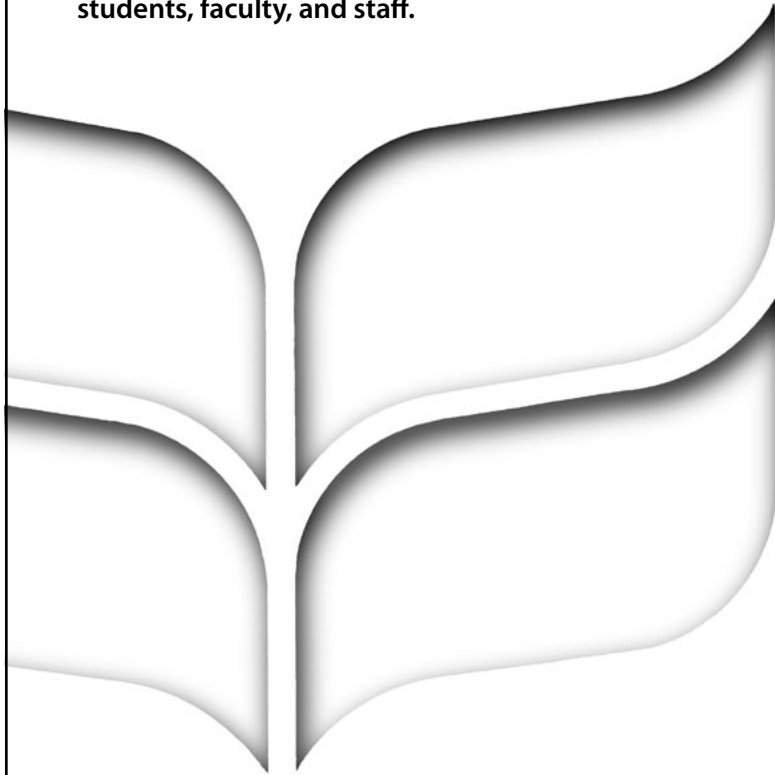




Community Mini-Grants

2011–2012 Application

The Community Mini-Grant Program provides modest catalyst funding for small- to mid-scale projects designed to help Grinnell become a more attractive place to live, work, and play. Grants enhance the quality of life in our community by addressing issues of importance to our students, faculty, and staff.



How to Apply

Please complete this four-page application to describe the proposed project. Applications need not be submitted on the application form itself, but if typed separately should not exceed one page (front and back). In addition to the four-page written application, submissions must also include a project budget (not to exceed one page) and signature attesting to the veracity of the application and willingness to report on the project's success. All grant recipients will be required to complete a project report and submit a CD with photos of the project outcome.

Application Process

Submit completed applications to:
Mini-Grant Review Committee
Office of Community Enhancement
Grinnell College Old Glove Factory
733 Broad Street
Grinnell, IA 50112

Application Timing

Applications must be received by January 27, 2012. Requests will be reviewed and awards announced by March 1, 2012.

Grant Guidelines

Support Areas. Mini-grant funding will focus on support for cultural, recreational, and educational initiatives, including those benefitting the social needs of the community, as well as programs that enhance the health, safety, beauty, and economic vitality of our surroundings. In addition to projects that reflect these goals, preference will be given to projects that will have a meaningful impact on the community, those requesting matching or challenge funds, and those that demonstrate collaborative partnerships in the community.

Grant Amounts. No application will be rejected based solely on the amount requested. However, the program is primarily intended to support requests ranging from \$1,000–\$7,500.

Exclusions. Generally, the program does not support: Individuals; business ventures; high school sports organizations; non-governmental organizations without IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status; organizations that limit membership and services based on race, religion, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, or national origin; requests for loans or debt retirements; operating expenses of organizations; political organizations; projects or organizations without connection to the community of Grinnell; projects that already have financial backing from Grinnell College; and projects or organizations that might in any way pose a conflict with the mission, goals, or programs of Grinnell College.



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SECTION I: ORGANIZATION DETAILS	
Name of Organization	
Tax ID Number/Governmental Status	
Contact Name	
Phone Number	
Address	
E-Mail	

SECTION II: PROJECT SUMMARY	
<p>A. DESCRIPTION: Please provide a short description summarizing your project.</p>	
<p>B. TIME FRAME: On what date or dates would your proposed project take effect?</p>	
<p>C. PARTNERSHIPS: Describe the extent to which this project is a collaboration or partnership with other community entities.</p>	



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SECTION III: PROJECT RATIONALE	
<p>A. RELEVANCE How does this project make Grinnell a more attractive place to live, work, or play by improving our cultural, recreational, or educational opportunities, addressing the social needs of our community, and/or enhancing the safety, beauty, or economic vitality of our surroundings?</p>	
<p>B. DISTINCTIVENESS How is this project unique among what already exists in Grinnell?</p>	
<p>C. INNOVATION How does this idea incorporate elements that are new and improved over what has been done in the past?</p>	
<p>D. PROMISE What evidence do you have that this project will achieve the desired results?</p>	
<p>E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Is there anything else that you believe the review committee should know?</p>	



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SECTION IV: PROPOSED BUDGET				
A. EXPENSES Please detail the expenses you will incur to bring this project to life.	1.		\$	
	2.		\$	
	3.		\$	
	4.		\$	
	5.		\$	
	6.		\$	
	7.		\$	
	8.		\$	
	9.		\$	
	10.		\$	
	Total Project Expenses:			\$
B. FUNDING SOURCES List all other sources of funding. For each funding source, please indicate whether those funds are anticipated or already granted. If contributions are in-kind gifts, please indicate as such and estimate the dollar value associated with the gift.		Anticipated (A) or Granted (G)?		
	1.	A	G	\$
	2.	A	G	\$
	3.	A	G	\$
	4.	A	G	\$
	5.	A	G	\$
	6.	A	G	\$
	7.	A	G	\$
	8.	A	G	\$
	9.	A	G	\$
	10.	A	G	\$
Total Project Expenses:			\$	



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SECTION IV: PROPOSED BUDGET <i>continued</i>	
<p>C. Funding Request The total amount requested from the Mini-Grant program. What role will this grant play in the scope of the total project?</p>	
<p>D. PARTIAL FUNDING How would a partial Mini-Grant award affect the project? Would the project be scaled back and how?</p>	

Signature **Title** **Date**
 With my signature, I verify that the facts put forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge. If funded, I agree that my organization will provide Grinnell College with documentation of expenses incurred under this grant as well as a brief report on the project's success. Please see the mini-grant website for more information about reporting requirements.