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## La Crescent Community Foundation, Inc. General Fund Grant Policy

We have targeted what we fund. Our goal is to support our Purpose and Mission Statements. Those statements are paraphrased as follows:

The purpose of the La Crescent Community Foundation, Inc. is to support charitable, recreational, scientific, literary, cultural, or educational purposes within the La Crescent area. Grants will be used for local improvement projects including, but not limited to, city beautification, improvement of the park system and local recreational areas, and other projects in response to community needs.

Preference for the general fund will go to grant applications that fall in the following areas:

- Meet the above criteria
- Grants given primarily to schools, local government agencies, service organizations or entities formed to carry out a single charitable purpose
- Programs that contribute in a significant way to the overall welfare of the people of the greater La Crescent area
- Programs that meet a new or perceived need supported by a broad segment of the community
- Grants are given in anticipation of an event, not after the fact

For the General Fund, we will avoid granting to organizations or projects outside of our focus area or that fall in the following list:

- Programs outside of the greater La Crescent area
- Religious or private organizations
- Veterans fraternal or other fraternal organizations
- Political parties or organizations
- Endowment campaigns
- Disease-specific programs or organizations
- Fund raising benefits
- Multi-year commitments
- On-going operating expenses
- Travel for individuals or groups

Grant funds earmarked for specific designated funds may be available.\*

The La Crescent Community Foundation supports programs and organizations that do not discriminate in their employment practices, volunteer opportunities or delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, medical condition, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law.

\*Those interested in establishing or contributing to designated funds to support specific projects are encouraged to contact us at [info@lacrescentcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@lacrescentcommunityfoundation.org).