

Helping to build strong communities.

Established in 1997, the MVSB Fund has been dedicated to enriching and improving the quality of life for residents in the Bank's service areas.

Each annual grant season will focus on a single area of community need which will be announced in July of that year and published at www.mvsb.com/about/community-involvement/fund-application/. By concentrating our funding in one area each year, we believe we can create deeper impact, support more organizations working toward a common goal, and increase the likelihood that applicants receive funding for their important work.

Directors of the MVSB Fund look for opportunities where a modest amount of funding can help an organization accomplish a significant result. Grant requests up to \$10,000 will be considered. Historically, awards have averaged approximately \$5,000. The review process is highly competitive, and the board seeks the most productive uses for the limited funds available.

The Fund is just one of the many ways MVSB supports local non-profits. In addition, we also provide support through donations and sponsorships. Our employees dedicate thousands of hours in volunteerism, demonstrating their dedication to the communities we serve. We also offer significant marketing support, and specialized banking services to meet your unique needs. To learn more, visit our website at www.mvsb.com/about/community-involvement/

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

Proposals are sought from organizations which demonstrate in their application:

- Tax exempt status under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or public agency status
- A primary base of operations in MVSB's market area
- A proven history of providing value to the local community
- Organizational sustainability
- The ability to leverage other funding and/or voluntary support
- The ability to provide the most value with the requested funding
- Cooperation or collaboration with other organizations for greater impact
- Beneficial usage of previous funding supplied by the MVSB Fund (where applicable)

Grants are generally not awarded:

- To the same organization multiple years in a row
- To replace public funding or for purposes which are a public responsibility
- For political, sectarian or religious purposes
- For deficit reduction or to support activity which has already been completed
- To support academic research
- For travel out of state by school or youth groups or by individuals for scholarly or professional purposes

APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed applications must be submitted as one PDF file to mvsbfund@mvsb.com before midnight on October 15th.

The completed PDF should include:

- A completed application cover sheet
- A fully completed proposal narrative
- A current list of Board Members
- Proof of 501 (c)3 status
- A profit & loss statement for the previous fiscal year
- A current balance sheet
- A current organizational operating budget for this fiscal year and last fiscal year

Please note that in completing the assessment and research necessary to properly present a proposal for funding consideration, Fund Directors may consult with knowledgeable individuals and agencies active in the same field and may discuss, in general terms, any proposal under consideration.

APPLICATION TIMING

Applications are accepted annually and must be emailed to mvsbfund@mvsb.com by midnight on October 15th.

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

Please include the name of your organization or agency, contact person's name and phone number at the top of each page of your Proposal Narrative.

1. Executive Summary (100 words): Share a brief description of your organization and the work you do. Outline your top goals and activities for the upcoming year.
2. Program (250 words): Summarize the programs and services you currently offer, and your track record of success. We're particularly interested in hearing about your accomplishments from the past year. Also, please share why you believe now is the ideal time for the MVSF Fund to invest in your work.
3. Organizational Background (100 words): Provide a brief history of the organization.
4. Organizational Management: (200 words): Describe the key strengths and capabilities of your leadership team and board.
5. Grant Request Description (250 words): Please provide a brief description of how you intend to use the grant funds. Include the major activities you plan to undertake, the time periods for these activities, and the communities that will be affected. We're particularly interested in understanding how your proposed activities will provide future benefit to your organization and the community.
6. Financial Strength (250 words): Briefly discuss the financial stability of your organization and your organization's approach to sustainability, including diversification of funding and the role of fundraising and community partnerships.
7. Previous Grants (250 words): If you have previously received funding from the MVSF Fund, please describe how you used the funds to benefit your organization and community.
8. Is there anything else we should know?

QUESTIONS

Questions should be submitted in writing to mvsbfund@mvsb.com or MVSF Fund, PO Box 177, Meredith NH 03253.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Name of Applicant Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Organization telephone number: _____

Primary email: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Contact for this proposal: _____

Contact title: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

Fiscal agent (if applicant is not a 501(c)(3) organization): _____

Requested grant amount: \$ _____