



Important Information for Grant Applicants

Policy:

- Gifts and donations to the Gilbert Plains Community Fund are invested in perpetuity providing a means to build a permanent legacy for the Gilbert Plains community.
- Through its grant program, the Gilbert Plains Community Fund supports charitable and community based projects in the areas of:
 - community services
 - culture
 - education
 - heritage
 - the environment
 - health
 - recreation
 - youth
 - seniors
- All applications are considered on merit and in light of funds available for distribution.
- Projects and services may not be located on privately owned property.
- Matching or challenge grants may be made in appropriate circumstances to stimulate response from other sources.
- Applicants should allow at least a one month period for completion of the review process.
- Any proposed alterations to an approved project must be presented in writing to the Gilbert Plains Community Fund Board for approval.
- The Gilbert Plains Community Fund reserves the right to publish photos and names of individuals and organizations in promotional material and annual reporting.
- Successful applicants are required to provide a written report, copies of receipts (where applicable) and photos (where applicable) within six months of receipt of the grant. Failure to comply will be taken into account with any future requests for funds.

Guidelines

- The Gilbert Plains Community Fund encompasses the area of the Town and Rural Municipality of Gilbert Plains.
- Grants are awarded on an annual basis and will be distributed January 2009.
- Organizations seeking funds must demonstrate a strong and committed volunteer Board of Directors, fiscal responsibility and effective management of resources.
- Preference is given to programs which promote volunteer participation, and which do not duplicate services provided by other organizations.
- The following are not eligible for grants:
 - Individuals
 - Annual fundraising drives
 - To pay down mortgages
 - Governments
 - Projects already completed
 - Direct political or religious activities

Application Deadline: November 28, 2008

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