



An affiliate of Fremont Area Community Foundation

Mecosta County Grantmaking Guidelines

Mecosta County Community Foundation exists to enhance the quality of life for all people of Mecosta County. To achieve our core purpose, we invest in partners who serve **residents of Mecosta County**, address a **community need** supported with relevant local data, anticipate the **project's impact**, provide realistic **budget projections**, explain future **sustainability plans**, and **collaborate** with community partners. We will elevate civility and model inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility practices relevant to our community.

Through our competitive grantmaking process, the Community Foundation will invest in economic development and placemaking, poverty reduction and family well-being, educational attainment, and the preservation of our natural resources.

Funding strategies

In order to make the best use of MCCF funds, preference will be given to the following:

- Proposal requests up to \$5,000 will take priority
- Projects that address high-priority, identified community needs
- Projects with the potential to make substantial, positive changes in the quality of life in Mecosta County
- Projects with at least one other funding partner, matching grants, or can provide opportunities to leverage monies from other funding sources
- Projects which are creative and innovative
- Projects which have the potential to be sustainable without long-term funding from MCCF
- Fiscal responsibility and management policies of the organization will also be considered

Things Mecosta County Community Foundation typically will not fund

Grants to individuals, the purchase of property, indirect costs, sponsorships of one-time or special events, existing obligations, religious programming requiring affiliation and/or religious instruction, or projects that began prior to award notification.

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