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Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation

P.O. Box 81407

Lincoln, NE 68508-1407

Phone: 402-435-4369

Fax: 402-435-6980

Website: www.abbottfoundation.org

Purpose and Fields of interest: The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation established by the founder, Ethel S. Abbott. This private foundation strives to give a helping hand to those 501(c)(3) organizations that are trying to make a difference in people's lives in the Lincoln, Omaha, and Western Nebraska areas. The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation looks at each grant request uniquely for its potential to influence people's lives and to ultimately make a difference in the community.

Fields of Interest: Education, Art, Environment, Human Services, Sports, Wellness Programs, Disadvantaged Children

Application Information: The preferred method for applying for a grant is to go to the Foundation's website www.abbottfoundation.org and fill in and print out the grant application form and mail it to the Foundation's offices with all of the required attachments. If applicants do not have computer access to the internet, they can write or call the Foundation's office in order to obtain a grant application form.

The Abel Foundation

P.O. Box 80268

Lincoln, NE 68501

Phone: 402-434-1212

Contact Person: J. Ross McCown, Vice President

Website: www.abelfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on health and human service, higher education, and community development programs. Giving is limited to Nebraska, particularly Lincoln.

Fields of Interest: Health and Human Services, Higher Education, and Community Development Programs

Application Information: Lincoln/Lancaster County Grant Maker Common Application Form. Foundation meets in May and December each year to review funding requests.

American Express Philanthropic Program

American Express Company

3 World Financial Center

200 Vesey St.

New York, NY 10285-4804

Contact Person: Anne Wickham (Cultural Heritage); Terry Savage (Economic Independence)

Website: americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy

Purpose and Activities: The Foundation's philanthropic activities focus on community service; economic independence; and cultural programs. No support for religious, political or fraternal organizations; sporting events or athletic programs; legislative or lobbying efforts; umbrella organizations with active grant-making programs; or professional, trade, or marketing associations. No grants to individuals, or for endowments; capital campaigns, advertising in journals or yearbooks; publication of books, magazines or articles in professional journals; or medical research.

Fields of Interest:

1. Cultural Heritage: Protect the natural and built environment so that it can be enjoyed by current residents and visitors, and preserved for future generations. Funding also supports art and culture

unique to countries and regions. Cultural Heritage grant-making emphasizes: public awareness of the importance of historic and environmental preservation; preservation and management of major tourism sites; direct support for important cultural institutions and major projects in the visual and performing arts that are representative of national, regional and local cultures; and access to the arts and assistance to organizations in developing new audiences.

2. **Community Service:** Funding primarily reinforces the volunteer efforts of thousands of American Express employees and advisors in their local communities, and continues the company's long-standing support to local United Way organizations across the United States.
3. **Economic Independence:** Support initiatives that encourage, develop, and sustain economic self-reliance through programs that: serve youth, emphasizing school to career and other career readiness programs in partnership with the retail, travel and hospitality industries; build awareness about career and employment options for individuals facing significant barriers to employment, and provide education, training and workplace experiences so they may actively pursue these options; provide education in the fundamentals of business and economics, the importance of savings, the basics of personal financial management and related consumer issues; and promote entrepreneurship and small business development.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach by letter or proposal. One copy of the proposal needed. No deadlines. Board meets biannually. Final notification given in 3 to 4 months.

Ameritas Charitable Foundation

5900 O St.

Lincoln, NE 68510-2234

Phone: 402-467-1122

Contact Person: Lawrence J. Arth, Secretary & Treasurer

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for the arts, education, and health care.

Fields of Interest: Higher Education, Youth Development, Adult and Children's Programs, Human Services, General Charitable Giving (Types of support include general/operating support, continuing support, annual campaigns, program development, professorships, and research.)

Limitations: Giving primarily in Nebraska. No support for organizations that require a major portion of budget for administration and solicitation. No grants to individuals.

Hugo A. and Thelma Aspegren Charitable Trust

c/o Fist Nebraska Trust Company

PO Box 81667

Lincoln, NE 68501-1667

AT&T Foundation

AT&T Public Relations

Contributions Coordinator

5501 LBJ Freeway, Room 300E

Dallas, TX 75240

Website: www.att.com/foundation

Purpose and Activities: Seek projects that meet society's needs and relate to AT&T's business interests. Particularly inclined toward projects that employ innovative technological solutions. Awards grants in Education, Civic and Community Service, and Arts and Culture. Focuses on cities and regions with large concentrations of AT&T employees and business operations, with the majority of funds supporting U.S.-based institutions. Does not award grants to: individuals; organizations whose chief purpose is to influence legislation or to participate or intervene in political campaigns on behalf of or against any candidate for public office; endowments or memorials; construction or renovation projects; sports teams or any sports-related activities or competitions, even if it addresses our program interests; fund-raising events or advertising.

Fields of Interest:

1. Education-The AT&T Foundation supports education programs that focus on the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning. Through the AT&T Learning Network as well as Invitational Grants, the AT&T Foundation concentrates on the role of technology in education and its capacity to connect students, teachers, classrooms, institutions, and communities.
2. Civic and Community Service-The AT&T Foundation supports a variety of comprehensive civic and community service programs that fall within specific areas of focus.
3. Arts and Culture-The AT&T Foundation believes that artistic creativity is a complex and important form of communication, and that thriving cultural institutions are a key to community well-being. To that end, the Arts & Culture Program supports innovative artistic projects by nationally and internationally recognized arts and cultural institutions.

Application Information: Submit a brief letter of introduction and description of your organization/project. If organization/project is national in scope then you should apply directly to the AT&T Foundation. If organization and its' activities are local in scope you should contact AT&T's regional office.

Alan and Marcia Baer Foundation

1001 Fort Crook Road, Ste. 140

Bellevue, NE 68005

Contact Person: Ted Baer, Vice President; Kathy Baer, Administrator and Secretary

Purpose and Activities: Giving for health education services, youth, arts, culture and religion.

Fields of Interest: Educational Health Services, Youth, Cultural Programs and Religious Support

Application Information: Initial approach by letter. Deadline is at least 30 days before grant is required.

The Theodore G. Baldwin Foundation

2033 Central Ave.

Kearney, NE 68847-6855

Phone: 308-234-9889

Contact Person: Michael W. Baldwin, Treasurer

Purpose and Activities: Support for local arts organizations, education, and many 501(c)(3) organizations.

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Brick and Mortar, Operating, Youth

Application Information: Application form required. Initial approach by letter. One copy of proposal needed. Deadline is September 30. Board meets 4th quarter of each calendar year. Final notification by December 31.

Bemis Company Foundation

222 South Ninth St., #2300

Minneapolis, MN 55402-4099

Phone: 612-376-3093

Contact Person: Audrey Kirchner

Purpose and Activities: The Bemis Company Foundation was established to guide the charitable contributions of Bemis Company, Inc. The aim of the foundation is to match the available funds with those public needs where the interests of the company and our employees are inseparable. Priorities in grants will be given to those organizations and/or programs that will contribute most to advancing the quality of life for all people in the communities in which we operate. Emphasis will be on those programs that encourage the development of our human resources, education programs, and a lesser degree, civic and art institutions that encourage participation by the general public. Grants are made to tax-exempt

organizations only. The foundation will not make grants to individuals or organizations for religious or political purposes, either by lobbying efforts or by campaigns.

Fields of Interest: Social, Health and Welfare, Educational, Civic and Cultural.

Geographic Limitations: Those areas where Bemis Company, Inc., plants and subsidiaries are located.

Application Information: Grant proposals submitted to the Bemis Company Foundation need not be in a specific format, but all proposals should cover the following points:

1. Name of the organization and amount requested.
2. Brief description of the objectives for which the grant is sought.
3. Details as to how the objectives are to be attained.
4. Budget, including information about existing and other possible sources of income.
5. Officers and board members.
6. Statement that the organization has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that contributions to it are tax deductible.

Thomas D. Buckley Trust
P.O. Box 647
Chappell, NE 69129-0647
Phone: 402-874-2212

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for social services, health care, and community development, particularly for golf course projects, and to Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United Methodist churches; also funding for scholar programs.

Fields of Interest: Athletics, Golf; Children Services; Education; Elementary/Secondary Education; Health Care; Hospitals (general); Human Services; Protestant Agencies and Churches; Roman Catholic Agencies and Churches

Geographic Limitations: Giving primarily in Nebraska with an emphasis on Chappell and surrounding counties.

Application Information: Application form required.

Campbell Soup Foundation
Campbell Place
Camden, NJ 08103-1799
Phone: 856-342-4800 ext. 6423
Fax: 856-541-8185
Contact Person: Wendy Milanese

Purpose and Activities: Support for areas where the company has a plant. Research and educational programs that increase the understanding of the link between diet and health. Programs that provide real change for residents in those communities where Campbell Soup Company has facilities.

Application Information: The Foundation limits grants to organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are not made to organizations based outside the United States and its territories, or to any individuals. A summary Grant Proposal must accompany each application. A single copy of a proposal is sufficient. Proposals should be prepared concisely, in narrative form, without extensive documentation (however, restricted grant proposals in the area of diet and health should include a historical review and the methodology to be used.) There is no formal deadline. Proposals are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Generally, the Foundation Board limits the maximum size of any grant to \$100,000 in a fiscal year, and does not make multi-year grants. Because only proposals submitted in writing will be considered, visits to the Foundation's office or

contacts with members of the Board of Trustees or staff prior to submission serve little purpose. Organizations should not submit the same or similar proposals more than once in any 12-month period.

