**MISSION STATEMENT:**

To identify and support those opportunities in Koochiching County that have potential to positively impact the economic opportunity and quality of life of its communities and residents.

The goal of the Koochiching Community Development Association (KCDA) is to create and maintain economic opportunity and community enhancement.

**GEOGRAPHIC AREA:**

To be eligible for this program, the project or entity must be located, intended to be located, or provide services within Koochiching County.

The entity seeking assistance may be for-profit, non-profit, or a Governmental entity and may be new or an expansion of an existing business.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS and APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Terms of the funding will be at the discretion of the Association and will not exceed $5,000 per project.

1. An application must be fully completed and submitted. Submit the application to the Secretary/Treasurer at the address listed at the bottom no less than 2 weeks prior to the next meeting date.
2. Supporting information deemed relevant to proposal must accompany the application. (see checklist for supporting documents)
3. Applicant’s financial participation is strongly encouraged in the proposed project.
4. Action from the Association will follow this process: 1) applicant is required to attend a board meeting for an interview (this gives the applicant a chance to present their project); 2) review the application for completeness and either accept the application or reject the application; 3) the board will then discuss the application and do one of the following: a) fund project and decide amount awarded; or b) reject the project.
5. If approved for funding, the applicant will immediately sign the original copy of acceptance letter and will receive a check for the amount approved. If the applicant is not in attendance, the application will be tabled until the next meeting.
6. When the project is completed, the applicant must submit receipts of expenditures and photos if possible, to the Association. The project must be completed within 6 months.

For information on applications, membership, or scheduled meetings contact your local representative or:

Kyra Hasbargen, Secretary/Treasurer

PO Box 138

International Falls, MN 56649

(218) 283-8585

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. Applications must be received by the KCDA Board at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting date, to allow adequate time for board members to review all applications.

2. Applicants must be present at the KCDA meeting to be considered for funding, which allows the KCDA Board of directors to ask questions of the applicant if needed.

3. Applicants will be ineligible to receive funding for projects that have already been completed. Exceptions will be considered if a phasing process takes place and the applicant is unable to complete the next phase do to the lack of funding.

4. Applicants must have/show the ability of matching funds and/or in-kind services to be eligible for receiving grant funds.

5. Fraternal Organizations may apply for grant funding. Grants will be determined at the discretion of the board.

6. Applications for School Districts and Churches will not be considered for grant funding.

7. Grant funding cannot be utilized for Administration fees.

8. The KCDA Board of Directors reserves the right to accept, deny or table any applications as they deem necessary.

Name of Applicant:

Address/Phone:

Email Address:

[ ]  New Organization [ ]  Existing Organization     # of Years Organized

Nature of Organization: [ ]  Non-Profit

 [ ]  Governmental

 [ ]  Other

In detail describe your organization: its size, products or services, and market served:

In detail describe the proposed project for which you seek funding:

General Financial Information:

Describe use of proceeds and other sources of capital:

 Land and Building Acquisition

 Land Improvements

 New Construction

 Building Renovation

 Machinery/Equipment

 Labor

 Other

 **Total $**

 Proposed KCDA Contribution

 Applicant’s Contribution

 Other Sources

 **Total $**

**Community Enhancement Projects:** (List the names, addresses, phone numbers of individuals responsible for the project; check the box most appropriate for your project:

**[ ]** a) mayor and city council members in the case of a community/city

 [ ]  b) all individuals heading the project if other than a community/city (ex: school,

 citizens, clubs, etc)

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G. Certification: All information in this application and attached Exhibits is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and does not contain misrepresentation. I will notify the Koochiching Community Development Association (KCDA) immediately if any of the information contained within becomes inaccurate, incorrect or obsolete due to changing circumstance or found error. The KCDA is hereby authorized to verify the information provided within this application.

In signing and submitting this application the applicant agrees to the terms as outlined in the introduction letter and understands that the application is public information. If funding is granted, the applicant will use the funds solely for the purpose stated in the application within the time frame of 6 months and will provide documentation of expenditures to the KCDA board.

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(Signature of applicant) (date)

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(Signature of preparer, if other than applicant) (date)

(Print or type name of preparer)