Phi Sigma Kappa Mount Ida Community Development Micro Grant Program

Public Meeting April 7th

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About Us

- Our Chapter (Gamma Tetarton) was Founded in 1950.
- We strive to Promote Brotherhood, Stimulate Scholarship and Develop Character on RPI's campus and in our neighborhood.

About Us

- The Chapter currently has 15 student members and an Alumni base of over 700 members.

About US

- In 2009 the Chapter's Alumni association bought the Francis de Sales Church in the Mount Ida Community of Troy, New York.
- The chapter is dedicated to improving the quality of life in its new neighborhood.
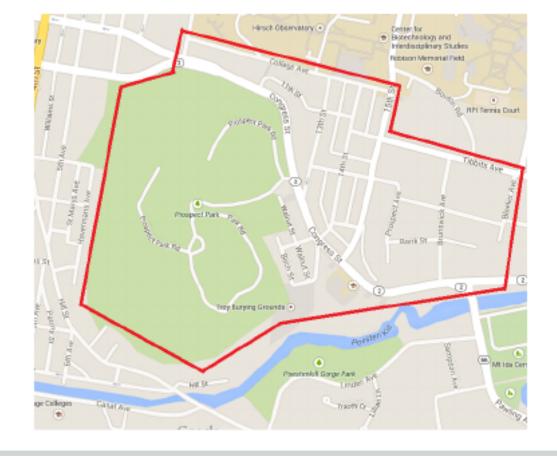
About Us

- The Chapter and its Alumni have created this micro grant program to substantiate our promise to improve the Mount Ida Community.

Purpose of the Program

- The aim of the program is to disperse $50,000 over a <u>minimum</u> of five years.
- This money is meant to improve the residences, Not-for-Profits, and businesses within the Mount Ida Community.

The Mount Ida Community

Purpose of the Program

- A *maximum* of $1,000 will be given to qualifying applicants.
- There is a maximum of 10 grants given out in one year.
- Projects funded by the micro grant are meant to be completed within 120 days.

Who Can Apply?

- Home-owners (1, 2, or 3 unit owner occupied building)
- Business Owners (Merchants, restaurants, professional offices)
- Landlords (non-owner occupied or owner occupied building with 4 or more units)
- Churches and Not-for-Profits

Purpose of the Program

The program is a 50% matching grant for businesses and landlords. Projects proposed by these individuals must have $2000 funded by the applicant in addition to awarded amount.

Grant Proposal Ideas

- Home Improvement (both internal and external)
- Historic Restoration
- Neighborhood Beautification Projects
- Maintaining Community Parks and Green Spaces
- Development and support of Social Programs of Need

How to Apply

- Application forms are available in print at the Phi Sigma Kappa Chapter House and digitally on the chapter's website.
- The form asks for basic contact information, purpose of the proposed projected and how the project benefits the Mount Ida Community.

How to Apply

- An project budget with a simple breakdown of estimated costs must be submitted. An outline of this is given in the application form itself.
- A Project Timeline must be submitted as well.

How to Apply

- If the project involves the improvement of a building, the current state of the building must be provided along with the specifics on how the building will be improved.
- It is expected that the building's owner will allow the building to be inspected by a member of the fraternity.

How to Apply

Completed forms can be dropped off at the Phi Sigma Kappa Chapter house or submitted digitally to PSKgammatetarton@gmail.com

Grading of the Applications

Each Application will be graded by a panel of judges that consists of members of the community, student members of the chapter, and Alumni of the chapter.

Grading of the Application

Each application is awarded a score from 0-100. This score is divided into six sections:

1. Project Program Description (20pts)
2. Positive Impact (20pts)
3. Historic Character (15pts)
4. House / "Quality of Life" (15pts)
5. Timeline (15pts)
6. Estimated Budget(15pts)

Grading of the Application

- To be considered, an applicant must have an acceptable score in each of the six subsections and a total score of 75 or greater.
- Of the applications that achieve these criteria, the top 10 scoring applications will receive funding.

Project Description

Does the project use funds effectively? To what extent is the project or program feasible? Is the project in the target area?

(Projects that are within the outlined map will be given more consideration than those outside of it.)

Positive Impact

The degree to which the applicant's project or program will have a positive impact on the neighborhood.

(Projects that improve the exterior of buildings will be awarded more points than projects that improve the interior)

Historic Character

The degree to which the applicant's project or program will help maintain or improve the historical quality of the neighborhood.

Quality of Life

The degree to which the applicant's project or program will help improve housing and other "quality of life" issues in the neighborhood.

Fixing a heating issue is given greater consideration than planting flower.

Timeline

Can the project be completed within 120 days? Are there any possible delays that may impede the completion of the project?

Estimated Budget

Does the project or program meet the grant's budget requirements? To what extent is the budget realistic and feasible under the proposed budget.

How much money is the applicant putting in?

Distribution of Grants

- All money awarded to qualified applicants will be given out through the Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (TRIP).

Distribution of Grants

- Homeowners and Not-for-Profits will be granted half of their grant at the start of the project and the remaining amount upon its conclusion.
- Businesses owners and Landlords will be awarded the full amount at the conclusion of their project.

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Questions?