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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](http://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](http://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](http://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, Environment, 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](http://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](http://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.**

**P.O. Box 922**

**Kearney, NE 68848-0922**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of each calendar year. Final notification by December 31.

**Bemis Company Foundation**

**2800 Schaefer Circle**

**Appleton, WI 54915**

**Phone: 920-734-2707**

**Contact Person: Kim Wetzel**

**Email: kwetzel@new.rr.com**

**Website: <http://www.bemis.com/citizenship/>**

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: 50% Social Welfare and Health, 40% Educational, and 10% Cultural and Civic

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

Application Information: In addition to completing the grant request application, please provide the following required information when submitting a Bemis Company Foundation Grant Request.

1. Name of organization and amount requested. Include a description of your organization, its mission and goals, programs and activities service statistics, etc. Also include the number of full-time, part-time, and volunteer staff.
2. Description of the program or project objectives for which the grant is sought.
3. Number of people served by this program or project (or by your organization when seeking general operating support). Include geographic area served.
4. Details as to how the objectives are to be attained. If you are a service organization, include your method for measuring the effectiveness of your activities, as well as your success rate with this program in the past.
5. Budget for proposed program or project - please include on a separate sheet.
6. List of secured and pending donors with specific amounts donated for this program. Also include a list of donors to your organization's other programs or annual support within the past twelve months, including the specific amounts donated (only include corporate and foundation donations \$1,000 and above) - please include on a separate sheet.
7. Percent of organization's total grant money received that comes from the government, and the percent of organization's operating budget that is spent on fund-raising and administration.
8. Organization's Current Operating Budget showing revenue sources and expenses - please include on a separate sheet.
9. Most recent year-to-date financial statements (balance sheet or statement of activities and functional expenses).
10. Copy of organization's most recent audit.
11. Officers and Board Members with affiliations - please include on a separate sheet.
12. Statement that the organization has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that a contribution to it is tax deductible.

**Thomas D. Buckley Trust**  
**P.O. Box 647**  
**Chappell, NE 69129-0647**  
**Phone: 402-874-2929**

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****Website: <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/Foundation.aspx>**

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.

Fields of Interest: Hunger Relief, Wellness, Education, Community Revitalization

Application Information: The Foundation only considers applications that meet the following criteria:

- The proposal must fit one of the key focus areas outlined below.
- The organization must display strong and effective leadership.
- The proposed plan must be clear and compelling, with measurable and sustainable commitments expressed in terms of real results.
- The proposed activity must be sufficiently visible to leverage additional support from other funding sources.

**Submission**

Proposals must be submitted electronically via email to [community\\_relations@campbellsoup.com](mailto:community_relations@campbellsoup.com). Proposals submitted via regular mail will not be reviewed.

**Style**

Proposals should be prepared in a concise, narrative form, without extensive documentation.

**Deadline**

There is no formal deadline. Proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

**Additional Documentation**

Each grant request must be submitted with current documentation verifying the organization's eligibility under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Proposals from organizations with a pending status will not be reviewed.

Organizations may not submit the same or similar proposals more than once in a Foundation fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

**Carnegie Corporation of New York****437 Madison Ave.****New York, NY 10022****Phone: 212-371-3200****Fax: (212) 754-4073****Website: [www.carnegie.org](http://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: Carnegie Corporation of New York requests a Letter of Inquiry to initiate the formal grant application process. Letters of Inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis; there are no deadlines.

Only representatives of nonprofit organizations who have read the [program description](#) relevant to their own project and reviewed recent grants made by that program should submit a Letter of Inquiry using our online form.

While Carnegie Corporation will continue to accept Letters of Inquiry via regular mail, such submissions will take longer to process than those received online. Letters of Inquiry submitted via the online form are acknowledged by an auto reply response when received.

Following an initial staff review, only representatives of nonprofit organizations whose Letters of Inquiry fit with a program's strategy and funding priority may be invited to submit a formal grant proposal.

