



The Dow Chemical Company Foundation Dow Gives - Community Grant Program Seadrift Operations, TX

In 2004, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation established a Community Grants program at its Seadrift Operations site. It provides funding to projects that contribute to the success of local communities and make them even better places to live and work. Since its inception, local groups have received approximately \$380,000 to support their efforts to make a positive difference for the communities in the Seadrift area.

The maximum grant funding available is \$10,000 per project. However, organizations should apply for only the amount of funding they require to complete their projects, so smaller requests are accepted and encouraged.

Applications must be received by Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Application criteria

- Applicants must be charitable or non-profit organizations (have a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax designation) or be municipal or government agencies.
- Faith-based organizations can apply provided their project benefits the community as a whole and it does not promote one religion over others.
- Public school campuses may apply - one application per school. Private and Parochial schools may also apply, provided they have 501(c)(3) status.
- Applicants must be based in Victoria or Calhoun Counties, or the communities of Tivoli or Austwell.
- Funding requests cannot exceed \$10,000. Please request only the amount required to fund the project.
- Funds must be used for the purchase of tangible, re-usable project supplies or equipment to improve the quality of life and provide long-term benefits to local communities
- Projects must be completed by May 1, 2012
- If additional funding is required to complete the project, the funding sources must be secured and confirmed prior to applying for a Dow Gives Grant
- A maximum of one application per organization will be accepted
- Applications cannot exceed five pages in length. An itemized budget that specifies the items that will be purchased with the community grant can be attached in addition. Please do not include extra materials, notebooks/binders etc.
- Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 will not be accepted. Applications must be mailed or dropped off. Faxes and e-mails will not be accepted.
- Applications must be signed by the organization's Executive Director or equivalent
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted

What kinds of projects DO NOT qualify?

- Those submitted by for-profit businesses, religious organizations for the sole benefit of that organization, individual sports teams, political organizations or candidates, labor unions, homeowners associations or individuals
- In accordance with the guidelines of The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, vehicles and other modes of transportation do not qualify for funding

Do not apply for non-tangible expenses or ongoing operational costs including:

- Rent and utilities
- Salaries – including labor and consulting fees
- Food (for food banks, or meals for events)
- Office supplies
- Travel expenses
- Advertising
- Fund raising events, giveaways or prizes
- Scholarships

- Dues and memberships
- Training expenses
- Lobbying expenses
- Other non-tangible, non-reusable costs that require ongoing funding in order to continue the project
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Projects must provide positive community impact in at least one of the following areas: Science in Society, Contributing to Community Success, and/or Sustainability.

Science in Society means:

- enhancing understanding of the roles of chemicals and plastics and the chemical industry and/or
- having the potential to increase interest in careers and opportunities linked to chemistry, engineering, technology and other sciences

Contributing to Community Success means:

- promotes job creation and/or
- meets community-defined needs and/or
- provides permanent improvement to the social infrastructure within a disadvantaged or underprivileged sector of the community and/or
- provides funding for facilities, equipment or programs that will be widely available within a community or will offer long-term benefit to the community as a whole

Sustainability means

- enhances or protects the natural environment and/or
- raises awareness among a broad public audience of environmental issues and relationship to social and economic consideration

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Meet an identified community need
- Have one-time costs for tangible, long-term items such as facilities or project starter materials
- Are well-researched and provide visible long-term benefits
- Are from organizations that are financially well administered and organized
- Have measurable results
- Generate community support and involvement
- Encourage the participation and involvement of Dow employees and retirees

Workshop

A workshop will take place at the Seadrift Clubhouse on **Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m.** To register for this free event, please e-mail FFPCONT@dow.com or call 281.966.2779

How to Apply

Electronic forms are available by e-mailing FFPCONT@dow.com or calling 281.966.2779. Please complete all sections of the 2011 application form (maximum 5 pages plus itemized budget.) Applications must be **RECEIVED by Tuesday, May 24, 2011 by 4 p.m.**

Mail to:

Seadrift Operations

Attention: Public Affairs, Dow Gives - Community Grants Program

P.O. Box 186

Port Lavaca, Texas 77979

Or, personally deliver to:

Seadrift Operations

Building 2229/Contract Administration Building

7501 North State Hwy. 185

Seadrift, TX 77983

Attention: Public Affairs, Dow Gives - Community Grants Program

From Hwy. 185, take the Gate 2 entrance (Contractor entrance), cross the railroad tracks, and the first building on your left is Building 2229/Contract Administration Building. Park in a visitors spot and walk your application inside.