



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

GRAND RAPIDS AREA

*...joining charitable intentions with community needs*

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In 2011, Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPUC) created the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Community Caring Fund at the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation (GRACF). It appears that contributions to the fund come from GRPUC customers who "round up" their payments to GRPUC.

The fund was initially created to:

1) Support crisis, basic needs funding for the working poor, using criteria and applications set up through GRACF as the Itasca County Sharing Fund. The Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation has managed the Itasca County Sharing Fund since its inception in 2009. The purpose of the Sharing Fund is to prevent a crisis situation from becoming chronic, by serving immediate, last resort, crisis needs such as emergency shelter, utilities, healthcare, transportation and work clothing. Applications are submitted by local non-profit agencies on behalf of their clients.

2) Support nonprofit entities that provide services within the geographic area that GRPUC serves.

For whatever reason, no grants have been distributed since 2012. Total grants that year = \$1657.09.

Donations continue to come in for a total of, since 2012 = \$12,998.98.

There is currently \$10,018.02 in the fund. (The difference between donation total and current fund balance is due to administrative and gift processing fees.)

This is a non-endowed fund, meaning GRPUC has access to the full fund balance at any time. The reason we are discussing it now is to determine how best to utilize this fund.

Respectfully,

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