

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

LDC's Community Grants are derived from revenues generated by MD Live! Casino and support community and nonprofit organizations located generally within a three mile radius of MD Live! LDC invites grant applications from local organizations for the July 1 – June 30 grant cycle in these broad areas:

- community development and beautification;
- activities and services for children, youth, and vulnerable populations; and
- workforce/skills development.

The annual grant application deadline can be found on the LDC website.

Community Grant Award Process

- ❖ Award amounts range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$40,000.
- ❖ Funding for an organization will be limited to three consecutive grant cycles after which the organization would become ineligible for the following one grant cycle, except upon a finding by the LDC that extraordinary circumstances justify a waiver of this requirement for a specific organization.
- ❖ Grant applications will be evaluated to ensure high standards of grantees' competence and purpose.

General Criteria and Evaluation of Grant Applications

- ❖ Important community need without duplication of services
- ❖ Population served involves a large number of residents or targets special needs
- ❖ Project designed to meet the identified need
- ❖ Organization has appropriate experience and capabilities, including financial viability
- ❖ Provide evidence of community support and collaboration
- ❖ Budget is reasonable and leverages other funding
- ❖ Application contains all requested information, including sufficient depth of information and clarity (incomplete applications will not be entertained for funding awards).
- ❖ A limited number of grants will be reviewed and awarded in excess of the \$40,000 maximum award.