Carnegie Corporation of New York

**437 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10022
Phone: 212-371-3200
Fax: (212) 754-4073
Website: www.carnegie.org**

Purpose and Activities: Although its purposes are broadly stated, the Corporation has a policy of selecting a few areas at a time in which to concentrate its grants. Currently, the Corporation is focusing on four programs. A fifth area, Special Projects, consists of grants that do not fit easily into the four program areas.

Fields of Interest: Education, International Peace and Security, International Development, Democracy, Special Projects

Application Information: No application forms needed. Grant seekers are asked to present a statement containing a description of the project's aims, amount of support required, duration, methods, personnel, and budget. Additional materials may be required, including a formal request from the head of the organization and a more precise budget. No deadlines.

Coca-Cola Foundation

**1 Coca-Cola Plaza
P.O. Box 1734
Atlanta, GA 30301
Phone: 404-676-2568
Fax: 404-676-8804
Website: www.thecoca-colacompany.com**

Purpose and Activities: The mission of The Coca-Cola Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the community.

Fields of Interest: Water Stewardship, Healthy Active Lifestyles, Community Recycling, and Education

Application Information: Grants are made to nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) or equivalent organizations. General financial data is needed from the organization. The first application will need general information regarding the organization, upon which further information regarding the grants will be available from the foundation at the address above. Please see the website for more details.

The ConAgra Foods Foundation

**One ConAgra Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-5001
Phone: 402-595-4215
Contact Person: Kori Reed**

Purpose and Activities: Focus resources in education, health and human services, arts and culture, and civic and community betterment. Improve quality of life where ConAgra employees live and work.

Fields of Interest: Health and Human Services, Education, Community Funds, Youth Agencies, Cultural Programs

Application Information: Initial approach by proposal. Foundation grants announced quarterly. Proposals must be received last working day of January, April, July, and October. Organizations applying for

contributions must have been in existence for at least one year and have an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Cooper Foundation

**870 Wells Fargo Center
1248 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-476-7571
Contact Person: Victoria Kovar, Program Officer
Email: info@cooperfoundation.org
Website: www.cooperfoundation.org**

Purpose and Activities: To support innovative ideas which promise substantial impact and encourage others to make similar or larger grants. We seek ideas which provide leadership in the field, and which contribute in a major way to the applicant's mission and service to its constituents.

Fields of Interest: Education, Human Services, Arts, Humanities, and the Environment

Limitations: Funding is not available for individuals, businesses, non-501(c)(3) organizations, fiscal agents, private foundations, health organizations or issues, churches, religious organizations or issues, travel, memberships, or endowments.

Application Information: Contact the foundation to determine if your idea falls within the foundation's priorities. If so, you may be asked to submit one copy of your application following the foundation's format. Submit well before the funds would be needed. Grants are reviewed quarterly, in February, May, September, and December. The application deadlines for those meetings are January 15, April 1, August 1, and October 1.

Cottonwood Foundation

**Box 10803
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-0803
www.cottonwoodfdn.org**

Purpose and Activities: Cottonwood Foundation, a charitable, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed grassroots organizations that rely strongly on volunteer efforts, and where foundation support will make a significant difference. At least 90% of Cottonwood Foundation's expenditures are for grants to other organizations.

Application Information: Cottonwood Foundation has a very limited amount of funding available, and will only award grants to organizations that meet **all four** of the following criteria:

1. protect the **environment**
2. promote cultural **diversity**
3. **empower** people to meet their basic needs
4. rely on **volunteer** efforts

Organizations that do not meet all four criteria, are not eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. U.S. and international organizations are eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. While organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status, only charitable, nonprofit organizations will be funded by Cottonwood Foundation. Political and religious organizations, governmental agencies, for-profit businesses, private individuals, and universities are not eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Organizations that have received funding from Cottonwood

Foundation in the past are eligible to apply for grants, but applications should not be submitted more than once every 12 months. Applications should be submitted in English if possible.

Currently, grant requests must be submitted by mail. Please follow these steps:

1. Print a copy of the Grant Application Form from the Cottonwood Foundation website
2. Fill it out (on paper), and attach any supporting documents
3. Mail to Cottonwood at the address noted at the top of the form

Cottonwood Foundation will accept grant applications at all times for consideration, with no formal deadlines for applications. Applicants can expect to receive notification within six months of receipt of their application about whether the application has been funded.

Dr. CC and Mable L Criss Memorial Foundation

**P.O. Box 64713
Saint Paul, MN 55164-0713
Contact: Omaha National Bank TTEE**

Robert B. Daugherty Foundation Inc.

**13801 Fnb Pkwy
Omaha, NE 68154
Phone: 402-933-4663**

R. Joe Dennis Foundation

**1021 Galvin Rd. S.
Bellevue, NE 68005
Contact Person: R. Joe Dennis, Director**

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily to a library, as well as for higher education, medical and health organizations, and human services.

Fields of Interest: Boys & Girls Clubs; Foundations (private grant making); Health Organizations; Higher Education; Human Services; Libraries (public); Museums; Protestant Agencies & Churches

Limitations: Giving primarily in NE, with some emphasis on Omaha.

Application Information: Applicants should submit the following:

- 1) copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
 - 2) detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
 - 3) brief history of organization and description of its mission
- No Deadlines.

John A. and Gretchen Dinsdale Charitable Foundation

**P.O. Box 257
Central City, NE 68826
Contact Person: Roy Dinsdale**

Dogwood Foundation

**1257 Sanguinetti Road Suite 194
Sonora, California 95370
Phone: 209-743-7045
Email: dogwoodfoundation@yahoo.com**

Purpose and Activities: The Dogwood Charitable Foundation, is a nonprofit organization bringing communities together, across America, to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need of assistance and providing emergency relief and support to victims of disaster.

Application Information: Please contact the Dogwood Foundation for further information on funding applications.

Virgil Eihusen Foundation
4100 W. Husker Highway
Grand Island, NE 68803
Phone: 308-389-3300

Fields of Interest: Higher Education Scholarships

Ford Foundation
320 E. 43 St.
New York, NY 10017
Contact Person: Secretary
Website: www.fordfound.org

Fields of Interest: Economic Development; Community and Resource Development; Human Development and Reproductive Health; human rights and international cooperation; governance and civil society; education, knowledge, and religion; media, arts, & culture

Application Information: Before a request is made for a grant or program-related investment, a brief letter of inquiry is advisable to determine whether the Foundation's present interests and funds permit consideration of the request.

The letter should include:

- The purpose of the project for which funds are being requested
- Problems and issues the proposed project will address
- Information about the organization conducting the project
- Estimated overall budget for the project
- Period of time for which funds are requested
- Qualifications of those who will be engaged in the project

After receiving the letter, Foundation staff members may ask the grant seeker to submit a formal proposal. There is no grant application form. The proposal should include:

- The organization's current budget
- A description of the proposed work and how it will be conducted
- The names and curriculum vitae of those engaged in the project
- A detailed project budget
- Present means of support and status of applications made to other funding sources
- Legal and tax status

In some instances, the Foundation requires the grantee organization to match the Foundation's grant with funds from other sources.

The Foundation supports pluralism and equal opportunity in its grant making and internal policies. The opportunities that prospective grantee organizations provide for minorities and women are considered in evaluating proposals.

Applications are considered throughout the year. Normally applicants may expect to receive within six weeks an indication of whether their proposals are within the Foundation's program interests and budget limitations. Activities supported by grants and program-related investments must be charitable,

educational, or scientific, as defined under the appropriate provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations. The Foundation monitors grants through regular financial and narrative reports submitted by the grantee.

Fremont Area Community Foundation

**605 N. Broad Street
P.O. Box 182
Fremont, NE 68026-0182
Phone: 402-721-4252
Fax: 402-721-9359
Contact Person: Kristine Ann Gale, Executive Director
Email: kgale@facfoundation.org
Website: http://www.facfoundation.org/how_to_apply_grants.htm**

Purpose and Activities: The purpose of the Fremont Area Community Foundation is to build community philanthropy by connecting donor interest with community needs.

Fields of Interest: Civic, Education, Health, Human Services, Cultural Benefits

Geographic Limitations: Fremont, NE and its surrounding area

Application Information: Grant applications are reviewed by the Grants Committee of the Foundation, and approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Grant applications forms are available from the Fremont Area Community Foundation, 605 North Broad Street, P. O. Box 182, Fremont, NE 68026, 721-4252, or from the website. The Grants Committee considers requests approximately every two months.

Ike & Roz Friedman Foundation

**c/o Donald Yale
8405 Indian Hills Dr.
Omaha, NE 68114-4048
Phone: (402) 399-5252
Contact Person: Rosalie Friedman, President**

Fields of Interest: Museums, Arts/Cultural Programs, Higher Education, Human Services, Jewish Federated Giving Programs, Jewish Agencies and Temples

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach should be done by submitting a proposal.

Fulk Family Foundation

**1221 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-2016**

Gardner Foundation

**307 Main St.
P.O. Box 629
Wakefield, NE 68784
Contact Person: Board of Trustees
Phone: (402) 287-2538**

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for education and the arts.

Fields of Interest: Aging, Centers/Services; Community Development; Education; Health Care; Higher Education; Performing Arts, Orchestra (symphony); Performing Arts, Theater (types of support: Building/renovation, Capital campaigns, Endowments, Equipment, Seed money)

Application information: Application form required. Please contact the foundation for further information.

