

Grow Grand Island Grant Application

In 2014, Hall County embarked on an inclusive strategic planning process that resulted in the formation of Grow Grand Island; a collaborative and comprehensive plan for community growth and progress.

The Grow Grand Island Implementation Plan identifies several initiatives the community should deploy to strengthen its pillars – Existing Businesses, Entrepreneurs, Image, Workforce, and Community Assets – these guidelines help define how the community will pursue effective and efficient implementation of the Grow Grand Island strategies as well as tracking progress and outcomes.

Grants Eligibility

The Grow Grand Island grant program is designed to help address the priorities identified in each pillar. Grant requests should be directly linked to priorities identified in the Implementation Plan and must be signed by an Implementation Committee member.

Preference will be given to applications that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Reach a broad segment of the community
- Address existing gaps in the community
- Promote cooperation and collaboration among multiple entities
- Enhance the community
- Projects that will be independently self-sustainable and include multiple sources of funding

Important Information

There is one standard application form for all grant requests. Please read the following information to assist you with preparation and completion of the application:

- All grant applications must be related to one of the Grow Grand Island initiatives. It is important to follow directions and answer all questions.
- Please be thorough and include all relevant information important for consideration of funding (i.e. background, project design, planning committee members, collaborative partnerships, timeline, target audience, number to be served, site selection, measurable outcomes and complete budget figures). Applications should be kept to a maximum of 15 pages, not including attachments.
- Projects may be required to meet additional city funding guidelines based on statutes.
- Include location maps, project photos and other materials that will assist the grant committee in understanding the details of the project. Please keep in mind that applications need to be clear and concise. Excessive and unnecessary information may detract from the merit of the application.
- See the Funding Application Score Sheet, found on www.growgrandisland.com, to review the scoring criteria for all applications.
- Applications should be typed, and can be submitted by mail, email or hand delivered to the contact listed on the application. Applicants are encouraged to make contact prior to submitting a proposal to discuss the appropriateness of the request.
- Receipts and documentation may be requested from approved applications once funding has been provided. Please plan to keep appropriate financial records should this occur.