# What Are Community Mini-Grants?

## Purpose

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 study. Grants enhance the quality of life in our community by addressing issues of importance to the campus community and the community at large. Separately, the College contributes to large-scale capital improvements and makes smaller-scale "Micro Grants" to local non-profits on a case-by-case basis throughout the year.

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## For additional information, please contact:

Office of Community Enhancement and Engagement Grinnell College Old Glove Factory 733 Broad Street Grinnell, Iowa 50112-1690

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# Community Mini-Grants

2014 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES



#### **Review Committee**

Applications will be reviewed by the Office of Community Enhancement and Engagement in conjunction with the advisory committee composed of faculty, staff, community members, and local Grinnell area students.

# Announcing: The Dr. Kevin Sterk '91 Award For 2014

We are pleased to announce the addition of The Dr. Kevin Sterk '91 Award for 2014 to this year's Grinnell College Community Mini-Grant Program. This \$1,500 award, in memory of Kevin, will be reserved for a qualifying minigrant proposal that also has the explicit purpose of benefiting both Grinnell College and Grinnell High School students. Projects eligible for this award must meet the support areas as outlined in the regular Community Mini-Grant guidelines. In addition, the same mini-grant exclusions apply.

#### **Grant Guidelines**

#### **Support Areas**

Support focuses on promising initiatives that enhance the social and economic vitality of our community including cultural, recreational, and educational projects, those addressing human needs, and those enhancing the safety and beauty of our surroundings. Preference will be given to proposals that (1) request matching or challenge funds, (2) demonstrate collaborative partnerships in the community, (3) stimulate campus/community connections, (4) are distinct among what already exists in Grinnell, (5) improve over what has been done in the past, and (6) show promise that the desired results will be achieved.

#### **Grant Guidelines**

#### **Grant Amounts**

No application will be rejected based solely on the amount requested. However, the program typically supports requests ranging from \$1,000–\$7,500.

#### **Exclusions**

Generally, the mini-grant program does not support the following:

- n Individuals
- n Business ventures
- <sup>n</sup> Non-governmental organizations without IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status
- Organizations that limit membership or services based on race, religion, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, or national origin
- n Requests for loans or debt retirements
- Operating expenses or endowments for organizations
- <sup>n</sup> Civic, labor, or fraternal groups
- n Political organizations
- High school athletic programs that, due to NCAA regulations, Grinnell College is prohibited from funding
- Projects or organizations with no connection to the community of Grinnell
- Projects that already have financial backing from Grinnell College
- Projects or organizations that might in any way pose a conflict with the mission, goals, or programs of Grinnell College

### **How to Apply**

You may request an application by contacting our office by phone, e-mail or regular mail.

Office of Community Enhancement and Engagement Grinnell College, Old Glove Factory 733 Broad Street Grinnell, IA 50112

641-269-3900

e-mail: CommunityEnhance@grinnell.edu

Applications need not be submitted on the application form itself, but if typed separately, must answer all application questions and should not exceed one page (front and back). In addition to the written application, applications must include a project budget (not to exceed one page).

### **Application Address**

Applications should be submitted to:

Mini-Grant Review Committee
Office of Community Enhancement
and Engagement
Grinnell College, Old Glove Factory
733 Broad Street
Grinnell, IA 50112

## **Application Timing**

Applications must be received by January 31, 2014. Requests will be reviewed and awards announced by March 14, 2014.