



Grant Criteria

The Community Grant Review Board will individually review each application according to a pre-determined set of criteria. That criteria includes:

1. Whether the application provides sufficient information.
2. Whether that applicant has recently received a Community Grant.
3. Whether the organization has formally supported the application through a vote taken at one of their meetings.
4. How many members of the applicant organization live in Ocoee?
5. How many clients of the applicant organization live in Ocoee?
6. What other fundraising efforts has the organization used besides this grant process to gain funding for this purpose?
7. Whether the organization volunteers in the community on a regular basis, or whether they are willing to volunteer their time outside of the time dedicated to benefit their own organization.
8. What accomplishments their organization has made over the past 24 months.
9. The merits of the specific purpose of the grant in so far as its importance to the Ocoee community as a whole versus the benefits to the organization or individual members or clients of the organization.



Applicants are prohibited from discussing their application with any members of the Community Grant Review Board prior to the board's meeting to discuss the applications. No formal presentations will be allowed by the applicants at the Community Grants Review Board meeting; however, applicants should attend to answer any questions that the board may have.

The decision of the City Commission is final. All grants awarded must be made payable to the applicant.





City of Ocoee Community Grant Program



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The goal of the City of Ocoee **Community Grant Program** is to acknowledge the value and excellence of local community non-profit organizations and the individuals who make these groups successful.

Groups that are eligible to apply for a grant are Ocoee non-profit organizations and civic groups, and non-profit organizations and civic groups outside the City limits which benefit residents of Ocoee. The grants are awarded two times per year to acknowledge excellence and to further the contributions these local organizations bring to the Ocoee community. The City Commission allots \$5,000 for each grant cycle. Grant cycles are held in January and July.



Application Deadlines

January 5 2009
July 6 2009

Application Dates:

Applications will be available one month prior to each application deadline. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or by visiting www.ci.ocoee.fl.us

Application Process

Applications are forwarded to the members of the Community Grant Review Board. The CGR Board is comprised of volunteers who live in Ocoee.

The CGR Board members individually review each application according to the criteria provided. The Board then meets to discuss their individual ratings and then make an overall recommendation to the Ocoee City Commission on which applications to fund.

Applicants must attend the CGR Board meeting to answer any questions about their application. Applicants will be notified of the dates for the CGR Board meetings.

The Community Grant Program Review Board's recommendations are then forwarded to the Ocoee City Commission. The City Commission receives the grant applications, the CGR Board meeting minutes, and the formal recommendation. The City Commission will discuss this at a public meeting and make a final decision on which organizations receive a grant.

Checks are mailed to the grant recipients 2-3 weeks following the Commission meeting.

Organizations may apply for all quarterly funding cycles each year; however, only one application per organization, per cycle will be accepted.

