

## **The Dow Chemical Company Foundation Texas Operations Community Grant Program Freeport, TX**

In 2004, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation established a Community Grants program at its Texas Operations site. It provides funding to projects that help meet the needs of area residents and make local communities better places to live and work. Grants are given to one-time projects that have long-term, sustainable benefits for communities. There are two categories of grants: Heritage Grants of up to \$25,000, and Diamond Grants of up to \$5,000.

**Applications must be received by April 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

### **Application criteria**

- Applicants must be charitable or non-profit organizations (have a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax designation) or be municipal or government agencies.
- Applicants must have a Dow employee sponsor
- Applicants must be based in Southern Brazoria County. This includes the communities of Lake Jackson, Oyster Creek, Jones Creek, Clute, Angleton, Freeport, Brazoria, Danbury, Sweeny and West Columbia
- Funding requests cannot exceed \$5,000 for a Diamond Grant or \$25,000 for a Heritage Grant. Please request only the amount required to fund the project.
- Projects must be completed by March 1, 2009
- If additional funding is required to complete the project, the funding sources must be secured and confirmed prior to applying for a Dow Community Grant
- A maximum of one application per organization will be accepted
- Applications received after 4:00 p.m. on April 25, 2008 will not be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted

**Projects must provide positive community impact in at least one of the following areas: Science in Society, Contributing to Community Success, and/or Sustainability.**

### **Science in Society means:**

- enhancing understanding of the roles of chemicals and plastics and the chemical industry and/or
- having the potential to increase interest in careers and opportunities linked to chemistry, engineering, technology and other sciences

### **Contributing to Community Success means:**

- promotes job creation and/or
- meets community-defined needs and/or
- provides permanent improvement to the social infrastructure within a disadvantaged or underprivileged sector of the community and/or
- provides funding for materials or tools which will be widely available within a community or will offer long-term benefit to the community as a whole

### **Sustainability means**

- enhances or protects the natural environment and/or
- raises awareness among a broad public audience of environmental issues and relationship to social and economic consideration

**Preference will be given to projects that:**

- Meet an identified community need, particularly in the areas of environmental sustainability, economic development, neighborhood safety and security, work skills development and/or health care
- Have one-time costs, are well-researched and provide visible long-term benefits
- Are from organizations that are financially well administered and organized
- Have measurable results
- Generate community support and involvement
- Encourage the participation and involvement of Dow employees and retirees

**What kinds of projects DO NOT qualify?**

- Those submitted by for-profit businesses, religious organizations for the sole benefit of that organization, individual sports teams, political organizations or candidates, labor unions, homeowners associations or individuals
- Schools and school districts do not qualify for this program. They are encouraged to apply for a Dow Education Grant later in the year
- Funds cannot be used for operating expenses, personal computers, travel expenses, advertising, fund raising events, dues and memberships or lobbying expenses
- Projects outside the designated funding area

**Some of the types of programs that have historically been supported include:**

- Home construction and repair projects for the disadvantaged
- Development of facilities for youth and community activities
- Education materials for community health programs
- Environmental conservation projects
- Expanding educational and workforce development

**Selection process**

A selection committee comprised of community members, external representatives from the Texas Operations Community Advisory Panel, and Dow employees will review the applications and provide scores based on how well the project meets the grant program criteria. They will then meet to discuss and select the successful projects.

**How to Apply**

Please complete all sections of the 2008 Dow Community Grants Application Form. Be sure to include all the required information, including an itemized budget, and use additional pages if necessary. Send or deliver application to Dow or mail to:

**The Dow Chemical Company  
Attention: Community Relations---Community Grants Program  
2301 N. Brazosport Blvd.  
Freeport, Texas 77541**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE - 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2008. Applications received after this day will not be accepted.**