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# The Big Dig Community Service Project Grant Program

A.L.M. Charities, D. L. Gasser Construction and Milestone Materials are proud to present The Big Dig Community Service Projects Grant opportunity and invite your organization to apply.

### Mission

The mission of The Big Dig is to “*dig in*” and help our area communities.

### Vision

The Big Dig grant application serves as a catalyst to our company and its employees who value working with non-profit organizations to enhance their community through the completion of a community service project that will:

- (1) help build a better tomorrow for the children and families of our area communities.
- (2) encourage unity of community members of all ages to bridge the generation gaps.
- (3) create a unique and lasting experience between our business, our employees, and our communities.
- (4) educate the public on the value of the construction and mining industry and the benefit of having them be members of their community.
- (5) bring out “*the construction worker*” in all the volunteers and benefactors by including them in the work.



## **ORGANIZATION LOCATION**

Charitable Organizations must be situated, and the project build should be in our service region which includes the counties of Adams, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette, Richland, and Sauk in the state of Wisconsin.

## **IRS QUALIFICATIONS**

Each organization must be deemed a Charitable Organization by the State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and the Internal Revenue Service. Current proof of supporting documentation will be required prior to project selection. Supporting evidence must include a copy of the letter from the Internal Revenue Service deeming your organization a 501(c)(3) as a public charity.

**NOTE:** A copy of the IRS Determination Letter stating that your organization would be exempt from Federal income tax under 501(c)(3) must be received prior to final grant approvals. Applications that do not have the required letter will not be considered for funding. *(This is not the same letter as the State of Wisconsin Tax Exempt or EIN letter.)*

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

 *Sample language from the IRS letter.  
Also provided is an address and phone number.*

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## **FINANCIALS**

Organizations must be willing to provide a three-year report (side by side) of the charity's financials. A summary of revenue streams must be provided. The financial stability of your organization will be a factor in the decision process. The budget parameters for an individual project can vary.

## **PROJECT TIMELINE**

Community Service Projects will be completed / built in 2023-24. Due to the complexity and preparations for some of the projects selected, as well as our construction workload, the potential for project schedules to cross calendar years exists. Therefore, 2023 Big Dig Community Service Projects may carry into 2024. If there are specific deadlines relating to the construction of your project, please be sure to draw those out in your application.

## **PROJECT TYPE**

Community Service Project submittals should not be limited to gravel and asphalt type projects. The following are some examples of programs/events:

- community park improvements
- homeless shelter improvements/projects
- school playground
- school learning enhancements projects
- community center improvements
- food pantry improvements
- assistance/enhancements to children's programs

We encourage applicants to think outside the box when submitting their project.

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Please be specific in your grant application. Feel free to provide whatever format and supporting documentation your organization deems appropriate in filing a complete and persuasive application. Examples of supporting evidence can include photos, video clips, documents, and reports.

## **GRANT DEADLINE & DELIVERY**

The 2023 grant application deadline is **May 31, 2023**. Grant applications shall be submitted by email. For special accommodation please reach out to us. **Email file size is limited to:**

## **COMMUNICATION**

Organizations can find related documents and communicate through the Big Dig:  
website: [www.almcharities.com](http://www.almcharities.com)  
email: [thebigdig@almcharities.com](mailto:thebigdig@almcharities.com)

The Big Dig Board of Directors reserves the privilege to request an interview in conjunction with your grant application to expound on your request.

Big Dig Coordinator: Tina Neuman at 608.356.3311 ext. 5831

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