



"The Big Dig *digs in* to help out area communities".

INVITATION TO APPLY for COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

ALM Charities, D. L. Gasser Construction and Milestone Materials are proud to sponsor The Big Dig Community Service Projects for the calendar year 2010.

Vision

Our vision for The Big Dig moving forward is to "*dig in*" and complete community service work. This is a good time to change the format of The Big Dig as the state of the economy has caused communities and non-profit organizations to cut programs, projects, and services. Changing The Big Dig from a fundraising event to a community service activity will benefit a broader range of the communities that our employees live in and we do business in. We feel that community service work will give us great satisfaction and long-lasting relations knowing that together we have accomplished projects that will benefit and improve our quality of life. Grant submittals should not be limited to gravel and asphalt type projects. Grant applications could be written for such projects/events like:

- community park improvements
- a homeless shelter driveway
- a school playground
- co-sponsoring a charity benefit
- sponsoring a non-profit event
- assisting with volunteers at a non-profit event
- organizing community members for a cause
- assisting with volunteers at a basketball tournament
- painting walls at the community center
- fencing projects
- financial assistance

Mission

Completing community service projects will:

- (1) help build a better tomorrow for families and kids of our area communities
- (2) encourage unity of community members of all ages to bridge the generation gaps
- (3) create a unique and lasting experience between our business, our employees, and our communities
- (4) educate the public on the value of the construction and mining industry and the benefit of having them be members of their community
- (5) bring out "*the construction worker*" in all of the volunteers and benefactors by including them in the work

INVITATION TO APPLY GUIDELINES:

Non-profit organizations from Adams, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette, Richland, and Sauk counties may complete the Invitation To Apply form.

Please be specific in your grant application. Feel free to provide whatever format and supporting documentation your organization deems appropriate in filing a complete and persuasive application.

The application deadline for Big Dig 2010 is April 1, 2010.

The Big Dig
c/o Gasser Construction & Milestone Materials
P O Box 441
Baraboo WI 53913

All mailed applications must be post marked by April 1, 2010, or hand-delivered to the Gasser office and date-stamped upon receipt.

**Applications can also be faxed or email:
608.356.4180
tneuman@mathy.com**

For more information call Tina Neuman, Big Dig Coordinator at 608.356.3311 or check our website www.thebigdig.info for more details and photos, and an electronic copy of the Invitation To Apply application.

In what ways will your community service project benefit your community?

In what ways does or has your organization contributed to its surrounding communities? (Include only documentation for the past three years.)

How many people are served by your organization? Give details:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT & SPONSORSHIPS:

List your organization's major financial sponsors for the past three years (you can include grants received):

Briefly describe your organization's financial condition and leadership structure. Include copies of your past three years' financial statements along with an organizational flow chart.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS THAT CAN ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT:

In what ways is your organization able to assist with (planning, preparations, supplying volunteers for the project, and/or clean up) The Big Dig Community Service Project?

Check all that would apply, however we recommend that you do not over-commit; keep in mind your club's strengths and weaknesses.

- Serve on a task force*
- Provide non-profit and community volunteers for the project
- Projected number of volunteers _____ the day(s) of the project
- Provide food and drinks to the construction workers/volunteers
- Help with organization and project set up
- Help with preparations prior to the day of the project
- Help with clean up after the completion of the project
- Others: feel free to list other talents and treasures that could enhance your project's success

*** Minimum requirement: one individual on a task force to help lead the project from planning to completion.**

In closing, we invite you to include an additional narrative about your organization and your project that will be beneficial to learn during the project selection process. Attachments are acceptable.

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