



TOWN OF POOLESVILLE
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GRANT APPLICATION

Introduction

The Commissioners of Poolesville offer a variety of grant opportunities to local non-profit organizations designed to further their goals to create and maintain a more fiscally and environmentally sustainable community and improve the quality of life for all residents. ***Sports organizations are encouraged to rely on fundraising.***

Commissioner grants are funded through Poolesville's General Fund and are appropriated contingent upon Public Benefit and the availability of funds. Organizations receiving grants must serve the Town of Poolesville and its residents without discrimination based on race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.

Public Benefit means that all residents of the Town may derive a benefit from the grant awards in the form of environmental projects, safety, community activities, economic development, and benefit the public at large rather than an individual, small groups, or private enterprises. **In most cases, only projects based within the Poolesville Corporate Limits will be considered.**

Applicants are required to submit the attached Grant Application. Incomplete applications will be denied. Applicants are also required to give an oral presentation to the Commissioners in conjunction with the written application. Awards are contingent upon project eligibility and availability of funds.

The Following are the different types of grants available:

Mini Grants

Applications for "**mini**" grants must not exceed **\$2,500**. These grant applications are accepted throughout the year. Incomplete grant applications will be denied.

Eligibility/Criteria

- Applicant must be a non-profit organization.
- Funding must benefit Poolesville residents.
- Project must involve Poolesville residents or groups.
- If approved, the applicant shall purchase the product or services, and submit the receipt(s) for reimbursement or submit invoices directly from vendors for payment.
- Awardees are required to complete a summary of the project outcomes, submit receipts showing proper use of funding, and submit a minimum of two visual items to illustrate the project (photos, printed materials, etc.) after the project has been completed.

Major Grants

Grants ranging from \$2,500. to \$25,000 are accepted and reviewed during the Town's budget process. Application deadline for major grants is January 15 of each year for awards granted after July 1. Late or incomplete grant applications will be denied.

Eligibility/Criteria

- Applicants must be an established Poolesville civic association, nonprofit, or 501,3, c., Applicants must provide status documentation.
- Successful grant recipients must authorize one individual to manage the grant funds.
- Funding must benefit Poolesville residents, address specific needs in the Town and for its citizens, and help build and strengthen the community.
- Funding must be 20% matched through cash, in-kind donations, and/or volunteer hours.
- Funds must be expended in the fiscal year in which approved.
- If approved, the applicant shall purchase the product or services, and submit the receipt(s) for reimbursement or submit invoices directly from vendors for payment.
- Awardees are required to publicly present a summary of the project outcomes, submit receipts showing proper use of funding, and submit a minimum of two visual items to illustrate the project (photos, printed materials, etc.) to the Commissioners after the project has been completed.

In addition to the above criteria, the successful applicant shall demonstrate specifically how the funds will be spent. **Requests for grants must primarily benefit Poolesville citizens.**

Grant Terms and Conditions

All grant funds generally must be spent in the fiscal year awarded. A written report detailing expenditures and project/event success must be submitted as detailed. Failure to comply with the requirements or expenditure of funds as requested will result in forfeiture of grant funding and ineligibility of future grants.

Recipients of funds are required to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the Town's assistance in any advertisements or publications.

1. Applicant Information

Full legal name of organization Poolesville Pride Ltd.

Address 20004 Hickman Way, Poolesville MD 20837

Name of Authorized Point of Contact Sam Cooper

Phone: 301-704-5916 Fax: _____

501(C)(3), status if applicable: 501 (c) (3) application in process

Whom or what purpose does your organization serve: (Mission Statement)

Poolesville Pride’s mission is to uplift, celebrate, and support the LGBTQIA+ population of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve. We aim to do this through creating inclusive spaces and joyous experiences for LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies. We are committed to combating rural isolation and cultural alienation by nurturing connections across generations, socioeconomic strata, ethnicities, and identities. We are grassroots and peer-guided. Although we do engage in social justice action and advocacy when necessary, our operational philosophy mostly centers around self-empowerment and direct manifestation of the world we want to live in, from the fertile ground of the Ag Reserve up.

2. Type of Project and Purpose

Type of project/event:

Annual Poolesville Pride Fest in June, Annual Poolesville Day Parade and Booth, Annual Scarecrow Competition Art Installation, Monthly Art Social meetups

Purpose, how will your project/event positively impact the citizens and/or businesses in Poolesville and meet the required criteria?

We provide safe spaces for Queer youth and adults to gather, celebrate their identities, and build friendships - combating isolation. We also provide education for youth, adults, and business owners. And we connect Queer community members with resources available from the county and state.

3. Project Location, Date & Time Information

Project Location:

Pride Fest - Locals - June 13th 4-8pm, Poolesville Day, Scarecrow Competition Fri Oct 2nd, Art Social Meetups first fridays of every month at Locals 5-7pm

Date:

Time:

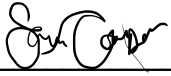
4. Funding Request Information, Itemize expenditure types and amounts (How funds will be spent)

We request \$3,500 from the Town of Poolesville. Please see the budget and expenditures from 2025. We will repeat the same events and activities as our budget allows.

5. Results

Who will prepare financial reports showing expenditures and how will the success of your project/event will be measured:

Treasurer: Sarah Paksima
Success of events measured by attendance and feedback from participants.



Sam Cooper, President

2/9/2026

Signature of Authorized Person For the Organization

Date

Approved

Denied

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____