Grand Island Community Foundation

**410 W. Second Street, #2
P.O. Box 430
Grand Island, NE 68801-5977
Phone: 308-381-7767
Fax: 308-381-6567
Contact Person: Lisa Katzberg, Executive Director
Email: info@gicf.org
Website: <http://www.gicf.org/grants.php>**

Purpose and Activities: This program is designed to help local non-profits address unmet needs and unique program opportunities. Consideration will be given to requests of greater than \$5,000 when circumstances warrant, however in most cases, grant awards of up to \$5,000 will be made to help address critical and emerging issues in the community.

Fields of Interest: Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Civic Enrichment, Community Health, Education

Geographic Limitations: Hall County area

Application Information: Applications are due March 1 and September 1. Community Impact Grants and Great Idea Grants are available. Please see the website or contact the foundation for further application information.

Bill and Berniece Grewcock Foundation

**2123 Mullen Road
Omaha, NE 68124-1848
Phone: 402-342-2052**

Nebraska Hamilton Community Foundation, Inc.

**1108 L Street
P.O. Box 283
Aurora, NE 68818
Phone: 402-694-3200
Fax: 402-694-6160
Contact Person: Sidney L. Widga, Manager**

Purpose and Activities: The foundation seeks to meet local community needs for all manner of civic, charitable, educational, cultural, health, recreational, and humanitarian purposes.

Fields of Interest: Aging; Arts; Christian agencies & churches; Community development; Education; Health care; Human services; Recreation.

Limitations: Giving limited to Hamilton County, NE. No grants for operating expenses, deficit financing, or fund demonstration.

Application Information: Initial approach through a letter.

The Harper Family Foundation

**6625 State St.
Omaha, NE 68152-1633
Phone: 402-571-6612
Fax: 402-571-2151
Contact Person: Mary Robbins**

Fields of Interest: Cancer Research, Elementary/Secondary Education, Federated giving Programs, Higher Education, Recreation, Youth Development

Application Information: Application form not required. Applicants should submit the Following in an initial proposal: 1) statement of problem project will address 2) copy of IRS Determination Letter 3) copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990 4) listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations.

Hastings Community Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 703

Hastings, NE 68902

Phone: 402-462-5152

Contact: Susan Poppe, Office Manager

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Health Care, Senior Citizens

Geographic Limitations: Mostly local funding.

Application Information: Please contact the foundation for further information.

Hawkins Charitable Trust

2516 Deer Park Blvd.

Omaha, NE 68105-3771

Phone: 402-342-1607

Fax: 402-342-03221

Contact Person: Fred Hawkins, Jr., Kim Hawkins

Fields of Interest: Education, health care, agriculture, youth services, and federated giving programs. Types of support include annual campaigns, building and renovation, and scholarship funds. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach by proposal

William Randolph Hearst Foundation

90 New Monterey Street, Suite 1212

San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: 415-543-0400

Website: www.hearstfdn.org

Purpose and Activities: The Hearst Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that address important issues within our major areas of interests – education, health, culture, and social service – and that primarily serve large demographic and/or geographic constituencies. Within these areas, the Foundations generally provide endowment, program, and capital grant support. Private nonprofits with significant support from the philanthropic community are favored over those financed through government sources.

Fields of Interest: Education, Health, Culture, and Social Services

Application Information: Along with a brief cover letter, submit a one-page executive summary accompanied by a **five-page** proposal narrative and attachments. Proposals submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Please visit the website at http://www.hearstfdn.org/gl_application.html for further details.

Bernard K. & Norma F. Heuermann Foundation
PO Box 542080
Omaha, NE 68154-8080

Fields of Interest: Education, agriculture, children's services, mentally disabled centers and services, disabled, and aging. Types of support include general/operating support, endowment funds, fellowships, research, and matching funds.

Limitations: Emphasis on organizations engaged in activities in rural areas of Nebraska. No loans or non-monetary contributions, and no grants to individuals. Proposals should be in the range of \$1,000 to \$25,000.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach is by two-page proposal. Five copies needed. Attach copy of 501(c)(3) letter from Internal Revenue Service. Proposals should identify a special need or project to which funds will be applied, and should include objectives to be attained, people or groups who will benefit, work plans or timetables for achieving the stated objectives and any other means of support. Supporting documents such as project budget, other resources, names of supporters, and background information about the organization may be attached to the proposal. Stapled proposals are preferred to bound ones, and brevity is appreciated. Proposals can be made at any time during the year.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
2121 Sand Hill Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone: 650-234-4500
Fax: 650-234-4501
Website: www.hewlett.org

Purpose and Activities: The Hewlett Foundation makes grants to solve social and environmental problems at home and around the world. Grantees are working to reduce poverty in the developing world, curb carbon emissions that lead to climate change, and improve education for students in California and elsewhere, among many other valuable goals.

Fields of Interest: Education, Environment, Global Development, Performing Arts, Philanthropy, and Population

Application Information: Letters of inquiry must first be submitted before receiving an application. Please visit the website at <http://www.hewlett.org/grantseekers> for further information.

Travis Hiner and Kathleen Hiner Foundation
P.O. Box 1439
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone: 308-632-3401

The Hirschfeld Family Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1060
Kearney, NE 68848-1060
Phone: 308-236-4455
Contact Person: Jeffrey L. Orr, Attorney

Fields of Interest: Include children's museums, secondary and higher education, hospitals, youth development, scouting agencies, human services, special populations, aging centers and services, and protestant agencies and churches.

Application Information: An application form is required. Initial approach should be by letter requesting an application form. There are no deadlines.

The Hitachi Foundation
1215 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-457-0588
Fax: 202-296-1098

Purpose and Activities: Our strategy focuses on discovering and expanding business practices that create tangible and enduring economic opportunities for low-wealth Americans, their families, and their communities.

Application Information: Organizations must first submit an online inquiry about grant funding (<http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/guidelines/index.html#focus>). Proposals then may be submitted at the Foundation's invitation.

Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation
P.O. Box 31219
Omaha, NE 68132
Phone: 402-305-0043
Contact Person: Neely Kountz

Purpose and Activities: Support for private education. Support for the arts and social service agencies. Sponsors scholarship program for *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper carriers.

Fields of Interest: Performing arts centers, arts and cultural programs, higher education, and human services. Types of support include general operating support, capital campaigns, building renovation, endowment funds, scholarship funds, and matching funds. No grants to individuals.

Application Information:

- 1.) Letter summary, one page in length, to acquaint trustees with basics of grant request.
- 2.) Letter, no more than five pages in length, containing essential information, i.e. project contemplated, cost, source of funds; specific amount of grant request; how project would be continued after grant payout; and
- 3.) Budget, audit, IRS ruling letter under 501(c)(3) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, would be additions to the request.
- 4.) Include as part of the request the top three measurable results you expect to accomplish if this grant is approved.

An original and eight (8) copies of item (1) of the grant request and one (1) copy of items (2) and (3) should be addressed to the Secretary.

Imperial Community Foundation
PO Box 1281
Imperial, NE 69033
Website: www.imperialfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: "To accumulate, invest and distribute funds to provide for the enhancement of the community of Imperial and the surrounding area."

Fields of Interest: human services, education, environment, art, culture, recreation and civic improvements

Application Information: Grant applications for community projects are available January with a March 1 deadline. Grant awards are announced at the annual celebration that is generally held in March. To download an application form, visit Imperial Foundation's website at: <http://www.imperialfoundation.org/index.cfm>.

Iowa West Foundation
25 Main Place, Suite550
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone: 712-309-3012
Email: grantinfo@iowawest.com

Purpose and Activities: The Mission of the Iowa West Foundation is to improve lives and strengthen communities for future generations. They do this by providing leadership, creating partnerships, leveraging resources and serving as a catalyst in identifying and supporting community needs.

Fields of Interest: Community Development, Economic Development, Education, Human and Social Needs

Application Information: Applicants may apply online at www.iowawestfoundation.org or a printed copy may be obtained by contacting the foundation via email. A letter of inquiry must be submitted and received by January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 by 5:00 p.m.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
P.O. Box 2316
Princeton, NJ 08543-2316
Phone: 888-631-9989
Contact Person: Richard J. Toth
Website: www.rwjf.org

Purpose and Activities: To assure access to health care for all Americans

Fields of Interest: Health Care

Application Information: Please visit the Foundation's website at www.rwjf.org for further information.

Joyce Foundation
70 West Madison Street
Suite 2750
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Phone: 312-782-2464
Fax: 312-782-4160
Website: www.joycefdn.org

Purpose: The Joyce Foundation supports efforts to protect the natural environment of the Great Lakes, to reduce poverty and violence in the region, and to ensure that its people have access to good schools, decent jobs, and a diverse and thriving culture. It is especially interested in improving public policies, because public systems such as education and welfare directly affect the lives of so many people, and because public policies help shape private sector decisions about jobs, the environment, and the health of our communities. To ensure that public policies truly reflect public rather than private interests, the Joyce Foundation efforts to reform the system of financing election campaigns.

Fields of Interest: Education, Employment, Environment, Gun Violence, Money and Politics, Culture

Application Information: The Joyce Foundation accepts grant inquiries throughout the year. Applicants should anticipate the application process to take approximately four to six months from the initial submission of the letter of inquiry to the receipt of funding. Deadlines vary throughout the year. Additional information can be found online at www.joycefdn.org/GrantList/ApplicationProcess.aspx.

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation
Downtown Kansas City Office
1055 Broadway, Suite 130
Kansas City, MO 64105
Phone: 816-842-0944
Fax: 816-842-8079
Website: www.gkccf.org

Purpose and Activities: The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation is a public charity. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in Greater Kansas City by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about, and leading on critical community issues.

