

Request for Proposals (RFP)
Graymont Community and Economic Development Fund
Grant Application

Mission Statement

The Graymont Economic and Community Development Fund was created to provide financial support for economic and community development in areas directly and indirectly impacted by the Rexton Project with the intent of improving the quality of life of the area now, and into the future.

Funding Priorities

The purpose of the Graymont Economic and Community Development Fund is to provide funding to organizations for small business support, assistance for schools and educators, human services, road and infrastructure improvements, conservation and enhancement of recreational opportunities, health and wellness in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Projects serving the townships/residents of Garfield, Hendricks, Hudson, Pentland and Trout Lake will receive special consideration.

Eligibility

Applications can be accepted from municipalities, units of government, social agencies and other organizations, small business and members of the local community,

Required Documents

A completed application package should include:

- Graymont Community and Economic Development Grant Application Cover Sheet
- Proposal Narrative
- Letters of Support
- Grant Budget Form
- Proposal Budget

Application documents can be downloaded from the LSSU web page: <https://www.lssu.edu/resources/about-lssu/provost/office-of-sponsored-programs/graymont-economic-and-community-development-fund/>, or requested from the Office of Sponsored Programs at enewland@lssu.edu.

2026 Funding Round Timeline

- Opens: February 1, 2026
- Closes: May 31, 2026
- Award Announcement: by July 30, 2026

Completed application packages can be emailed to enewland@lssu.edu or mailed to:

Lake Superior State University
Administration Bldg. Rm. 209
650 West Easterday Avenue
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

All proposals must be received by May 31, 2026. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

A review committee will competitively score and select proposals for award.

Questions can be directed to enewland@lssu.edu or (906)635-2272.

PLEASE NOTE: Lake Superior State University reserves the right to accept, reject and/or negotiate any and all projects submitted for funding consideration.