

MVA Procedure

Evaluating Community Grant Applications

Preparation:

- The Community Grant Application form is located on the www.minnregs.com home page
- Community non-profits are encouraged to use the form to request funding from MVA
- Completed applications are forwarded to the evaluation committee for processing
- Evaluation criteria:
 - Personal involvement in or knowledge of by MVA member
 - Comparatively small operating budget
 - Comparatively small overhead
 - Boots-on-the-ground support for
 - Families and children
 - Elderly
 - Military veterans and families

Process:

Claims made on the form are verified using the following resources:

- a. Charity Navigator (<https://www.charitynavigator.org/>)
- b. Charity Watch (<https://www.charitywatch.org/>)
- c. Guide Star (<https://www.guidestar.org/>)
- d. BBB Wise Giving Alliance (<https://give.org/>)

Review last public posted IRS Form 990

(<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/search-for-tax-exempt-organizations>)

Review Social Media for local reviews

Determine whether the agency deserves MVA support and at what level

Communicate recommendation to Manager of Community Affairs