Fields of Interest: Varied

Application Information: Visit the foundation's website at <http://www.gkccf.org/index.aspx>.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110-2046
Website: www.kauffman.org

Purpose and Activities: To help individuals attain economic independence by advancing educational achievement and entrepreneurial success, consistent with the aspirations of our founder, Ewing Marion Kauffman. Ewing Kauffman advised his associates to invest in people and be willing to take risks as we look for opportunities to promote positive education and accelerate entrepreneurship in America. We consider our grants to be investments, and we look for a return on the grant investments we make.

Fields of Interest: Education and Entrepreneurship

Funding Guidelines: The foundation works in partnership with organizations that share its vision and passion for education and entrepreneurship. They look for ways to advance promising national programs and to leverage additional funding and resources in these two areas of interest. They work with partners by providing funding, consultation and technical assistance. Occasionally the foundation operates its own programs.

Application Information: The Kauffman Foundation does not use a grant application form or formal application process. It does not have proposal deadlines or established funding limits. There are no established maximum or minimum dollar amounts. Grant size ranges from a few thousand to several million dollars, depending on the size of the organization and the scope of the project. The foundation looks at the amount needed for each specific project based on scope of work. After reviewing the funding priorities, if you feel there is a **strong match** with your request, a letter of inquiry may be submitted, preferably less than three pages long. Please visit the foundation website at www.kauffman.org for further information.

Kearney Area Community Foundation
2207 Central Avenue
P.O. Box 1694
Kearney, NE 68848
Phone: 308-237-3114
Fax: 308-237-9845
Contact Person: Jan Anderson, Assistant Director
Email: cmyfndn@kearney.net
Website: <http://www.kearneyfoundation.org>

Purpose and Activities: The foundation exists to enhance the quality of life in the Kearney area by directing charitable funds to achieve the maximum benefit for the people of area communities. Primary grant making areas include arts and culture, human services, health, and recreation.

Fields of Interest: Arts/Culture, Education, Health, Human Services, Recreation, Aging, Community Development, People with Disabilities, Disasters, Economic Development, Youth

Limitations: Giving limited to the community of Kearney and all of Buffalo County, as well as communities throughout central NE. No support for religious activities (unless nondenominational and serving a broad segment of the population) or private or parochial schools (unless serving a broad segment of the population), as well as other private organizations. No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for annual fund drives, galas, or other special event fundraising activities, capital campaigns/renovation projects, debt reduction, dissertations or student/faculty research projects, endowment funds, indirect/administrative costs, fellowships, travel, tours or trips; no loans.

Application Information: Visit foundation Web site for application form and guidelines. Faxed or Emailed applications are not accepted. Application form required. Deadlines: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

One Michigan Avenue East

Battle Creek, Michigan 49017-4012

Phone: 269-968-1611

Contact Person: Manager of Grant Proposals

Website: www.wkkf.org

Purpose and Activities: The Foundation will consider requests that reflect programmatic efforts in each of its established or developing program areas, as well as in the integrative themes of leadership; information systems; capitalizing on diversity; and social and economic community development. Does not provide grants for: operational phases of established programs; capital facilities, equipment, conferences, publications, films, or television and radio programs, unless they are an integral phase of a project being funded; endowments or development campaigns; religious purposes; or individuals, except for fellowships in specific areas of Foundation programming.

Fields of Interest:

1. **Health:** To increase access to integrated, comprehensive health care systems organized around public health, prevention, and primary care. Work to improve services, prepare the health workforce of tomorrow, and create systemic change in which a community has a voice.
2. **Philanthropy and Volunteerism:** To support change agents, in communities and systems that will improve human life by increasing philanthropy and volunteerism.
3. **Food Systems and Rural Development:** To help meet the needs for safe, nutritious diets while ensuring that food production systems are environmentally sensitive, economically viable, sustainable over the long term, and socially responsible. To fund collaborative, comprehensive approaches to rural development that emphasizes community problem-solving, leadership development, delivery of human services, and training of local government officials.
4. **Youth and Education/Higher Education:** To improve the well-being of youth through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based initiatives. To strengthen higher education and mobilize its resources to help address societal needs.
5. **Cross-Cutting Themes:** Leadership, Information Systems/Technology, Capitalizing on Diversity, and Social and Economic Community Development.

Application Information: Grant applicants are asked to write a one- or two-page pre-proposal letter to the Foundation. The letter should briefly explain the project objectives, operational procedures, time

schedules, and personnel and financial resources available and needed. To be eligible for support, the organization or institution, as well as the purpose of the proposed project, must qualify under regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Walter W. and Frances M. Key Charitable Foundation

**c/o U.S. Bank, N.A.
525 N. 132nd St.
Omaha, NE 68154-4041**

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for theater, education, and social services.

Fields of Interest: American Red Cross; Boys & Girls Clubs; Higher Education; Human Services; Performing Arts, Theater; Secondary School/Education

Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

Kiewit Companies Foundation

**3555 Farnam St.
Omaha, NE 68131
Phone: 402-342- 2052
Contact Person: Mike Faust, Foundation Administrator**

Purpose and Activities: The Kiewit Companies Foundation is a corporate-sponsored foundation established in 1963 to further the philanthropic objectives of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. and its subsidiaries. The foundation and its sponsor have no relationship with the Peter Kiewit Foundation, which was formed from Mr. Kiewit's personal estate.

Fields of Interest: The foundation has varied interests, with an emphasis on causes that are broadly supported by the corporate community. The foundation's primary interest is education, closely followed by youth services, social services, the arts, and civic improvement.

Limitations: The foundation has little interest in making grants to endowment funds, grant-making organizations, the charitable endeavors of social or fraternal organizations, sponsorships of conferences or seminars, study or travel, academic or medical research, advocacy organizations or controversial causes, churches or religious organizations, production of films or sponsorship of television programming, sponsorship of athletic teams or athletic events.

Geographical Restrictions: The foundation's core mission is to support philanthropic causes that help improve the quality of life in communities in which Kiewit has its offices and operations. With the exception of higher education, there must be a Kiewit presence in a community for a project to be eligible for consideration.

Application Information: The foundation has no special application form. A request for funding should be in the form of a letter and support materials relevant to the request that concisely explain how funds would make a positive impact on a community in which the foundation's sponsor has a corporate presence.

Peter Kiewit Foundation

**8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225
Omaha, NE 68114
Phone: 402-344-7890
Contact Person: Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, Executive Director**

Purpose and Activities: General charitable purposes and scholarships.

Application Information: Interested groups should contact the Foundation at the above number to request application forms. Deadlines are April 1 and October 1 for general grants; and March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 for the small grants program (max. request of \$10,000). All grants are made on a matching fund or challenge basis. .

Fields of Interest: Cultural, Civic, Youth Programs, Community and Economic Development, Higher Education, Social Services, Wellness (general grants, small grants, scholarships, teacher awards, and other initiatives)

Richard P. and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.

1248 O St., Ste. 792

Lincoln, NE 68508-1475

Phone: 402-475-1797

Contact Person: Sandra Vondracek; Ernest Weyeneth, President

Website: www.kimmelfoundation.org

Fields of Interest: Museums (history), Higher Education, Community Development, and Neighborhood Development (capital campaigns, fellowships, scholarship funds, and matching funds)

Application Information: Application form required. Initial approach by letter of inquiry. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

The Kind World Foundation

1125 South 103rd Street, Suite 200

Omaha, NE 68124

Phone: (402)-697-8000

Contact Person: Patti Kilgore

LandAmerica Foundation

P.O. Box 27567

Richmond, VA 23261

Phone: 804-267-8957

Contact Person: Helen W. Parham, Vice President and Trustee

Fields of Interest: Real Estate, Housing, and Economic Development

Application Information: LandAmerica encourages its employees to direct their charitable gifts to organizations of their choosing.

Land O' Lakes Foundation

Community Grants Program

P.O. Box 64150

St. Paul, MN 55164-0150

Phone: 651-481-2078

Contact Person: Bonnie Bassett, Director, Community Relations

Website: www.foundation.landolakes.com

Purpose and Activities: Land O'Lakes Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life in communities where Land O'Lakes, Inc., has members, employees, plants and facilities. Land O'Lakes Foundation proactively helps rural communities prosper and prepare for tomorrow by donating resources that develop and strengthen organizations dedicated to human service, education and youth, civic, and art endeavors. Land O'Lakes Foundation provides support through cash grants to nonprofit organizations that work to improve communities where Land O'Lakes has a significant concentration of members or employees. Contribution funds generally will **not** be used for the following categories:

1. Lobbying, political and religious organizations

2. Veteran, fraternal and labor organizations
3. Individuals
4. Fund-raising events, dinners or benefits
5. Advertising
6. Private colleges and universities
7. Scholarships
8. Travel Expenses for individuals and groups
9. Racing and sports sponsorships
10. Disease/Medical related, including research or treatment

Program Guidelines: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Some larger donations are made. Land O'Lakes Foundation reserves the right to change or withdraw this program without notice. Land O'Lakes Foundation will determine the interpretations and administration of the provisions of the program.

Application Information: Complete the Community Grants Program application, and return it with the following information:

1. A copy of your organization's most recent annual report with financial information included or a brief history and current activities of your organization.
2. A current operating budget and proposed budget if your project will occur during the following fiscal year.
3. A copy of your organization's tax-exempt ruling under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a description of your organization's ownership and/or management.

Legal Services Corporation

Website: grants.lsc.gov

Email: competition@lsc.gov

Fields of Interest: Provision of civil legal services to low income people

Application Information: In order to submit a Grant Application, an applicant must first submit a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) to LSC. The deadline for filing the NIC is May 15, 2009. LSC requires applicants to submit the NIC using the following website: grants.lsc.gov. All applicants must complete and submit the Grant Application using this website. The deadline for a grant application is June 5, 2009.

