

Mackinac Island Community Foundation

Essential Needs & Disaster Response Fund

Grant Application

Date Submitted:
09/11/2026

This fund supports Mackinac Island nonprofit organizations and public agencies responding to immediate community needs — including essential services and declared or undeclared disaster situations. Awards are typically \$500–\$10,000. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

SECTION 1 | Organization Information

Organization Name	City of Mackinac Island		
Mailing Address	7358 Market Street PO Box 455		
City	Mackinac Island, MI	Zip Code	49757
Organization Type	Government agency (municipal)		
Tax ID / EIN (if applicable)			

SECTION 2 | Primary Contact

Name	Mary Patay		
Title	Recreation Director		
Phone	(906) 298-0333	Email	
Is there an additional contact for this request? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
Additional Contact Name & Title	if yes		
Phone		Email	

SECTION 3 | Grant Request

Amount Requested	\$14,449.75 (3-Year Total)	Funds Needed By
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Fund Category (check one):

☒ Essential Needs ☐ Disaster Response ☐ Both

If Disaster Response — what is the event or emergency?

N/A — request is for Essential Needs (public safety infrastructure), not a specific declared or undeclared disaster event.

Is this related to a declared disaster? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

SECTION 4 | Description of Need

Describe the specific need or impact you are responding to. What happened, and what is the immediate effect on your organization or the people you serve?

Mackinac Island is a small, seasonal island community with no bridge or year-round road connection to the mainland — residents, visitors, and emergency responders depend on ferries and, in winter, small aircraft. The City currently has no modern, multi-channel way to reach the full population — year-round residents, seasonal workers, and the large tourist population that swells the island's numbers each summer — quickly during severe weather, medical or public-safety emergencies, ferry/air service disruptions, or utility outages. Existing communication relies on word of mouth, the City website, and social media, which are too slow and too limited in reach for time-sensitive alerts, and none of them work for visitors unfamiliar with the island. This gap leaves residents and guests without timely instructions during severe weather, fire, medical emergencies, or transportation disruptions, and leaves the City without a way to coordinate an emergency response across departments in real time.

How will grant funds be used? Please be specific about what will be purchased, repaired, or addressed.

Grant funds will be used to implement the CivicPlus Communicator mass notification system for the City of Mackinac Island, per CivicPlus Quote #Q-128719-1: Mass Notification Standard Implementation (\$1,155), Resident Customer Contact Data Import (\$1,000), and the Communicator Unlimited SMS + Unlimited Emergency Voice subscription (\$3,900 annually). The platform provides multi-channel alerting (text, email, and voice calls) with geo-targeting, mobile apps, polling, NOAA weather integration, and IPAWS (the federal Integrated Public Alert & Warning System) integration, giving the City a single, centralized system to issue emergency alerts, evacuation or shelter instructions, and routine public service updates (road closures, ferry/utility disruptions, construction) to the full island population.

Who will benefit? Describe the population served — including any individuals or groups who are particularly vulnerable.

All year-round residents of Mackinac Island, seasonal workers, and the seasonal visitor population that significantly outnumbers residents during peak season will benefit. Particularly vulnerable groups include elderly residents, visitors unfamiliar with the island's limited emergency infrastructure and lack of mainland road access, and residents in less accessible parts of the island who depend on timely, accurate alerts during weather events, medical emergencies, or transportation disruptions. City departments — Fire, Public Works, and Recreation — will also benefit from a coordinated tool for issuing and managing public safety communications.

SECTION 5 | Project Budget & Other Funding

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$14,449.75 (3-Year Total: Year 1 – \$6,055.00; Year 2 – \$4,095.00; Year 3 – \$4,299.75; per attached CivicPlus quote. Recurring subscription thereafter: ~\$4,514.74/year.)

Other funding secured or pending (sources and amounts):

None secured or pending at this time.

If partial funding is received, can the project still proceed? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partial

SECTION 6 | Attachments (if available)

Please attach any of the following that are available:

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| ☒ Vendor quotes or cost estimates | ☐ 501(c)(3) determination letter |
| ☐ Photos of damage or need | ☐ Most recent financial statements |
| ☐ Project timeline | ☐ Other: _____ |

SECTION 7 | Certification

By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete, and that funds received will be used solely for the purposes described.

Authorized Signature

Date

Mary Patay, Recreation Director

Printed Name & Title

Submit to: Mackinac Island Community Foundation | PO Box 1000, Mackinac Island, MI 49757 | info@micf.org | (906) 847-XXXX

Questions? Contact us before submitting. A follow-up report will be required within 90 days of grant completion.