



Masonic Grand Lodge of Rhode Island

Community Betterment Matching Grant Applications

Policy Statement

General

Grand Lodge Charities of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island offers a matching fund program by which it matches funds raised by a Lodge, up to One Thousand Dollars per year. This program can be used for a variety of projects selected by the Lodges.

Purpose

The goal of the Foundation in its Community Betterment Matching Fund Program is to support Lodges by providing encouragement and some financial assistance to help them accomplish projects which will better the communities in which they are located, provide opportunities for Masons to work together and give the Lodges greater visibility in the communities where they are located.

Guidelines

Grand Lodge Charities wants to encourage Lodges to be creative in identifying projects in their own communities and in devising ways to accomplish those projects. Consequently, there are no fixed rules or criteria. That being said, an application is strong if:

1. The project is a Lodge project rather than some other organization's project;
2. The public sees that the Lodge is an active party in accomplishing the project.
3. The project involves more than simply sending a check;
4. The Lodge raises its share of the funds by a public fund raiser;
5. A significant number of Masons are contributing their own time to the project;
6. Members of the public are contributing time to the project;
7. The project is of benefit to the whole community.
8. The matching funds are used in the community.

Conversely, an application is weaker to the extent that any of these factors are absent or minimal. Where one or more of the above factors are weak, the other factors should be very strong. Grand Lodge Charities will closely review the application and fund only those where the above factors or most of them are strongly represented.