Lexington Community Foundation

P.O. Box 422

Lexington, NE 68850-0422

Phone: 308-324-6704

Fax: 308-324-6345

Contact Person: Jacqueline Berke, Executive Director

Email: lexfoundation@alltel.net

Website: www.lexfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Lexington Community Foundation provides financial assistance for programs and/or projects, which will enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Lexington community.

Fields of Interest: Human Services, Education, Health, Arts/Culture, Recreation, Community/Civic and Religion (for non-denominational programs)

Application Information: Please contact the foundation to obtain an application.

Lied Foundation Trust
3907 West Charleston Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89102
Phone: 702-878-1559
Contact Person: Christina M. Hixson, Trustee

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily to youth organizations and higher education.

Fields of Interest: Youth Organizations and Higher Education

Lincoln Community Foundation
215 Centennial Mall S., Ste. 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-474-2345
Fax: 402-476-8532
Contact Person: Debra Shoemaker, Vice President of Community Outreach
Website: www.lcf.org

Purpose and Activities: To enrich the quality of life in Lincoln and the surrounding area by:

1. Receiving and managing funds to build permanent, unrestricted endowments for needs of Lincoln and the surrounding area. Resources are used wisely and efficiently to respond to emerging and changing needs, and to sustain existing organizations and institutions, through grants for education, arts and culture, health, social services, economic development, and civic affairs.
2. Providing a flexible vehicle for donors with varied philanthropic desires. By doing so, the Foundation serves as a steward for individuals, families, foundations and organizations which entrust assets to its care.
3. Acting as a leader of the local philanthropic community, identifying and exploring important needs and concerns, addressing serious problems, and shaping effective responses.

Fields of Interest: Program and capital grants to respond to emerging and changing needs and to sustain existing organizations and institutions in support of basic needs, children and youth, older adults, environmental enhancement, family issues, human diversity, and cultural arts.

Geographic Information: Giving Primarily in Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska

Application Information: Contact the Foundation to request an application. 14 copies of the proposal is needed. Grant application deadline is June 1. The board of directors makes final decisions in August. Capital grant applications are due September 1. The board of directors make final decisions on capital grants in November.

Milton S. and Corinne N. Livingston Foundation, Inc.
11605 Miracle Hills Drive, Suite 300
Omaha, NE 68154
Phone: 402-492-9800
Contact Person: Howard Epstein

The Lozier Foundation
6360 Pershing Dr.
Omaha, NE 68110-1100
Phone: 402-457-8420
Contact Person: Robert Braun, Jr.
Email: bob.braun@lozier.biz

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for higher education, domestic violence prevention, human and youth services, women centers, homeless, African-Americans, and economically disadvantaged.

Fields of Interest: African Americans/Blacks; Crime/violence prevention, domestic violence; Economically disadvantaged; Higher education; Homeless; Homeless, human services; Human services; Women; Women, centers/services; Youth, services (annual campaigns, building/renovation, capital campaigns, continuing support, employee matching gifts, general/operating support, matching/challenge support)

Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

**Office of Grants Management
140 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603-5285
Phone: 312-726-8000
Fax: 312-920-6285
E-mail: 4answers@macfound.org
Website: www.macfound.org**

Purpose and Activities: To help develop successful individuals and strong communities, the Program on Human and Community Development focuses on the relationships among people, place, and systems. Through grants and loans, the program explores two primary themes: the important role of place — home, community, city, region, and state — in people's lives; and the shared interests between individuals, particularly those in trouble or in need, and society at large.

Fields of Interest: Community and Economic Development, Stable and Affordable Housing, Juvenile Justice Reform, and Education

Application Information: Visit the website at www.macfound.org for further information.

Mammel Family Foundation

**8805 Indian Hills Drive # 375
Omaha, NE 68114-6020
Phone: 402-384-8600**

The Mariucci Foundation

**2114 S. 109th St.
Omaha, NE 68144
Phone: 402-393-7148
Contact Person: Roland A. Mariucci, Mgr.**

Fields of Interest: Boys & girls clubs; Health organizations; Human services; Protestant agencies & churches.

Application Information: The Foundation should be approached initially through a letter. There are no deadlines.

Merrick Foundation

**1530 17th Avenue
P.O. Box 206
Central City, NE 68826-1766
Phone: 308-946-3707
Fax: 308-946-3049
Contact Person: Chuck Len Griffith Ph.D., Executive Director
Email: merrickf@hamilton.net**

Website: <http://www.merrick-foundation.org/grants.htm>

Purpose and Activities: The goal of the Merrick Foundation, Inc. is to improve the quality of life in the Merrick County area by supporting needs that are not being met in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social service.

Fields of Interest: Civic, Culture, Health, Education, Social Service

Geographic Limitations: Merrick County service area

Application Information: An application packet may be received by calling or writing the Foundation office. Completed applications are assigned to the Executive Director who prepares them for review by the Grant Committee. The Committee conducts a thorough review occasionally meeting with representatives of the requesting organization. Recommendations are made by the Grants Committee to the full Board of Directors who make the final determinations. Except under unusual circumstances, deadline dates for submitting the application are: The first day of every month, except December.

Metropolitan Life Foundation
1095 Avenue of the Americas
40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
Website: www.metlife.com

Purpose and Activities: The Metropolitan Life Foundation was established by MetLife to support various educational, health and welfare, and civic and cultural organizations. The primary objective of the Foundation is to assist tax-exempt organizations through a program of financial support, particularly in the communities in which MetLife has a major presence. The goals are to strengthen communities, promote good health and improve education. The Foundation continues a tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement begun by MetLife at the turn of the century.

Fields of Interest: Education, Health and Welfare, Civic and Cultural Organizations

Application Information: Requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Requests and supporting materials are carefully evaluated by the Foundation. If the request is within the Foundation's guidelines and program priorities, and available funds permit consideration of the request, organizations may be asked for more complete information before a decision is made.

When an organization submits a request for either general or project support, both the organization and the proposal are evaluated. Among the factors considered are the organization's general structure, objectives, history and management capability; its relationship to the community and the population to be served; its position relative to organizations performing similar functions; and its financial position and sources of income.

In the evaluation of a special project, the factors considered include the project's goals and implementation plans; length of time for the project to be completed; the ultimate disposition of the project; staff capabilities; benefits of the project; and sources of financial and other support. In deciding the amount of support, the facts considered include availability of funds, relative priorities, and funding patterns. Requests must be made in writing and should include the following information:

- A brief description of the organization, including its legal name, history, activities, purpose and governing board.
- The purpose for which the grant is requested.
- The amount requested, and a list of other sources of financial support.
- A copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statement.

- A copy of the IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as an organization that is not a private foundation.
- A copy of the organization's most recent Form 990-Income Tax Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.

Metropolitan Life Foundation contributes only to organizations that have been granted exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation

**300 Garcia Street
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
 Phone: (505) 954-4702
 Fax: (505) 954-4762
 Contact Person: Steve Rasmussen, Executive Director
 Email: sasmussen@mhw-foundation.org**

Purpose and Activities: The Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation strives to encourage and support programs and activities that will promote an appreciation and understanding for the need to protect our natural resources. It is the Foundation's goal to educate and advance solutions that will foster care for the environment and improve the quality of life for all earth's creatures and its people.

Fields of Interest: Environment, Animal Welfare, Renovation, Performance Arts, Culture, Humanities, Selected Social Concerns, Education

MidAmerican Energy Foundation

**P.O. Box 657
 Des Moines, IA 50303
 Phone: (515) 281-2575
 Fax: (515) 242-4080
 Website: www.midamericanenergy.com**

Geographic Limitations: limited to MidAmerica Energy Company utility service areas

Application Information: Contact by letter first. Applications accepted year round.

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, Inc.

**120 N. Dewey
 P.O. Box 1321
 North Platte, NE 69103-1321
 Phone: 308-534-3315
 Fax: 308-534-6117
 Contact Person: Eric Seacrest, Executive Director; or Judy Rossetter, Administrator
 Website: www.midnebraskafoundation.org**

Purpose and Activities: Serve to charitable people and worth causes in the North Platte, Nebraska region, including administration of charitable funds for scholarships as well as grants to qualified non-profit organizations in the region.

Fields of Interest: Community Development, Culture, Education (including a special grant program for projects helping teachers), Environment, Health, and Human Services.

Limitations: Grant applications are invited only for projects that benefit people and qualified non-profit organizations in the Nebraska counties of Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, and Perkins.

Application Information: Application form required. An initial approach by letter, email, or telephone is recommended. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines for non-profit project grant applications are January 15, April 15, September 15, and December 15. Board of Directors meets at least quarterly.

Robert S. Morrison Foundation
355 Prospect Road, Suite 110
P. O. Box 580
Ashtabula, OH 44005-0580
Telephone: 440-992-7674
Fax: 440-992-5412
Website: www.robertsmorrisonfoundation.org

Fields of Interest: Education, Transportation, Animal Welfare, Recreation, Health

Application Information: Applications for varying grant amounts can be found on the Foundation's website at <http://www.robertsmorrisonfoundation.org/>.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Mott Foundation Building
503 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 1200
Flint, Michigan 48502-1851
Phone: 810-238-5651
Fax: 810-766-1753
Email: info@mott.org
Website: www.mott.org

Purpose and Activities: The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation affirms its founder's vision of a world in which each of us is in partnership with the rest of the human race – where each individual's quality of life is connected to the well-being of the community, both locally and globally. It pursues this vision through creative grant making, thoughtful communication and other activities that enhance community in its many forms.

