



Purpose:



At DRF, we believe that the key to long-term economic prosperity in our region is helping our neighbors realize that they are an integral part of this transformation and by **working together**, we can all make that happen.

Make More Happen! (MMH!) will support projects that help people build their collaborative muscle and practice working together across differences, building toward our collective DRF and regional vision. DRF will fund smaller projects that take advantage of, and accelerate, the positive momentum throughout our region. Funded projects will focus on connecting, convening, and producing shared learning opportunities.

Objective:



The following objectives will guide this initiative:

- Demonstrate a strong focus on community-driven, collaborative problem-solving solutions and approaches spearheaded by local residents and stakeholders addressing neighborhood and community challenges in shared ways.
- Develop innovative community breakthroughs addressing local needs and/or opportunities that have the potential for more effective and sustainable impact for the regions' residents.
- Create opportunities for local stakeholders to convene diverse individuals and groups around shared passions that lead to impact within the region.
- Demonstrate the possible through concrete actions by dedicated leaders partnering with other organizations to make a difference in neighborhoods and communities in the DRF service region.
- Provide grant funding up to \$25,000 to make positive things happen; larger grants, those approaching \$25,000, will show demonstrable impact and outcomes in the short-term. Smaller grants will create opportunities and events that connect and convene diverse groups, building social capital that can have long-term impact. **There is no minimum request amount.**
- Document results and complete individual projects/grants within 90 days or less.
- Report and publicize how funds were used and what the project accomplished to the public.

**Application
Process:**



The grant application process for MMH! is as follows:

- The application process will be simple and quick. Submit up to a three-page proposal that answers the questions outlined in the Make More Happen Checklist explaining the idea/project with the amount requested and any matching cash and/or in-kind.
- Grant request can be made by email, mail, or hand delivery.
- Program Officers will participate in the application review process based on the focus of each grant request.
- Include a list of all project partners and collaborators (three or more).
- Successful grants will receive up to \$25,000.00 but can be less.
- Project/grant decisions will be made in two weeks or less by DRF's President and CEO.



Criteria:



MMH! grant applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Grant recipients must be a recognized nonprofit (501c3), religious institution or local governmental entity.
- The recipient can be a “fiscal agent” for others, as long as the purpose is charitable. A fiscal agent is typically a partner who is willing to contribute in-kind capacity to support the project. Administrative fees will not be funded.
- A passionate project leader is crucial for this request. However, all projects must be the product of collaboration between three or more project partners. Partners may include local nonprofits, public institutions, civic groups, neighborhoods, or multiple residents.
- The project must clearly define what a successful project will bring to our community. What will be different in your community or neighborhood if this is successful?
- The project must relate to at least one of DRF’s focus areas in health, education, workforce development, community capacity or economic development.
- Funds are to be used for charitable purposes and must benefit communities or neighborhoods, including the applicant’s constituents and other stakeholders.
- Funds provided by DRF will need to be used in 90 days or less. The recipient must report the use of funding and the results of the effort to DRF.
- DRF will assist with publicizing results of each project 30 days after grant completion.
- Lead organizations can apply for one MMH! grant per year; however, a lead can serve as a fiscal agent for another project that is distinct and can participate in multiple projects as a collaborative member.

**Grant Types
NOT Supported**



MMH! grant types NOT SUPPORTED are:

- General core programs or operations because of budget shortfalls and cuts.
- Requests that directly benefit client/constituent services or the organization and exclude the general public from participation or benefit.
- Grants to individuals, dinners, fundraising, faith-based institutions for religious purposes, political activity/purposes.
- Grants supporting for-profit efforts.
- Grants that supplant or substitute for existing funding.
- Broad, unfocused requests.
- Requests that cannot be completed in 90 days or require more than \$25,000.00 from DRF without matching funds.

For the full guidelines and printable checklist, please visit www.drfonline.org.

QUESTIONS?

**Contact Willie Jones at wjones@drfonline.org
and he'll help you think about how you can MAKE MORE HAPPEN!**