

## **AURORA COOPERATIVE**

## MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Aurora Cooperative is pleased to announce it will once again be offering a matching grant program in collaboration with CHS, CoBank, and Land-o-Lakes that can contribute anywhere from \$1,000 - \$10,000 to your project! Here's how it works:

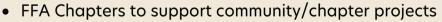
- You turn in your application AND other required documents by February 28th.
- We review applications and select those that best fit the grant criteria.
- We apply for the matching grants through CHS, CoBank, and Land-o-Lakes.
- We wait to hear back from the 3 partners to see if our applications were approved or denied.
- If approved, we send you the 2 matching checks! One from us, and one from CHS, CoBank, or Land-o-Lakes.
  - Please note that the application process with our collaborators can possibly take up to 6 months. If you are needing funds sooner than that, this program isn't the right fit for you.

The Member Co-op Match Program funds are awarded to a wide variety of eligible local projects in two major areas: Community Vitality and Hunger Programs. Grants are restricted to 501(c)3 organizations, schools, municipalities, and counties.

All matching support is subject to availability of funds. Applications will be accepted until February 28th. The grant application must be submitted with the other application requirements to memberservices@auroracoop.com or mailed to the address on the application for consideration.

## **EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE PAST**

- Childcare Centers
- Community Recreation including playgrounds, ballfields, pool projects, etc.



- School District Backpack programs/food pantry for students
- Community Beautification
- Emergency equipment for volunteer fire departments
- 4-H Clubs for community projects
- Programs benefiting Senior Citizens
- And more...





We are looking for projects that strengthen and uplift hometown communities!

For questions, please contact Sara LaBrie



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