



GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

At Grande, we:

Take care of our customers
Take care of each other
Do what we say we are going to do
Have fun!

About the Program

Before Grande ever began building its deep-fiber broadband network in Texas, it built an internal culture of volunteerism and community service. Based on our corporate statement above, the **Grande Cares Club** is an employee-giving program that funds non-profit organizations in our network build areas.

To become a member of the Grande Cares Club, Grande employees donate their time and a percentage of their pay. These employee contributions support the communities Grande serves. An employee-run board of directors helps identify the benefiting organizations. The company provides additional funds and services through its own corporate giving plan.

In 2000 - even before Grande had paying customers - non-profit organizations in our communities became recipients of the Grande Cares coffers. To date over \$2.5 million has been granted in the communities we serve including Austin, Corpus Christi, northwest suburban Dallas, Midland, Odessa, San Antonio, San Marcos, and Waco.

Mission

The Grande Cares Club is a private nonprofit organization that encourages and enables Grande employees to serve their neighbors in need through grants to non-profit organizations that

- Provide basic human services – food, clothing, shelter, healthcare and safety
- Provide education through access to computer technology
- Provide positive initiatives for at-risk youth.

Grant Application Guidelines

The Grande Cares Grant Program is offered to qualified applicants whose program or project request meets the following criteria:

MANDATORY

- Must meet one of the grant categories listed in the Mission Statement above;
- Must support community needs in a Grande service market;
- Must be consistent with Grande values;
- Must be recognized as a 501(c)(3); and
- Must show clear representation of its mission and need.



Desirable

- Provide direct services rather than support services to beneficiaries.
- Provide opportunities for Grande employees to participate.
- Afford Grande visibility in the community.
- Enjoy personal or financial support from Grande employees/board/investors.

Other guidelines

- Grant requests under \$200.00 or more than \$2,500.00 may be considered, but are discouraged.
- Organizations may apply for funding only once in any one 12-month period. Any funds that are granted and not used within a 12-month period may be revoked by action of the Grande Cares Club Board.
- Requests for **event** sponsorship are not reviewed because the Club prefers to grant funds for direct services.
- Requests from pass-through organizations are not accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF
JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, AND OCTOBER

The Grande Cares Club Board meets quarterly to consider grant requests. Applicants will be notified by mail of the Board's decisions.

Please submit questions and return all information to:

Grande Cares Club
401 Carlson Circle
San Marcos, TX 78666
512.878.4000

Note: The following three pages feature a PDF form. Click on the Highlight Existing Fields button to view the fields, type in the fields, save the file with your name on your computer. Then print it out and mail it to us, using the address information provided above.



For office use only.

Date application received? _____

Referred by? _____

**GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS® COMMUNITY CHEST
GRANT APPLICATION**

This form may be reproduced by computer. The form is also available electronically on Grande's Web site: www.mygrande.com.

Contact Information

- Name of organization: _____
- Name of contact: _____
- Title: _____
- Executive director (if different): _____
- Mailing Address: _____
- City, Zip: _____
- Physical address (if different): _____
- Direct phone: _____
- Main phone: _____
- Fax: _____
- Email: _____
- Web site: _____

Required information to be included with application:

- 501(c)(3) certificate
- W-9 form
- Current list of board of directors with addresses
- Mission statement
- Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement (End of Year)
- Copy of most recent IRS Form 990 or equivalent

Organization Background

Please write a *brief* history of your organization, including when it was formed, its purpose and major accomplishments.



Grant Information

Name of the specific project or program for which you are requesting funds:

Please check the primary category of the program or project for which you seeking funds:

- Basic human services - food, clothing, shelter, healthcare and safety
- Education through access to computer technology
- Positive initiatives for at-risk youth

Grant amount requested: \$ _____

Please write a *brief* description of the project or program for which you are requesting funds including purpose of the project or program, goals and objectives, anticipated use of the GC funds, history and duration of the project or program, who will benefit from the project or program and in what ways, how many people will be served, and how you will measure success.

Do you have a deadline for project or program funding? Yes No

If yes, please indicate a deadline for funding, if applicable: _____

Is the project or program ongoing? Yes No

Please indicate community served by the project or program:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin | <input type="checkbox"/> Corpus Christi | <input type="checkbox"/> NW Suburban Dallas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midland-Odessa | <input type="checkbox"/> San Antonio | <input type="checkbox"/> San Marcos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waco | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |



Financial Information

Amount of the total budget for the project or program: \$ _____

Percentage of the total project or program budget for which you are requesting funds from Grande Cares: _____%

If applicable, please indicate any other sources of funds you have acquired or have pending for the project or program: _____

Has Grande Cares supported your organization in the past? Yes No

If yes, please list the year(s) and amount(s) received: _____

Recognition

Please outline how you will acknowledge Grande's support if awarded. (Please be as specific as possible.)

How did you learn about the Grande Cares Club? _____

Other comments (optional):

Please note that Grande Communications also provides cable air time for 30 second *Public Service Announcements (PSA)*.

Please check if you are interested in receiving _____ PSA Application.