

UPPER MISSISSIPPI GAMING CORPORATION

Non-Profit License Holder for
The Casino Queen - Marquette

Grant Guidelines

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UMGC Mission Statement: Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the enrichment of Clayton County, Iowa through the dispersion of funds acquired from an admission tax paid by the Casino Queen, Marquette. It is the groups' mission to award these funds to qualifying tax exempt organizations or those working in cooperation with local governments within Clayton County who cultivate projects that meet established criteria. These projects should encourage economic development, community betterment, improved cultural and recreational activity facilities, programs or activities that foster enhanced educational experiences for our youth, or improve the overall quality of life for residents of this county.

GRANT GUIDELINES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The original plus 12 copies (TOTAL OF 13 COPIES) all stapled, of this application must be in our office by 5:00 p.m. on the last business day of August. No late applications will be accepted. (Do not bind copies or place in folders! Original forms only!!)

DEADLINE: 2021 – August 31st – 5:00 PM

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES FUNDED

- A. Economic Development & Community Betterment
- B. Tourism, Culture and Recreation
- C. Education, Public Health & Safety

TYPES OF SUPPORT AWARDED

Capital funds, matching funds, and extraordinary funding requirements.

AUTHORIZATIONS OR CERTIFICATIONS

If any organization is applying for funds for any program/project which involves property that is not owned/operated by the applicant, i.e., a PTA, individual school, etc., the applicant must provide authorization from the owner/operator of the facility (in this case, the school administration). This would include city properties or properties, or facilities owned/operated by other agencies. It would also include any documentation certifying an agency to perform any activity, etc., granted by another agency or unit of government. Proof of authorization from the school or government body must be documented with a copy of minutes showing Council or Board approval and the grant application must be signed by the Board President or mayor.

The Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation retains the right to amend this application or change the process in which applications and/or grants are administered at any time, for any reason. Applicants must use the grant form for the current period, or the application will not be considered.

Applying for a grant does not guarantee the requested project or program will be funded. The Board may, at its discretion, choose to fund your request in full, in part, with stipulations, or not at all.

GRANT EVALUATION

Proposals are evaluated by the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation Board of Directors, who may seek additional information from the applicants or members of the community knowledgeable to the subject area. Final decisions on all grants are made by the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation Board of Directors.

Grant applications will be rated on demonstration of need, leverage of other funds or community support, **amount of matching cash**, community impact, proposed evaluation of results, and strength of organization.

QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

- A. To organizations that are qualified to receive 501(c) funds, i.e., organizations with an IRS designation of 501(c)3, 501(c)4, 501(c)6, 501(c)8, or units of political subdivisions. **Applicants are required to provide a letter of designation as a tax-exempt organization from the IRS and a current Certificate of Good Standing from the Iowa Secretary of State or the state in which your organization operates stating that the applicant is eligible to operate as a non-profit** (Not applicable to political sub-divisions.) If you do not currently possess these certificates, please allow several weeks to obtain them, and plan accordingly before applying. Visit the Secretary of State web-site at www.sos.ia.us for filing information for Iowa corporations. *Applications will not be considered that do not provide the required documentation.*
- B. To organizations that are **in or provide services to Clayton County, Iowa.**
- C. The organization must not illegally discriminate based on age, gender, or race.

LIMITATIONS

- A. No support of individuals, including individual scholarships or fellowships, or fundraising or benefit activities for individuals.
- B. No support for political causes and candidates.
- C. No support for ordinary operational and personnel expenses other than those associated with start-up costs.
- D. No support for debt incurred or purchases made prior to UMGC grant award.
- E. No support for capital projects for school, religious or government facilities.
- F. No endowment funds.
- G. When possible please use vendors from Clayton County, Iowa.