

# **Reston & Area Foundation**

## **Grant Application Guidelines**

- Only registered charities are eligible for grants from the Reston & Area Foundation. (Non-profit organizations that do not have a charitable registration number may be able to receive funds through a municipality.
- Organizations must demonstrate a strong and committed board, fiscal responsibility and effective management.
- Projects must benefit primarily the people of the RM's of Albert and Pipestone.
- Applicants must establish that there is need for the project.
- Grants are awarded for specific purposes and for projects covering a definite period of time, typically one year or less.
- Pilot or demonstration projects must include provision for evaluation and a realistic plan for financial viability beyond the pilot stage.
- Matching or challenge grants may be made in appropriate circumstances to stimulate response from other sources.
- Preference is given to projects which:
  - encourage more efficient use of community resources
  - test or demonstrate new approaches and techniques
  - develop in consultation with other organizations
  - promote co-operation and sharing among organizations
  - promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement
  - strengthen an organization's capacity to be sustainable

Some limitations on funding include:

- focuses within the area served by Reston & Area Foundation
- local impact and benefits are important
- funds go to the greater need  
e.g. not a minor part of large budget
- multi-year funding is low priority
- usually not available to individuals

Grants are not made to, or for:

- support of ongoing operating costs
- annual fund drives
- reduce deficits or retire debt
- projects already completed
- sectarian or political activities
- direct religious activities
- endowment funds

*If you have questions or need further information refer to the Manual of the Reston & Area Foundation and/or feel free to contact one of the Directors.*