



The ACCF wants to celebrate your hometown!

**Hometowns in each of the following school districts will be awarded a \$1,000 grant!**

**Allegan Fennville Hopkins Hamilton Wayland Saugatuck  
Bloomingdale Otsego Martin Plainwell**

**How Love Your Hometown Works:**

- By yourself or with a team (co-workers, scout troop members, family, sports team, youth groups, classmates, neighbors, etc.) develop a project that would benefit your community.
- Submit a completed application for review and approval.
- Encourage everyone you know to vote for your idea!
- Everyone gets to vote online for their favorite project once per day.
- Voting starts on February 14 and ends on March 31, 2019.

**Here are some sample ideas...**

*Build a little library! ♥ Add a park bench on your favorite walking path! ♥ Replace a net at a community tennis court! ♥ Work with the fire department to paint hydrants! ♥ Replace the wood chips at the children’s playground! ♥ Ideas are limited only by your imagination!*

**Your project should...**

- Benefit your entire hometown
- Enhance, improve, or beautify your hometown

**Your project should NOT...**

- Be for the purpose of providing funds to a business or organization
- Be for the purpose of supporting repetitive operational needs, but rather for a specific initiative
- Be for the benefit of a person, church, loan, office equipment, capital campaign, routine maintenance, administrative costs or for political purposes

**Love Your Hometown Timeline**

Applications due to the Allegan County Community Foundation by.....**January 14, 2019**  
 Applicants notified of approval/decline of project by .....**February 10, 2019**  
 Voting Takes Place Between.....**February 14 – March 31, 2019**  
 Grant Check Presentations.....**Between April 15 and July 1, 2019**  
 Projects must be completed by.....**December 31, 2019**

Submit application by email to: [LoveYourHometown@alleganfoundation.org](mailto:LoveYourHometown@alleganfoundation.org), by fax: 269.673.8745, or by mail: ACCF PO Box 278 Allegan MI 49010. Please contact Jennifer at 269.673.8344 with questions.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

**Can I apply if I live in Dorr (Allegan Township, Glenn, Lee Township, etc.)?** If your project benefits a hometown in Allegan County OR Bloomingdale, you are welcome to apply.

**Do I need to be a resident of the town I am submitting the project for?** No.

**I live in Florida now, can I still submit a project?** Yes!

**Can I submit more than one project?** Yes.

**How does a project win a grant?** People will vote online for the project they would like to see happen in their hometown. The project that has the most votes wins!

**If my project wins, when will I get the check?** Since the Allegan County Community Foundation is not able to write checks to people, just tax-exempt organizations, each community will have a tax-exempt organization responsible for accepting the check and overseeing the project expenses.

**Can my boy scout/girl scout/4-H Club/men's group/women's group, etc. submit a project?** Absolutely! Just be sure to have an adult sign the application if you are under 18.

**How do people vote?** By going to [www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org)

**How often can people vote?** One time per day.

**Is there a limit to how many people can participate in a project?** No! The more the merrier.

**Is every project submitted eligible for votes?** Each project will be reviewed for appropriateness, adherence to eligibility, and for community benefit. Projects that involve public land will need to be approved by a local municipality. The Foundation will seek approval on your behalf. The Foundation reserves the right to decline applications that do not meet the eligibility requirements.

**What should I expect after I submit a project?** Each applicant will receive either a Participant Packet or a decline notification by February 10, 2019.

**What is a Participant Packet?** Participant Packets include:

- Promotional materials to help you explain the project to others (and encourage them to vote!)
- Two t-shirts! (additional shirts are \$12 each)
- Electronic information: logo, social media information, etc.

 *Love* your hometown is brought to you by:



# Grant Application

Applications may be hand-written or downloaded: [www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe your project. (In 100 words or less)

2. What benefit does your project provide to your hometown?

3. Why is this project important to you?

4. What are the start and finish dates of your project?

Start Date:

Finish Date:

5. Provide the budget for your project.

<b>Project Expenses (be specific)</b>	<b>Cost per item</b>

**Total Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. Love Your Hometown grants are limited to \$1,000 or less. If your budget exceeds \$1,000, describe where the remainder of the project expenses are coming from.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Parent/Guardian Signature if Applicant is under age 18:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved projects will receive a packet at the address provided on the application. Packets will include two t-shirts. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$12 each. Please print the name(s) and t-shirt size(s) below. Add a separate page with the same information and a check made out to ACCF if ordering additional shirts.

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***Have fun, be creative, and show us your hometown pride!***