



## Gage Marine 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Application Process & Criteria

## Overview

In 2023, Gage Marine is celebrating being in business for 150 years! We are grateful for our colleagues, community, and customers who have been with us through the years. As a way to give back and say thank you to our amazing community, we are donating \$150,000 to local community organizations in the form of 15 \$10,000 grants.

## **Process**

Starting Monday, February 20 through Friday, March 31, our online grant application will be available to the public. Non-profit organizations as well as civic/community organizations making an impact our community (specifically Walworth County) can complete the online grant application. In April, the committee at Gage Marine will review the submitted grant applications and, based on the criteria below, will choose 15 deserving organizations. In early May, the organizations will be contacted by Gage Marine to later be awarded the grant money at a private event to be held on Thursday, May 18.

- Monday, February 20: Grant application goes live
- Friday, March 31: Grant application deadline
- Early May: Grant decisions will be made; organizations will be contacted
- Thursday, May 18: Grant checks will be awarded

## Criteria

The community grant is not only for non-profit organizations. Civic and other community-focused organizations are allowed to apply for the donation. If an organization is improving the lives of the people or animals in Walworth County, or improving the land or resources for the people, they may apply for the grant.

During the grant application, you will be able to explain any new projects that your organization is planning for the current year or future years. But it is not necessary for the organization to be planning a new project in order to receive the funds. It is best if you describe in detail how the money will be used to benefit our community. We also ask that you share the budget for your project or organizations so we may see the monetary need.

To be an eligible application, it is necessary to:

- Be a community organization (does not need to be a 501c(3) non-profit organization)
- Provide an EIN
- Directly impact those living in Walworth County, Wisconsin
- Submit a complete, on-time online grant application via our website and provide all requested information