

2023 LMB Better Bicycling Grants Application

We are now accepting applications for the 2023 Better Bicycling Grants, through 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2023.

Our Micro-Grants have been rebranded as Better Bicycling Grants to better align with our mission to "improve life through bicycling" and to support our long-term goal to increase the size and number of grants we can award. Your [continued generosity](#) will help us reach this goal.

Who should apply? In the past, we've had applications from libraries, "friends of" parks and trail organizations, other nonprofits, municipalities, bike clubs, and bike shops. This list isn't exhaustive, so if you have a great idea and want to know if you'd qualify, reach out and ask!

How much can I apply for? We consider grant applications up to \$2,500. If you're applying for *equipment* (such as a bike fix-it station) the limit is \$500.

Better Bicycling funds are open to all Michigan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Individuals, clubs, or other entities without an official 501(c)(3) designation will be considered if accompanied by a fiscal sponsorship agreement with an established nonprofit. Grant applications from LMB members are given highest priority. Grants must be applied for in advance of the opportunity. Retroactive requests will not be accepted.

If this is your first time completing a grant application, we want to give you the support you need to be successful! Please don't hesitate to apply. If you'd like to get feedback on your draft application, please contact Matt at matt@lmb.org.

** Indicates required question*

Email*

General Details

Proposal Title*

Short Description*

What will you do with the Better Bicycling Grant funds, in a sentence or two?

Requested amount (max of \$2,500, cost effectiveness of your proposed project is an evaluation factor)*

Application Date*

Category (select all that apply)*

- Health
- Community
- Innovation
- Equity
- Safety
- Environment
- Education
- Advocacy
- Infrastructure
- Encouragement
- Other:

Have you applied for a Micro-Grant (previous name for Better Bicycling Grants) in the past?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, have you received one?

- Yes
- No

Primary contact name / title*

Primary contact's email*

Primary contact's phone number*

Organization Overview

Organization name*

Website

Address

Membership status (Grant applications from LMB members are given highest priority. If your organization is not currently an LMB member, please consider joining in conjunction with your application at www.LMB.org/join.)*

- LMB member
- Not an LMB member
- Planning on becoming an LMB member
- Other:

Mission statement*

Nonprofit status or fiscal agent / year incorporated*

Organization service area (geography and target audience):*

Project Overview

What is the purpose of your project?*

What outcomes do you anticipate? How will you create these outcomes?*

What is the timeframe of your project?*

What challenges or barriers to success do you anticipate, and how do you plan to address them?*

Why is your organization best suited for this project? Will you partner with others, and if so who?*

What other source(s) of funding or in-kind support have you secured and/or how will you leverage LMB funding to secure other needed funds?*

Does your project advance LMB's vision for a state where "our streets and trails are safe and accessible to people of every age, race, gender, ability, and economic status"? If so, how?*

Does your project fit one or more of the following targeted interests for the Better Bicycling Grants program, or for "Other", advance another aspect of [our strategic plan](#)?

- Projects focused on bicycle safety
- Campaigns focused on efforts to increase ridership for people of every age, race, gender, ability,
- On-the-ground advocacy efforts that stimulate community action and policy change

- Innovative projects that demonstrate creativity and that serve as a model for other bicycle advocates and communities across Michigan
- Other:

How does your project fit these interests?

How will your project recognize LMB?*

Project Budget: Income

How much funding will you generate for your project?

Part 1: Amount being requested from LMB (\$)*

Part 2: Funding from other sources (amount in \$)

Total project income (add parts 1 and 2)*

Project Budget: Expenses

How much will your project cost?

Part 1: Personnel costs

Part 2: Professional services costs

Part 3: Supplies and materials costs

Part 4: Other project costs

Total project expenses (add parts 1-4)*

Final Steps

To complete your application, please submit below and email the following to matt@lmb.org

(A) A copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) designation letter or fiscal sponsorship agreement letter.

(B) Any additional supporting documents, i.e. a letter of support.

If your organization is selected for a Better Cycling Grant, we expect that you will keep us updated on progress. Please plan to provide a short write-up (400 words or less) explaining your project and its impact, photos (we love pictures of people riding bicycles!) and a summary of media coverage (if any). Please also plan to mention LMB in traditional or social media and to use the LMB logo with "Sponsored by League of Michigan Bicyclists" on any print or digital materials.