



SAGINAW BAY WATERSHED INITIATIVE NETWORK (WIN)

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2012 COMMUNITY ACTION MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The 2012 WIN Community Action Mini-Grant Program offers funding opportunities to organizations who are working to make improvements in their neighborhoods, communities, and watersheds within the framework of “sustainability” (projects that have economic, environmental and/or community impacts). WIN will award grants of up to \$1,000 to successful applicants whose projects show creativity, address an important and demonstrated need, and support the vision of Saginaw Bay WIN, which is:

As stewards of the Saginaw Bay Watershed, we value our shared, unique resources, and together we will balance economic, environmental, and social priorities to enhance the quality of life for this and future generations

OVERVIEW

The application period will open on September 12, 2012 and close on October 12, 2012 at 5 p.m. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical improvement projects that involve recreation or public safety facilities, natural resource features, public art and spaces, or community gardens
- Projects that improve universal accessibility to natural resources or community assets
- Funds may be used for the creation of farmers’ markets, the expansion of an urban or community garden, to promote local food efforts and/or youth initiatives that collaborate with community gardens or farmers’ markets
- Public school partnership projects that benefit school children and the immediate neighborhood or watershed.
- Energy efficiency, conservation, habitat improvement, water consumption, recycling and reuse
- Outreach, research, education or organizing projects that address planning-related topics such as transportation (pedestrian or cyclist safety), land use (neighborhood or area planning), water quality protection or improvement

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

- The maximum award for each approved request will be \$1000
- Projects must be matched dollar for dollar (1:1) with cash or donated material.
- Grant funds cannot be used to support on-going or regular programs, organizational operating expenses, purchase of land or buildings, expenses prior to grant award.
- Project sponsors must sign an affidavit-of-match upon grant award notification

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible organizations include nonprofit 501(3) groups, local governments, subdivisions of local governments, and educational institutions.



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Deadline: 5pm October 12, 2012

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY **ONE** APPLICATION PER ORGANIZATION
THIS APPLICATION CAN BE EDITED AND SAVED IN PDF FORMAT

Name of Organization:

Project Title:

Amount Requested:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Executive Officer:

Email:

Contact Person:
(if different from above)

Email:

Does your Organization have tax exemption? Yes No Tax ID #:

Name of agency/organization holding tax-exemption:
(if other than the applicant)

Please submit completed application form to:

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Please supply all of the information requested below in the space provided or feel free to attach any information you have that will help us understand your program (narrative, flyer, budget etc.).

Please describe the proposed project. Please limit to 100 words if possible.

Project Timeline. Please indicate the start date and end date.

Project Location. Please indicate the community, watershed, and/or region where the project will be implemented.

Project Results. Please indicate the project results/outputs. For example, number of volunteers engaged, square feet of rain garden, trees planted etc.

Project Partnerships. Please indicate any other organizations that are participating in this project, including any other funding partners.

Sustainability Linkages. Please indicate what environmental, community, and/or economic outputs will be associated with the project.

Project Success. What does success look like for your project? How will you determine whether the project has been successful?