

2025 Grant Application

**Hammond**

**Community**

**Corporation**

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# Investing in Hammond's Future

The City of Hammond for the social betterment of the community formed the Hammond Community Corporation in 1997. The organization is designed to grant financial assistance to Hammond not-for-profit organizations to enrich the quality of life in our community. The Hammond Community Corporation was originally funded by money donated from the Empress Casino, Hammond. These funds have been deposited as an endowment with the Legacy Foundation, allowing the Hammond Community Corporation to use only the revenue gained on our investment. A seven-member board appointed by the Mayor of Hammond and the President of the Hammond City Council governs the Hammond Community Corporation.

## *Hammond Community Corporation Grant Guidelines*

- HCC grants are limited to organizations serving Hammond residents only.
- Applicants must have tax exempt status as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Only applicants which do not discriminate on any basis will be accepted.

## *Grant Categories*

**Arts & Humanities:** is funded to support visual, performing, and literary art.

**Civic Betterment:** focuses on public activities that improve the quality of life in Hammond.

**Education:** is designed to bring quality learning to both youth & adults.

**Health & Welfare:** employs efforts contributing to the wellness of Hammond.

## *Grant Information Required*

*(Please submit in the order in which appears below)*

1. Hammond Community Corporation application cover page (attachment A)
2. Hammond Community Corporation application budget page (attachment B)
3. Hammond Community Corporation membership page (attachment C)
4. Copy of Internal Revenue Service Tax exempt status form for organization
5. Please submit **one original copy** and **seven additional copies** of the application and attachments. **Applications without the required number of copies will not be accepted. This applies to new and returning applicants**
6. After initial review of application, additional information may be requested

7. If you are an employee, a parent or booster organization of any school system that requires your program or project to have the approval of the principal, grant committee, or the school board it is your responsibility to confirm your school's policy before submitting your grant application.

**Note: Applications must be limited to three pages**

**The maximum award for a program or project is \$1500.00.**

**Applications will be accepted Monday, October 20, 2025 through Friday, December 12, 2025 by 4:30 p.m. Applications postmarked after December 12, 2025 will be returned.**

**All HCC grant awardees will be required to submit a progress report and proof of expenditures within 60 days of check issuance. All award funds must go toward new purchases made after award notification only.**

**Applications Can Be Mailed or Hand Delivered to:**

**Hammond Community Corporation  
Attn: Shannon Morris-Smith, Liaison  
5925 Calumet Avenue – Room G-17  
Hammond, Indiana 46320**

**NO FAX COPIES OR EMAILS OF THE APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Applications are available at [www.gohammond.com](http://www.gohammond.com), the Department of City Planning-Room G-17, the Office of the Mayor, City Council Chambers, School City of Hammond, and the Hammond Public Library.

**For additional information, please contact Shannon Morris-Smith at  
(219) 933-4200**

**Hammond Community Corporation  
2025 Grant Application Cover Sheet  
(Attachment A)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Name & Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Category**

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Project Title

Project Abstract: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fund Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**All applicants must have  
Your tax exempt status under section  
501(c)(3) document on file with HCC**

**For Office Use Only: Grant #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year(s) of Award** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Grant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Approved/Denied** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hammond Community Corporation**

***Project Budget  
(Attachment B)***

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Funding Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Total Hammond Individuals Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to provide a detailed breakdown of all expenses needed to fund your application to the Hammond Community Corporation.

***Professional Membership Page  
(Attachment C)***

Please use the space below to list current board members, officers, and principals of the organization; including home addresses and phone numbers.