Fields of Interest: Civil, Society, Environment, Flint Area, Poverty

Application Information: A letter of inquiry must first be submitted through the website at <http://www.mott.org/grantseeker.aspx>.

Mutual of Omaha Foundation
Mutual of Omaha Plaza
Omaha, NE 68175
Telephone: 866-663-5665
Contact: Christine Johnson
Email: mutualofomaha.foundation@mutualofomaha.com
Website: www.mutualofomahafoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: We are committed to empowering families to overcome obstacles and work toward positive change in Omaha and the surrounding community.

Fields of Interest: By supporting nonprofit programs and organizations in the Omaha/Council Bluffs community that directly impact families with significant needs, we are addressing some of the most critical issues facing families today – issues like youth violence, domestic abuse, illiteracy and homelessness. Our hope is that through this support, families will be connected to the resources they need to achieve and maintain a higher quality of life.

Geographic Limitation: Council Bluffs, IA and Omaha, NE

Application Information: We ask that all grant applications be submitted through our online application system and include the following information:

- Name, address and telephone number of the organization and appropriate contact person
- Agency history (including mission)
- Description of program activities and goals
- Board of Directors/Trustees listing
- Total cost of the project
- Amount being sought from the Mutual of Omaha Foundation
- Target population and number of people served by the program for which the grant is being requested
- Budgets for the agency and program
- A list of other sources of support and the amounts and types of committed and pending donations
- An explanation of whether this is an on-going activity or a one-time project
- Inclusion of other groups with which this effort is being coordinated
- Measurement method by which the success or failure of the project will be gauged

Note: The Mutual of Omaha Foundation may, at a later time during the review process, request a copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statement.

Within two weeks of submitting a grant request, applicants will be notified of the date their request will be reviewed. Communication regarding the outcome of the grant review will be provided within seven days following the review.

Application deadlines are November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15. Requests for funding are reviewed approximately two months after each application deadline and organizations are notified of the outcome.

Nebraska Community Foundation

317 S. 12th St., Ste. 200

P.O. Box 83107

Lincoln, NE 68501

Phone: 402-323-7300

Contact Person: Jeff G. Yost, Vice President for Development

Email: jeffyost@nebcommfound.org

Website: www.nebcommfound.org

Purpose and Activities: Established in 1993, the mission of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) is to help mobilize charitable giving in support of community betterment through development. NCF serves as an umbrella foundation for Nebraska's communities, various regional and statewide programs, and donor advised funds. A community, organization, or donor can establish a fund through the Foundation as an alternative to starting their own 501(c)(3) foundations. Other services include providing fundraising support through technical information, training opportunities, and outreach support.

Omaha Community Foundation

302 S. 36th St. Ste. 100

Omaha, NE 68131

Phone: 402-342-3458

Fax: 402-342-3582

Website: www.omahafoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Omaha Community Foundation is a public foundation with a not-for-profit status. Its purpose is to facilitate charitable giving and serve as a vehicle for community improvement. The Foundation's primary granting programs are Fund for Omaha and the Endowment Funds of

Southwest Iowa. Grants are limited to organizations serving the Greater Omaha area. No grants to individuals.

The goal of the Fund For Omaha (FFO) is to improve the quality of life in Greater Omaha by supporting needs not being met in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social service. Organizations applying for FFO Grants must be tax exempt as defined by IRS 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation, except under unusual circumstances, does not make grants for endowments, capital campaigns, deficit financing, annual fund drives or fund-raising activities. The Foundation gives less consideration to applications from tax supported institutions, individual churches or similar religious groups, veterans, labor groups, social clubs, or fraternal organizations. Will not consider applications from art agencies or organizations except those linked with youth. The grant request must have the approval of the governing board of the requesting organization.

The Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa are nine counties that have chosen to affiliate with the Omaha Community Foundation in order to take advantage of its expertise and services. Annually, five percent of each county endowment fund's balance may be granted to charities within its County. Local charities can apply to the fund to receive grants that are determined by the local county Advisory Board.

Grant Programs: Fund For Omaha (FFO), Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa

Application Information: Fund For Omaha grant requests are considered twice each year with application deadlines on March 1 and September 1. An application and fact sheet may be downloaded from the Foundation website.

The Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa accepts grant applications twice each year on February 15 and September 1. Applications and fact sheets may be downloaded from the Foundation's website.

The Omaha World-Herald Foundation

**1248 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-384-5613
Contact Person: John Gotschalk**

Fields of Interest: Journalism and publishing, historic preservation and historical societies, arts and cultural programs, education, natural resource conservation and protection, and youth services. Types of support include building and renovation, equipment, program development, seed money, internships, scholarship funds, and matching funds.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach should be by letter, one copy needed. There are no deadlines, final notification in two months from submittal.

Oregon Trail Community Foundation

**115 Railway Plaza
P.O. Box 1344
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone: 308-635-3393
Fax: 308-635-3393
Contact Person: Bev Overman, Executive Secretary
Email: info@otcf.org
Website: www.otcf.org**

Purpose and Activities: To assist charitable institutions (including educational institutions not operated for profit) whether supported by private donation or public taxation.

- To improve living and working conditions.
- To provide for recreation.

- To promote and encourage the arts.
- To aid in the care and development of children.
- To aid in the care of the sick, aged and helpless.
- To aid in the rehabilitation of:
 - Victims of narcotics, drugs and liquors,
 - Inmates and released inmates of penal and reformatory institutions, and
 - Wayward and delinquent individuals.
- To promote health and the prevention of disease.
- To promote scientific research for the alleviation of human suffering.

Fields of Interest: Aging, Arts, Community Development, Neighborhood Development, Economic Development, Health Care, Higher Education, Recreation, Substance Abuse Services, Youth Development

Application Information: To obtain an application, call the Oregon Trail Community Foundation or go online at <http://www.otcf.org/grants.htm> to download a form. Deadlines on February 1, June 1, and October 1.

Pamida Foundation
8800 F Street
Omaha, NE 68127
Website: <http://www.pamida.com/about/foundation.asp>

Purpose and Activities: The Pamida Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of citizens in the more than 200 communities in which we do business. The Foundation is funded by the generous support of the company's supplier partners through the annual Pamida Foundation Charity Event.

Fields of Interest: Education of Youth, Individuals with Disabilities, Families in Need, and the Under Privileged

Geographic Limitations: Organizations that do not fall in the geographic area served by Pamida are not considered for funding.

Application Information: Pamida considers one funding request per organization each calendar year. In order to consider your funding request, the Pamida Foundation must receive all of the following information:

- Completed Funding Request Form
- IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
- Cover Letter (on your organization's stationary if available)

The Funding Request Form may be found online at the Pamida Foundation website.

Kitty M. Perkins Foundation
c/o J. Richard Shoemaker
P.O. Box 268
Cambridge, NE 69022-0268

Purpose and Activities: Grants largely for a hospital and/or a law school, support also for higher education, rural libraries, medical research, and rural community hospitals.

Fields of Interest: Higher education, libraries, hospitals, and medical research. Types of support include general operating support, continuing support, annual campaigns, building and renovation, equipment, program development, professorships, and research.

Phelps County Community Foundation

701 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2-A

Holdrege, NE 68949-2255

Phone: 308-995-6847

Fax: 308-995-2146

Contact Person: Vickie Lawrence, Executive Director

Website: www.phelpsfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Phelps County Community Foundation's grants program provides a means by which not-for-profit charitable organizations may secure financial assistance for projects and programs which will enhance the quality of life for residents of Phelps County, Nebraska.

Fields of Interest: Education, Cultural, Human Services, Health and Recreation, Community

Application Information: The Foundation's grants committee carefully evaluates grant applications and makes recommendations to the board of directors. The Foundation's board determines which applications will receive funding.

Grant applications are reviewed two times each year according to the following schedule:

Application Deadline: April 1 (announced June) and October 1 (announced December)

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the Foundation, here are some key things to remember:

- Before doing anything, talk to the staff at the Phelps County Community Foundation about your project or plans
- If possible, attend a "Grants Informational Meeting" sponsored periodically by the Foundation. Contact our office to find out when the next meeting will be held.
- Develop a comprehensive project plan, including project timelines, proposed project budget, campaign goals, etc.
- Once the above steps have been completed, ask the foundation about obtaining a grant application form

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company Foundation

2600 Dodge Street

Omaha, NE 68131

Phone: 402-633-1000

Contact Person: Debra Walton

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Community Investment Program

9550 White Oak Lane, Ste. 100

P.O. Box 1014

Johnston, IA 50131-1014

Contact Person: Steve Schaaf

Website: www.pioneer.com/pioneer_info/corporate/grants.htm

Purpose and Activities: Interested in supporting projects that demonstrate: cooperation with other community-based programs, broad-based funding, community need, and positive results. Look favorably on programs that involve customers, growers, employees and sales representatives. Projects that receive priority consideration are:

1. Within the company focus areas (Education, Farm Safety and Rural Health, Local Community Initiatives).
2. Located in Pioneer Hi-Bred facility communities, or rural agricultural regions.

3. Involve organizations with active Pioneer Hi-Bred management/employee participation and company-related expertise and interest.

As a general policy, Pioneer Hi-Bred does not make grants to: non-tax exempt organizations, individuals, religious or political organizations that promote a particular doctrine, elected officials, company marketing or advertising, and organizations where there is a conflict of interest with Pioneer Hi-Bred values.

