



Community Investment Grant Policies & Guidelines

I. CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT – CURRENT STANDARDS:

A. Purpose Statement for City of Mont Belvieu funding to the nonprofit sector:

The City of Mont Belvieu values partnerships with organizations that are committed to addressing the community's greatest public challenges.

The purpose of City funding to the non-profit sector is to cultivate and sustain partnerships with 501(c)(3) organizations that strengthen the City's key priorities in the following areas:

- Alcohol and Substance Abuse/Addiction Treatment
- Fine/Performing Arts
- Historical or Cultural Education & Preservation
- Military and Veterans Assistance
- Youth Enrichment and Support Services

II. IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES:

- A. Appropriation of funds for the Community Investment Grant program does not encumber subsequent councils to continue appropriations for such funding, and does not imply that subsequent councils may provide such funding. Organizations awarded grants through the Community Investment Grant program are encouraged to identify additional and alternative sources of funding.
- B. When evaluating applications for Community Investment Grant, the Council and/or designated committee shall consider the portion of funding each organization receives from the City, with the objective of encouraging reliance on funding sources other than the City.

III. POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING FUNDING AMOUNTS

- A. Available funding allocation for the Community Investment Grant is approved by the City Council through the adopted annual budget. The intent is to mirror the City's *Daily Operating Cost* that is identified in each proposed annual budget. Utilizing the *Daily Operating Cost* enables the Community Investment Grant program allocation to keep pace with the growth of the City and the increasing demand for more services.
- B. The Maximum Grant that may be applied for is \$10,000.

IV. AGREEMENT EXECUTION

- A. Upon award of the Community Investment Grant, the City and the recipient agency shall enter into a funding agreement containing terms and conditions under which the Community Investment Grant shall be dispersed and managed between the City and the recipient agency.
- B. A representative possessing signature authority from the recipient's board or governing body must sign the agreement and submit all required exhibits prior to execution of the agreement.