



Application for Aitkin County Business Development & Recreation Grant Program

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

1. Grant requests should be submitted by EMAIL to:
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subject line: BD&R2026 or
by mail to:
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Aitkin County Government Center
307 2nd Street NW, Room 316
Aitkin, MN 56431
2. Funding recommendations will be considered at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Aitkin County Economic Development Committee. Application deadline is **May 31, 2026**.
3. Committee recommendations will be submitted to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners for final approval.
4. The purpose of this grant fund is to leverage county funds, private funds, and volunteer efforts to enhance small business development activities in Aitkin County, with a focus on increasing sustained tourism and recreational events. Organizations may apply individually or submit a joint application. To demonstrate their commitment to the grant request, organizations must provide a 1:1 match of funds in good faith. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners has approved this funding to be used directly for the benefit of the Aitkin County community through the Aitkin County Business Development & Recreation Grant.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Project/Event Name:

Date(s) of Project/Event:

Location of Project/Event:

Organization/Community Name:

Person in Charge of Project:

Organization Mailing Address (Street Name or P.O. Box or Route and Box # and City and Zip Code):

Contact Person's Phone #:

Contact Person's Email:

Description/focus/purpose of your organization:



FUNDING:

Amount requested from Aitkin County \$

(Minimum \$100.00, maximum request is 2,000.00). The Economic Development Committee may recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase or decrease the amount awarded at their discretion. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners grants the final approval for funding.

Amount of your organization's match \$

Total projected budget \$

PROJECT/EVENT DESCRIPTION: Be concise and complete; attach supporting information if needed.

What do you hope to accomplish, how it will be done and specifically how the grant funds will be used.

Explain how your project will bring visitors to or provide a positive and sustainable economic impact on Aitkin County.

List target audience:

How many people usually attend this project/event?

If awarded, how many incremental visitors do you hope to attract?



4. **PROJECT BUDGET:** in the space below, provide a budget for the entire event.

Category	Grant Funds	Applicant Funds	Total
TOTALS			

Contact Signature:

Name _____ Date: _____