



Community Grant Policy & Guidelines - 2026

The Morris Area Foundation Granting Policy:

The Morris Area Foundation (the Foundation) registered in 2013 for the purposes of establishing permanent endowment funds and distributing the income for the long-term benefit of the community.

The Foundation Grant Policy is dedicated to enhancing the quality of our community life by funding local projects that address social, health, heritage, sport, recreational, art and culture, child welfare, youth development, family well-being, educational and environmental needs and priorities in the Town of Morris and Rural Municipality of Morris.

Formal Requirements:

Grants are made to projects or programs that are delivered in or significantly positively impact the Morris Area Foundation geographic granting area. Grants are made to Canada Revenue Agency (CCRA) registered charities or other qualified donees under *The Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Non-profit organizations that do not have a charitable registration number can be sponsored by a registered charity. It is a requirement that the non-profit organization and the registered charity have a written agreement that formalizes the relationship between the two that meets CRA requirements. The application must be made by the registered charity and include confirmation of the written agreement.

The Town of Morris and the Rural Municipality of Morris are qualified donees.

Granting Guidelines for Endowment Funds

Please review the following guidelines before submitting a grant application to the Morris Area Foundation.

1. Project must primarily benefit the people of the Town of Morris and the Rural Municipality of Morris including the communities of Rosenort, Lowe Farm, Aubigny, Sperling, and the area within the RM of Morris.
2. The application must carry out its activities in the Morris Area Foundation geographic granting area. As outlined in # 1 above.

3. The applicant must make services and access available without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability.
4. Applications will be considered for capital projects, project start-ups, new organization start-ups, or human resource development (Refer to No. 9).
5. The availability of other sources of funding/granting must be in place. The Morris Area Foundation Inc. will not fund 100% of any particular project.
6. The Morris Area Foundation Inc. may choose to initiate a response to a need in the community by seeking out leaders or acting in a leadership role.
7. Proof of expenditures must be submitted within two years of the date of grant approval in order for grant funds to be disbursed. If funds have not been requested by the end of the two-year period, the grant will be considered null and void.
8. Preference is giving to project which will:
 - benefit the whole community.
 - encourage more efficient use of community resources.
 - demonstrate new approaches and techniques in the solution of community problems.
 - address the underlying causes and problems in our society.
 - promote efficient and coordinated use of community resources, both human and financial.
 - promote volunteer participation.
 - encourage collaboration and communication between organizations.
9. Grants are not made to or for:
 - individuals.
 - annual fund drives.
 - paydown mortgages or reduce deficits.
 - support operating expenses.
 - projects already completed.
 - political activities.
 - direct religious activities of religious groups or organizations – except when community access is available or unless the community at large will benefit significantly.
 - organizations - except when community access is available or unless the community at large will benefit significantly.

Monitoring: This Policy is reviewed every 3 years.

Board Acceptance: This policy was reviewed and approved by the Foundation Board September 12, 2023. Next review in 2026.

