



Seymour Oktoberfest, Inc.
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Community Grant Program Guidelines

Seymour Oktoberfest, Inc.'s mission is to celebrate our German heritage and promote community cooperation and progress. Our organization makes grants to non-profit organizations in Jackson County that share a similar passion in supporting and improving our communities. The amount of grant money available for 2024 is \$6,000 with a spring (Jan to June) and fall cycle (July-Dec). There will be \$3,000 awarded in both cycles. All applications will be collected, then reviewed at the end of the grant cycle. Please be aware of this timeframe for when you are requesting money.

Only one request may be granted each year from any one organization meeting the requirements outlined below. You may apply for both cycles if were not awarded in the calendar year. Seymour Oktoberfest, Inc. reserves the right to deny any grant request. In addition to your application, you must submit your letter of determination from the IRS showing your tax-exempt status.

There are six areas of funding that you can apply under. Please take time to review each area to determine if your organization's goals and objectives falls under one of them.

Areas of funding:

- **Quality of Place:** Improving recreation, art and culture experiences for the communities of Jackson County
- **Education:** Afterschool enrichment, tutoring or vocational training people of Jackson County
- **Health & Safety:** Programs involving health awareness, preventative care, shelters, public safety and training and safety equipment for people of Jackson County
- **Development:** Improvements to local communities for the benefit of people in Jackson County
- **Diversity:** Developing relationships and appreciation among the diverse peoples of Jackson County
- **Sustainability:** Efforts to improve the environment of Jackson County

We do NOT support grants to individuals, Organizations without a 501(c)3 designation, political organizations or lobbying efforts, certain advertisements or promotional items, event sponsorships (see our [sponsorship request program](#)), capital campaigns, debt reduction drives, endowment funds or private foundations or religious organizations.

If you are unsure whether your request fits these guidelines, please email us at info@seymouroktoberfest.com before submitting your application. Grant applications will receive a receipt confirmation for applications. Our Grant Committee may request more information as necessary before reaching a decision. The winners will be contacted about grant approval when the review cycle is complete. For an approved request, please allow up to additional 14 days for payment to be processed.