Fields of Interest: Education, Farm Safety and Rural Health, Local Community Initiatives

Application Information: All proposals must be made in writing and may be submitted by mail or fax. Proposal will be received more favorably if addressed to someone specifically. Proposal should be three pages or less and include an executive summary of the program or project. In addition, the proposal should include the following pertinent information:

1. A brief statement of the organization's history, mission, objective and accomplishments.
2. A description of the organization's current programs and activities including the populations served.
3. Specific purpose of the grant proposal, dollar amount requested, and how the proposal results will be measured.
4. Current funding sources, an audited financial statement, a copy of the organization's budget and an annual report (if available).
5. Certification of IRS tax exempt 501 (c) (3) status.
6. Listing of the organization's board of directors/trustees, including board financial and volunteer support.
7. History of Pioneer Hi-Bred company management and/or employee involvement in the organization.
8. Name, address, and telephone number of the organization's development director or executive director to whom correspondence should be addressed.

Generally review grant proposals on a quarterly basis. Proposals must be received by Pioneer Hi-Bred no later than the 30th day of September, December, March, and June.

Public Welfare Foundation, Inc.

1200 U St.

Washington, DC 20009-4443

Phone: 202-965-1800

Email: general@publicwelfare.org

Website: www.publicwelfare.org

Purpose and Activities: The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations, and to those working for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs.

Fields of Interest: Criminal Justice, Disadvantaged Elderly, Disadvantaged Youth, Environment, Health, Population and Reproductive Health, Human Rights and Global Security, Community Economic Development and Participation

Application Information: Letter of inquiry. Call or visit website at www.publicwelfare.org for guidelines.

Quivey-Bay State Foundation

1515 E. 20th St.

Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Phone: 308-635-3701

Contact Person: Ted Cannon, Secretary/Treasurer

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on higher education, church support, and youth and child welfare agencies; support also for historic preservation. No grants to individuals, or for endowment funds.

Fields of Interest: Education, Church Support, Youth and Child Welfare, and Historic Preservation

Application Information: Initial approach by letter. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines: Submit proposal in September; deadline October 15. Board meets in October and November.

Qwest Foundation

Qwest Communications International, Inc.
1801 California, 50th Floor
Denver, CO 80202-2658
Phone: 303-965-6925
Fax: 303-896-4982
Contact Person: Shannon Gallagher, Director
Email: segalla@qwest.com
Website: www.qwest.com/about/company/community/foundation.html

Purpose and Activities: The Qwest Foundation makes contributions to support the quality of life in the communities served by Qwest. The Foundation only supports charitable organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No funding for operating budgets, endowments, trips, political organizations, religious organizations, support for individuals, national health organizations, and capital campaigns. Priority is given to those projects that enhance education for children and youth; provide connections between people, organizations and their communities; and encourage collaborative efforts among charitable organizations, education, government and business. Please note that Qwest does not fund telephone service or communications equipment. The Foundation also does not fund computer hardware or software unless it is an integral part of an overall program.

Fields of Interest: Education, Arts and Culture, and Economic Development

Application Information: Initial approach: Letter or grant application. Letter should address project description, objectives, audience served, potential visibility for program and/or Qwest, and project budget. Deadline(s): The Foundation awards grants through a quarterly review process. Organizations seeking grants from the Qwest Foundation should submit a grant application by no later than the following dates, based on the category of the program request submitted: June 1- Arts and Culture, April 1- Education, and August 1- Economic Development.

Edgar and Frances Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1492
Grand Island, NE 68802
Phone: 308-384-0957
Fax: 308-398-4135
Contact Person: Fred M. Glade, Jr., Chair

Fields of Interest: Include higher education, human services, and community development. Types of support include building, renovation, and scholarship funds.

Application Information: An application form is required. Initial approach should be made by letter. There are no deadlines.

Rural School and Community Trust

The Rural School and Community Trust
1530 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 240
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone: 703-243-1487
Fax: 703-243-6035
Email: info@ruraledu.org
Website: www.ruraledu.org

Fields of Interest: Youth, Education

Harley and Beth Schragger Foundation

**4343 S. 96th St.
Omaha, NE 68127**

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for education, health, human services, and Jewish organizations.

Fields of Interest: Children/youth, services; Education; Federated giving programs; Health organizations; Higher education; Hospitals (general); Human services; Jewish agencies & temples; Jewish federated giving programs; Museums; Recreation; Women, centers/services; Youth development, services.

Geographic Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

The Walter Scott, Jr. Foundation

**500 Energy Plz.
409 S. 17th St.
Omaha, NE 68102**

Fields of Interest: Museums, Arts and Cultural Programs, Higher Education, Zoos and Zoological Societies, Foundations (private grant making), and Christian Agencies and Churches

The Scouler Foundation

**2027 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: 402-342-3500
Contact Person: Marshall E. Faith, Kim Daniels**

Purpose and Activities: To fund 501(c)(3) organizations or programs that are consistent with the corporate philosophy of community support and involvement directed by the Scouler Board of Directors.

Geographic Limitation: Metro-Omaha area and communities or cities where Scouler maintains an office or facility.

Application Information: No formal grant application is required. Fiscal year June 1 to May 31.

The Sherwood Foundation (formerly Susan A. Buffett Foundation)

**3555 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68131
Phone: 402-341-1717
Contact Person: Jeannine Vlassakis, Administrative Assistant**

Purpose and activities: The Sherwood Foundation is committed to improving child and family welfare through community investments. Formerly the Susan A. Buffett Foundation, The Sherwood Foundation limits grants to not-for-profit organizations serving Omaha, Nebraska. Occasionally grants are made outside the Greater Omaha Region to organizations that have a working relationship with the foundation. In addition, The Sherwood Foundation supports early childhood education on a regional and national basis through The Buffett Early Childhood Fund.

Fields of Interest: Public Education, Human Services, Social Justice

Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE.

Application information: The Sherwood Foundation employs a letter of inquiry (LOI) process to determine the eligibility of organizations to make a full grant application for operating, program and capital requests. To be considered, please submit a two-page letter providing the following information:

- brief organizational history
- need & description of the project
- number served
- anticipated outcomes
- amount requested
- Contact information including: name, title, mailing address, phone/fax, e-mail, web site
- A budget for the project/program (if applicable), operating budget and IRS letter of 501(c)3 determination should be included as attachments and are not counted as part of the two-page letter.

Postmark deadlines for the LOI are **February 15** and **August 15**. Organizations may apply for more than one category of funding, but should submit a separate letter for each request.

Please note the following:

- Multiple year grant requests are accepted for program/project grants.
- Projects or programs that are declined are not eligible for resubmission until one year after the original date of application.
- Applicants will receive written notice of an invitation to submit a full grant proposal within 30 days of the deadline.
- Communication regarding proposals will be provided as a written response. Please understand that, due to high volume, we cannot respond to phone inquiries regarding your proposal.

Manota E. Simon Foundation
1248 O Street, Suite 4
Lincoln, NE 68508-1419

Purpose and Activities: Contributes to trust-specified organizations and those that help the homeless, youth, disease, inflicted, or handicapped, or are devoted to education or community development.

Fields of Interest: Include human services, community development, and religion.

Sowers Club of Nebraska Foundation
1701 S. 17th St., Ste. 1H
Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone: 402-438-2244
Fax: 402-438-2426
Contact Person: Wendy Meserve
Website: www.thesowersclub.com

Purpose and Activities: The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Application Information: Accepts grant requests three times annually. Grant applications must be delivered to the Sowers Club of Lincoln by February 15, July 15, and September 15 each year and must be fully completed before requests will be considered. To be eligible, agency must have been in existence for a minimum of five years and have 501(c)(3) status. Grants will not be made for the following: individuals, promoting religious purposes, or political purposes. Requests must include the following: A copy of "Letter of Determination" from the IRS regarding 501(c)(3) status, a copy of annual report or current balance sheet outlining administrative costs (all information will be treated with strict confidentiality), all blanks on the Grant Request form must be completed, do not answer a question on the Request form by reference to another question, document or party, and there must be eight copies.

Steinhart Foundation
601 Central Avenue
Nebraska City, NE 68410
Phone: 402-873-3285
Contact Person: Leta Harshman, Manager

Fields of Interest: Civic and Social Organization

Robert Herman Storz Foundation
8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 175
Omaha, NE 68114
Phone: 402-399-3873

Target Stores Giving Program
33 S. 6th St.
P.O. Box 1392
Minneapolis, MN 55440
Contact Person: Local Store Manager

Purpose and Activities: Target has more than 800 stores nationwide, and through each store, it supports its respective local community. Target's giving is store driven because it believes each individual Target knows its community best. Nonprofit organizations should consider their local store's Team Leader as their contact. Target's giving focuses on arts, education, and family violence prevention. Target also gives away scholarships to students, teachers, and schools. Scholarship applications are available in stores May through October. Product donations can also be requested through your local Target store.

Application Information: Initial approach: Contact store manager at nearest store.

Union Pacific Foundation
1400 Douglas St., Stop 1560
Omaha, NE 68179-1001
Phone: 402-544-5600
Contact Person: Darlynn Herweg, Director
Website: www.up.com/found

Purpose and Activities: Provides grants only to organizations that have been given exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are not awarded to/for: individuals, religious, fraternal, social, or veterans organizations; political or lobbying organizations; elementary or secondary schools; organizations whose activities are primarily international; organizations located outside the continental United States; emergency operating funds; national organizations; fundraising events; telethons; races; or benefits; publications or courtesy advertising; film; video; or documentary productions; community or private foundations; athletic programs; events; or organizing committees; requests to reduce debts; and disease-specific organizations.

