

C500 Frequently Asked Questions

If I've already received a Community 500 sponsorship, can I apply again?

Yes, but only for a new project idea.

Can I apply if I'm not affiliated with an organization (nonprofit or otherwise)?

YES! Community 500 was designed to give individuals and small groups an opportunity to make an impact in their community without the hassle of becoming a tax-exempt organization.

What if my project idea will cost more than \$500? Can I solicit funds from other sources to supplement the Community 500 sponsorship?

The purpose of Community 500 is to prove it doesn't take a lot of money to make an impact in your community. As such, projects that will cost more than \$500 are generally not funded. However, our team is happy to discuss your project idea with you and help you locate other potential sources of support.

How long does my Community 500 application stay on file?

This year (2019), Community 500 applications will be accepted in three cycles: February 1-28, May 1-31 and September 1-30. Applications will only be considered within the cycle in which they are submitted.

What sort of feedback can I expect if my project idea is not selected for funding?

MBF will never just say, "No." If your project idea cannot be funded at this time, our team will provide feedback regarding other potential resources for support and/or ideas to make your project application more competitive in future cycles.