

GAIA Local Community Development Project Incentive

Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide local community development groups with incentive and cost assistance with the construction or improvement to facilities that will improve the quality of services, recreation facilities, or other public use facilities in the Garrison area.

Eligible Entity: Any local community groups in the Garrison area where the applicant can provide supporting data to indicate that the addition or improvement will be beneficial to the community of Garrison.

Maximum Grant: The maximum amount of reimbursement per business application is up to 50% of the improvement cost - not to exceed \$20,000.00. Grant amounts will be based on the impact to the community as determined by the GAIA Board of Directors.

Grant Application: This is a competitive program. To be considered a written application accompanied by a **detailed** description of the improvement project shall be submitted to the board of GAIA. *If the maximum amount of available funds is not allocated after the May 1st deadline, the application period may be extended.*

Grant Approvals: Approvals will only be granted for requests made *prior* to the beginning of any expansion or improvement work. This is a competitive program, and applications will be scored by the GAIA Board based on the project's ability to improve the quality of services, recreation facilities, or other public use facilities in the Garrison area. All approvals are subject to funds being available for this program. Projects will be individually reviewed for acceptability by the GAIA board of directors before approval. **Projects must be completed by December 31st.** Extensions may be granted due to reasons beyond the control of the applicant, but will be done only with board approval. **Note: Materials and hired labor used in the project must be purchased locally when possible.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

- ◆ All applicants must submit an application form - a brief synopsis of the project should also be attached. Further supporting information may be requested by the board of directors. Application forms are available at the GAIA office.