

Marquette County 2040 Master Plan Mini-Grant Program Criteria and Guidelines

Overview & Purpose

In 2021, the Marquette County Planning Commission approved the Marquette County 2040 Master Plan and aimed to answer the question: "What do we want Marquette County to be like in the year 2040?" Based on public input, the 2040 Master Plan includes nearly 100 strategies to be implemented over the next 20 years, which will help to achieve the following vision for Marquette County in 2040:

"Marquette County in 2040 will be a place where its people enjoy natural areas and rural character, feel safe, and celebrate culture. A stable and diverse economy empowers residents to live in thriving communities with a clean environment, good education, valuable job opportunities, and affordable quality housing."

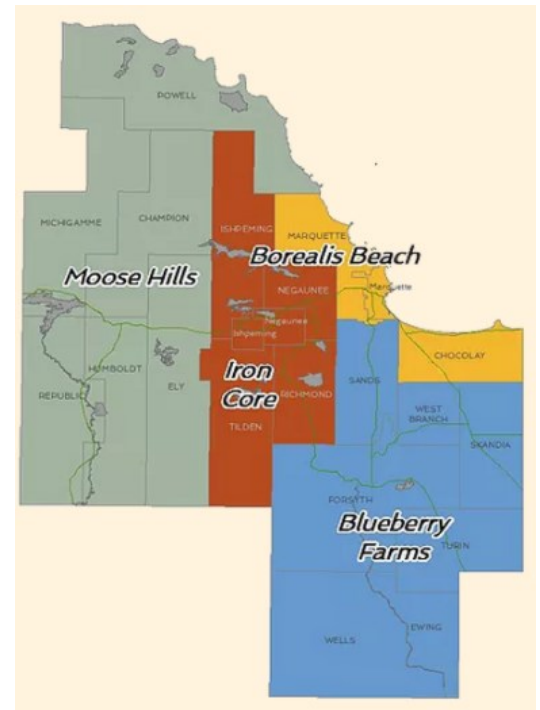
The Marquette County Planning Division and the Community Foundation of Marquette County have teamed up to create the Marquette County 2040 Master Plan Mini-Grant Program. This program will offer small grants of \$1,000 to one applicant in each of the four planning regions designated by the 2040 Master plan in Marquette County, in order to support community projects which will help implement the strategies outlined in Chapter 6 of the Plan and that will have a positive long-term impact for the general public.

Program Guidelines

- Grant Amount: **\$1,000.00** (4 total grants will be awarded)
- Application Deadline: **5:00 PM, Wednesday, June 1, 2022**
- Project Completion Deadline: **October 31, 2022**
- Project must take place in Marquette County and within the planning region identified in application (see right).
- All projects must explicitly address at least one of the strategies identified in Chapter 6 of the Marquette County 2040 Master Plan.
 - Strategies available at: <https://www.mqtcoflan.org/implementation>

Applicant Criteria

- Applicants must be tax exempt according to Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, an educational institution, governmental unit, or churches (grant request must serve the general community).
- Only one application per applicant.
- This application will be considered separately from any other grant application(s) submitted to the Community Foundation in 2022.



Selection Process

Grant awards will be determined by a Grant Review Committee composed of two representatives from the Marquette County Community Foundation, one Marquette County Planning Commission member, and one staff member from the Marquette County Planning Division.

Preference will be given to applicants seeking funding for new projects or initiatives, although grant funds may be awarded to pre-existing projects as well.

Timeline

2022 Grant Schedule	
Advertisement of Mini-Grant Program	May 1 st – May 31 st
Application Due Date	Wednesday, June 1 st at 5:00 pm
Committee Review Period	June 1 st – June 12 th
Notification of Award	Mid-June
Funds Available	Mid-June
Project Completion Deadline	October 31 st , 2022
Final Report Due	November 14 th , 2022

Funds must be spent and the project must be completed on or before October 31st, 2022. Requests for extensions must be submitted in writing to the Grant Review Committee and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Grantee Obligations

Successful applicants will be asked to provide the following once their project is complete:

- A short written summary of the benefits/outcomes of receiving the funding
- Photographs of the completed project

