabledubuque.org.

Since their work, numerous community-led initiatives have helped us move toward our goals, including programs led by the public and private sector and actions taking place in individual homes and businesses.

About the Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant Program

The goal of the Sustainable Dubuque Community Grant Program is to provide small amounts of funding to assist non-profits, businesses, clubs, organizations, and groups of passionate residents in implementing their ideas to make Dubuque a more sustainable place and to show that everyone can be part of the Sustainable Dubuque initiative.

Grants may be awarded to any group of individuals to implement a project that helps to achieve the Sustainable Dubuque vision and includes a component of community education and/or engagement

Amount of Award

Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$2,500 per project.

Grant Availability & Timeline

Grants can be submitted at any time during the calendar year, although they will be reviewed based on quarterly deadlines available at www.cityofdubuque.org/sustainability. Applications will be reviewed by a citizen community, and recipients will be notified of the status within three weeks of the grant deadline.

Grants will be awarded to all worthy projects during quarterly reviews, and so money will be available on a “first come-first serve” basis beginning July 1 each year to coincide with the City’s fiscal year. This means that if all funding is allocated by the December review, new funds would not be available for this program until July 1 of the following year.

Grant Guidelines

1. Grant must address at least one of the Sustainable Dubuque principles.
2. Grant must include an education and/or engagement component.
3. Any marketing, advertising or educational materials produced should acknowledge Sustainable Dubuque support by including the Sustainable Dubuque logo. We are happy to assist with this item.

Eligibility

Any group of individuals located within Dubuque city limits is eligible to apply. "Group" can refer to a non-profit, business, club, organization, neighborhood association, or group of individuals, provided one individual is willing to be the primary contact who is responsible for fiscal interactions and measurement of impact.

Prior applications: Applicants who have received funding are not eligible for additional funding for one calendar year from the date of their award. Groups who were unsuccessful in previous applications may compete in future rounds with the project originally proposed, or with new projects.

Target Audience

Proposals must target, at a minimum, residents or businesses located in Dubuque. It is acceptable to target individuals in addition to this audience, such as Dubuque County residents. Preference may be given for proposed projects that target a traditionally unengaged population.

Required Measurement of Impact/Success

We want to share your successes and lessons learned with others! One of the requirements of this program is measurement of the impact of your project. This could mean counting the number of people who attend your event, or calculating the greenhouse gases avoided when individuals biked instead of drove their cars. You can tell your story through numbers, stories, photos, or video. We will work with you to collect this information, but final reimbursement will not be made until this information has been received. Let us know if you would like assistance in measuring your impact.

Contact Information

Completed applications should be sent to cburbach@cityofdubuque.org.

For more information or to ask any questions you have, please contact Sustainable Community Coordinator Cori Burbach at cburbach@cityofdubuque.or or 563-690-6038.



We are excited to read about your idea! The questions below will help us better understand what you want to do, why and with whom. Please be as specific as possible.

Project name:

Lead community group/organization(s):

Project leader:

Phone:

Email:

Additional contact:

Phone:

Email:

1. Please answer the following questions: What is your idea? Who is your idea going to effect? When and where will it take place? How will it be funded? Staffed? Kept alive? Please be as specific as possible. (200 word maximum)

2. a. Which of the Sustainable Dubuque principles does your project support? (Please check all that apply.)

Regional Economy

Smart Energy Use

Resource Management

Community Design

Green Buildings

Healthy Local Foods

Community Knowledge

Reasonable Mobility

Healthy Air

Clean Water

Native Plants & Animals

Community Health & Safety

b. Tell us how your project addresses the principle(s) checked above. (100 word maximum)

3. Who is your project going to serve? Who will participate in carrying out this project? Please be as specific as possible. (50 word maximum)

4. a. How will you include community engagement in your project? (100 word maximum)

b. How will you include community education in your project? (100 word maximum)

5. Budget: How much money are you requesting? (maximum of \$2,500)? Please provide a brief description.

Supplies:

Facility rental:

Marketing/advertising:

Educational materials:

Food:

Other:

Total amount requested:

Total budget for project:

6. Match: What community assets will you contribute or use for this project? Please provide a brief description.

Financial match:

Individual volunteer hours:

Organization or association involvement:

Connection to a traditionally unengaged or marginalized population:

Donation of space, equipment or supplies:

Partnership or collaboration with another event or initiative happening in the community:

7. How will you know your project is a success? How will you measure impact of your project? (100 word maximum)

8. Tell us about any experience you've had impacting your community. If appropriate, please describe any prior community based projects you or your group has worked on, including target audience, method and results. (150 word maximum)

9. If your proposal is not funded, can we still share your story with others with the hope that we can find someone else in the community to help you achieve your project?

Yes

No