



OLSSON ASSOCIATES FOUNDATION

Supporting Education, Environment, & Community

For 60 years, Olsson Associates has provided consulting engineering services throughout the Midwest, creating safe and sustainable environments for families and businesses to thrive. By integrating our skills with the needs of local communities, Olsson continues to be committed to developing the neighborhoods we serve.

To expand our community-based involvement, the Olsson Foundation was established in 2015 to provide grant money to organizations that inspire innovative and sustainable opportunities where our employees live and work.

These grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$2,500, giving preference to organizations that meet the following guiding principles:

Education-based organizations:

The Olsson Foundation will emphasize giving to educational pursuits where that activity is secondary or in parallel with the mission of the charity. Emphasis is placed on programmatic activities in science, technology, engineering, environment, arts, and math.

Environmental-based organizations:

Our intention is to improve the environmental quality of our community by supporting area businesses, community leaders, or organizations to create a clean and safe place to live and work for future generations. Funding is intended to preserve and protect the environment through actions that support clean water, clean air, recycling, conservation, and appreciation.

Community-based organizations:

We understand that the word “community” casts a wide net, so we use the following criteria to prioritize funding in this category:

- Human service organizations that provide services to individuals and families in need.
- Organizations that increase leadership capacity within a community.
- Demonstrated impact and success of programs.
- Evidence of strong leadership.

FAQs

- What types of organizations are eligible for funding?
 - An organization must have 501(c)3 status to be eligible for foundation funding, along with relevance to our three focus areas: education, environment, and community. The Olsson Foundation does not fund political or religion-specific requests. We also do not focus on healthcare-related funding.
- What types of requests are appropriate, i.e., event-specific or programmatic?
 - Event-specific requests will not receive funding through the Olsson Foundation. We are interested in giving to programs that have a lasting impact on the communities we serve.
- What is an appropriate amount of money to request?
 - We recommend you make requests in the \$1,000 to \$2,500 range.
- Is there an advantage to being an organization located in an area with an Olsson Associates office?
 - The Olsson Foundation will give preference to organizations located in our geographic footprint.