



Process Changes for Nonprofits to Get City Grants

New Requirements Take Effect Immediately

FREDERICK, MD—Oct. 20, 2017: A new, formal grant application process has been approved for The City of Frederick to fund nonprofit programs.

The applications will replace the informal, ad hoc, requests that some nonprofits made annually or occasionally to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, whenever they sought public funding. Nonprofits that would like to apply for a grant must attend the workshop to learn about the application process at 10 a.m. Oct. 30 in the City Hall boardroom. Applications will be available immediately following the workshop, and will be due by Jan. 1, 2018.

Groups that have a memorandum of understanding with the City that specifically provides funding allocations do not need to apply for grants. Groups whose MOU does not outline funding are eligible to apply for a grant.

For the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2018, the Board of Aldermen set expectations for grants to be used to promote the general welfare of the residents of the City, with priority given to programs supporting one of the following focus areas: promotions and arts, youth development needs, senior support / aging in place.

Focus areas are determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and are reevaluated annually. Grant awards may range from \$500 to \$20,000, depending on funding availability.

“This is a good step toward making sure the process is fair and transparent,” said Mayor Randy McClement, after the Board of Aldermen approved the plan Oct. 19. “Frederick is a very generous and caring place, and we want to continue to help nonprofits and charities; we simply want the process to be fair to all.”

Nonprofits with questions about the program may contact Nikki Bamonti, the mayor’s executive assistant, nbamonti@cityoffrederick.com; 301-600-3835, and all interested nonprofits should request to be added to a distribution list she is establishing.

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