Fields of Interest:

1. Health and Human Services: to assist organizations dedicated to improving the level of health care and providing human services in the community.
 - Private hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, hospices, hospitality homes, and health services organizations for general support, capital funds, and specific equipment or project needs
 - Human service agencies concerned with, but not limited to: abuse control, disadvantaged or at-risk youth, emergency services, homeless, and the elderly
 - United Ways (Note: affiliated agencies are limited to capital campaigns only)
2. Community and Civic: to assist community-based organizations and related activities that improve and enrich the general quality of life.

- Environmental, ecological, land-use, and water conservation projects
 - Natural habitat and wildlife preservation projects
 - Community development projects which benefit the general public
 - Cultural organizations whose purpose is to enrich the life of the community, such as, but not limited to: children's museums, historical societies, zoos, botanical gardens, and aquariums
 - Public broadcasting networks and public libraries
3. Fine Arts: To create a wider opportunity for the enjoyment of, and participation in, the visual and performing arts.
- Art museums and art councils
 - Performing arts, such as, but not limited to: dance, opera, symphony, and theater

Application Information: Requires the use of an online grant application. Complete preliminary application form located on web site to determine qualification to apply. The link to the complete online application will be sent via return email. Applications accepted May 1 to August 15 for following year fundraising.

The UPS Foundation

55 Glenlake Parkway, NE

Atlanta, GA 30328

Phone: 404-828-6374

Contact Person: Contributions Manager

Website: www.community.ups.com/foundation

Purpose and Activities: The UPS Foundation supports high impact national organizations whose programs directly affect the quality of life in communities where its people live and work. These programs must be recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Grants are designed to meet a variety of needs, both national and local in scope. The changing dynamics of society requires constant assessment of concerns, which allows the Foundation to address the needs of tomorrow while meeting the needs of today. The UPS Foundation continues to target its efforts in the areas of education and urgent human welfare issues. Because UPS believes it can have the most impact within these areas, health care organizations are no longer a focus of its philanthropy.

Fields of Interest:

1. Human Welfare, including programs for families and children in crisis; the economically or culturally disadvantaged; the physically or mentally challenged; and community development programs. Foundation dollars are put to use helping those struggling with systemic effects of illiteracy, hunger, poverty, and homelessness.
2. Educational programs that raise the level of effectiveness; innovative programs to enhance the quality of instruction; family learning opportunities; and school involvement projects.
3. Major initiatives: adult literacy, the distribution of prepared, perishable food, and volunteer impact initiative.

Application Information: Qualified organizations seeking grants are encouraged to submit a proposal in concise letter form, not more than two pages in length. The following items should be addressed:

1. Description and mission of the organization
2. Description of the specific program/project for which funding is requested
3. Statement of program/project need and goals
4. Description of how program/project goals will be attained and evaluated
5. Total costs of the program/project
6. List of committed alternate funding sources and dollar amounts for the project/program
7. Total amount requested from the UPS Foundation

The Valmont Foundation
One Valmont Plaza, 5th Floor
Omaha, NE 68154-5215
Phone: 402-963-1050
Contact Person: Ed Burchfield

Fields of Interest: Family, Youth, Education, Community Funds, and Cultural Programs

Application Information: Letter requesting guidelines.

Lester A. Walker Foundation
P.O. Box 169
Fremont, NE 68025

Weitz Family Foundation
1610 S 91st Ave
Omaha, NE 68124
Contact Person: Kathryn White
Email: kwhite@weitzfamilyfoundation.org
Website: www.weitzfamilyfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Weitz Family Foundation seeks to break the cycle of poverty through the enrichment of body, mind, and spirit by empowering individuals, agencies, and organizations that work to improve the quality of life and to promote an equitable and peaceful society.

Application Information: Please visit the website at <http://www.weitzfamilyfoundation.org/index.html>.

Weller Foundation, Inc
211 South Main Street
P.O. Box 636
Atkinson, NE 68713-5183
Phone: 402-925-2803

Purpose and Activities: Scholarships for students attending one of the technical community colleges in Nebraska or pursuing other vocational education, such as nursing. No grants for scholarships towards a Bachelor's degree.

Fields of Interest: Higher Education

Geographic Limitations: giving limited to Nebraska, with primary consideration for residents of Holt, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Garfield counties.

Application Information: Application form required. Use one form for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. Final notification given within 30 days of the deadlines.

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 81309
Lincoln, NE 68501
Phone: 402-436-5971
Contact Person: Pam Baker, Executive Director; Tom Woods, Program Officer
Website: www.woodscharitable.org

Purpose and Activities: Seek to strengthen the community by improving opportunities and life outcomes for all people in Lincoln, Nebraska. Woods supports members of the nonprofit sector who are exploring creative alternatives and promoting more just, effective approaches to meet community needs. Supports

a broad range of activities, which include but are not limited to the special interests of children, youth and families, education, community development and housing, and arts and humanities. The following areas are not eligible for grant review: individual needs, funding for endowments, scholarships, fellowships, fundraising benefits or program advertising, programs for individual schools, religious programs, residential care and medical clinics, recreation programs, health care programs, medical and scientific research, environmental programs, and computer hardware.

Fields of Interest:

1. Human Services: Broad category and may include either direct service or policy programs focused on child care, single parenthood, the elderly, family planning, shelter, troubled families, as well as others. The Fund will give special consideration to programs and initiatives designed to prevent youth and family violence.
2. Education: The fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals from existing educational institutions, and from creative new programs that meet the challenges of today's educational needs.
3. Civic and Community: The Fund supports projects that empower less advantaged Lincoln residents to participate in the economic system and that foster community participation and responsibility thus bringing people together to solve problems and improve opportunities for themselves and others. Advocacy groups, and neighborhood, citizen, and community organizations are avenues to promote citizen involvement and strengthen neighborhoods.
4. Arts and Culture: Supports programs in the arts and humanities (visual art, literature, dance, theater, and music) that will enhance or develop the common aesthetic spirit through education, creation, or performance.

Application Information: Contact the Fund with a two-page summary request and budget or a phone call to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal. Submission Dates: Feb. 15 to March 1, June 15 to July 1, and Oct. 15 to Nov. 1.

World-Herald Goodfellows Charities Inc.
1314 Douglas Street, Suite 125
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: 402-444-1388
Website: goodfellows@owh.com

Purpose and Activities: Goodfellows' emergency fund is designed to assist people with one-time, urgent needs that cannot be met through other sources.

Application Information: To apply for assistance, please call:
Catholic Charities (South Omaha residents), 731-5413
Heartland Family Service (Sarpy County), 291-6065
Heartland Family Service (Douglas County), 457-7792
ENCAP (Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership - Douglas County):
453-5656 x200 ENCAP (South Omaha) 595-1122 ENCAP (Sarpy Co.) 292-2961
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www.idealists.org

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1200 18th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 223-8100
www.indepsec.org

Internet NonProfit Center

Project of Evergreen State Society of Seattle, WA
P.O. Box 20682
Seattle, WA 98102
www.nonprofits.org

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

1255 23rd St., NW
Washington, DC 20037
(800) 728-2819
www.philanthropy.com

• **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Grant Categories**

<http://www.cfda.gov/public/grantsubtopic.asp?catcode=B#JMP5>

The online Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance supplies access to a database of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.

• **Community of Science Funding Opportunities**

<http://fundingopps2.cos.com/>

The most comprehensive source of funding information available on the Web, with more than 23,000 records, representing over 400,000 funding opportunities, worth over \$33 billion.

• **Council on Foundations**

<http://www.cof.org/>

The Council on Foundations is a membership organization of more than 2,000 grant making foundations and giving programs worldwide. We provide leadership expertise, legal services and networking opportunities—among other services—to our members and to the general public.

• **CSREES Funding Opportunities Page,**

<http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/ourfund.htm>

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services, learn about funding opportunities. Updates on available grants.

• **FirstGov for NonProfits**

<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml#grants>

Information is provided about federal grants and there are state and local funding directories available. Additionally there are resources available that enhance an individual's ability to write an effective grant proposal.

• **Foundation Center**

<http://fdncenter.org/>

This online orientation will explore the funding research process systematically. Affiliating oneself with an organization or obtaining a fiscal sponsor can increase the likelihood of receiving funding. There is a large amount of information regarding best practices for grant writing and research available through the Foundation Center

• **Fundsnet Services,**

<http://www.fundsnetervices.com/>

Great resource for financial resources and well as information regarding how to write a grant.

• **Grants.gov**

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Opportunity to search for grants as well as receive a newsletter or email updating you of the most recent grants available.

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• **Grantsmanship Center**

<http://www.tgci.com/>

First offered in 1972 and continuously updated, TGCI's Grantsmanship Training Program covers all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. More than

90,000 nonprofit and government personnel have attended this demanding, five-day workshop, which now includes a full year of valuable membership services.

- **NADO Foundations & Resources for Grantseekers Links**

<http://www.nado.org/links/#GRANTS>

This site contains information regarding sources of funding for regional organizations serving small metropolitan and rural America.

- **National Rural Funders Collaborative**

<http://www.nrfc.org/index.asp>

The National Rural Funders Collaborative is a partnership of national and regional funders and investors, grass roots practitioners, policymakers, and public sector agencies working together to expand resources for communities and families in rural areas facing persistent poverty. Beyond leveraging new and sustainable resources for rural areas, NRFC is developing a learning network in which practitioners and funders, along with other rural stakeholders and strategic allies, can identify best practices and measurable outcomes, while working together for effective policy change.