

SOMC Grant – Making Criteria

- » Grants will only be made to non-profit organizations. Grants will not be given to individuals, although assistance will ultimately benefit individuals.
- » Grants will not be made for the following:
 - » Routine operating needs
 - » Annual giving
 - » Budget deficits
 - » Political or religious organizations
 - » Commercial, for-profit businesses
 - » Organizations or programs that are inconsistent with SOMC's Missions, Visions & Values or that would be deemed a conflict of interest.
 - » Food or drink supplies for an event.
 - » Personnel costs
- » SOMC reserves the right to deny any request at its sole discretion. Funding in prior years does not guarantee continued funding in any subsequent year.
- » SOMC will look favorably at those programs and projects that promise to affect a broad segment of the population of our service area or that tend to help a segment of the citizenry not being adequately served by other resources in the community.
- » Typically, SOMC funds projects in the following areas: education, healthcare, community and economic development, arts and culture, social services and civic benefit.
- » Requests are accepted from existing organizations in the community as well as from newly formed nonprofit groups.
- » SOMC does not reimburse projects that have already been completed.
- » SOMC is interested in those organizations that can demonstrate they have planned their projects in light of overall community needs.
- » Grants have to align with SOMC's Strategic Values: safety, Quality, Relationships, and Service & Performance.
- » SOMC is interested in seeing that your organization is reaching out to other organizations for help as well as actively trying to raise funds yourself.
- » SOMC will consider applications for grants at quarterly intervals each year. The online application must be filled out in its entirety prior to one of the following dates: September 30, December 31, March 31 & June 30. For Example, if your activity or project occurs in May, your request should be received by SOMC prior to March 31 to be considered.
- » INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED.
- » Applicants will be notified of SOMC's decision via email within 30 days of committee meeting.
- » If the Grant is accepted an email with instructions for submission of required documents will be sent to requestor.
- » SOMC requires evaluation reports from all grantees to complete at the end of the grant period. In some cases, SOMC may request quarterly or semi-annual reports.