Organizations invited to submit a formal grant proposal will be contacted within 4-6 weeks following their online submission of a Letter of Inquiry.

Due to the large volume of online submissions we receive, we cannot respond to phone calls requesting status updates on a submitted Letter of Inquiry.

#### **Coca-Cola Foundation**

**P.O. Box 442**

**Atlanta, GA 30301**

**Phone: 1-800-306-2653**

**Contact Person: Mark Davis**

**Website: [http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation\\_coke.html](http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html)**

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: All requests for community support in the form of grants or sponsorships for consideration by The Coca-Cola Company, The Coca-Cola Foundation or any of its affiliated regional foundations must be submitted through our online application system. Those proposals meeting specific guidelines, and further our strategic goals and objectives, will be considered for funding. Applications that are faxed or mailed after August 31, 2009, will be returned to the organization with an invitation to apply through the online application.

#### **The ConAgra Foods Foundation**

**One ConAgra Drive**

**Omaha, NE 68102-5001**

**Phone: 402-240-4215**

**Contact Person: Candy Becker**

**Website: [www.nourishkidstoday.org](http://www.nourishkidstoday.org)**

Purpose and Activities: The ConAgra Foods Foundation is committed to supporting innovative, sustainable solutions that efficiently and effectively create opportunities for children to have access to food and nutrition education. We partner with qualified nonprofit organizations that deliver high-quality programs and can demonstrate measurable results.

Fields of Interest: Food and Nutrition Education

Application Information: There are many more worthy endeavors than the Foundation can fund. Therefore, we use a two-step process to identify organizations that best align with our funding guidelines and criteria. Any organization interested in receiving a grant must complete an eligibility survey and submit a letter of interest. Only those most qualified will be invited to submit a full application for funding.\*

Paper applications are no longer accepted by the ConAgra Foods Foundation. All letters of interest and applications must be received through the online grant application process. In addition, the Foundation will not accept or review unsolicited applications received in hard-copy or outside the pre-determined timelines established for each grant program.

The ConAgra Foods Foundation awards grants to qualified charitable organizations in three funding categories: National Strategic Partnerships, Community Impact Grants (currently under development) and an employee-driven grant making program, Nourish Our Community Grants.

As part of an organization's funding application, the following materials will either be requested in the application itself or be a required attachment:

- A list of key project staff members including short biographies and roles and responsibilities. Please do not send resumes.
- A brief bio of senior staff members (e.g. executive director).
- A list of current organization board members, including their affiliations.
- A copy of your organization's most recent audited financial statements.
- A copy of your organization's operational budget for the grant year.

The ConAgra Foods Foundation evaluates all potential partners using the following set of criteria. Organizations or programs must:

- Have a wide and diverse reach across lines of age, gender, ethnicity, and/or geography.
- Provide programs or projects that align with ConAgra's funding priorities of child hunger and nutrition.
- Possess a detailed and clear strategy for achieving stated program goals.
- Demonstrate alignment with research-based nutrition frameworks or guidelines such as the United States Department of Agriculture's Dietary Guidelines and MyPyramid.
- Be a leader in its field and the community.
- Have strong leadership and an active board.
- Seek to partner or collaborate with other service providers to enhance service offerings and minimize duplication.
- Offer opportunities for ConAgra's key stakeholders — employees, executives, consumers, and customers — to get involved.
- Have a proven track record of working with corporate funders.
- Track and measure impact and actively use the information to refine and enhance the organization's programs or projects.
- Be fiscally strong and have a stable and diverse funding base.
- Present a strong sustainability plan.

**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](mailto:info@cooperfoundation.org)**  
**Website: [www.cooperfoundation.org](http://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: We accept applications **only** from established non-profit organizations for existing programs:

- In Lancaster County, Nebraska
- Classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as public charities under 509(a)(1) of that code

We award about 50 grants annually for program and operating support. Requests for technology must indicate a significant contribution to organizational effectiveness.

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: [contact@dogwoodfoundation.org](mailto:contact@dogwoodfoundation.org)**

**Website: [www.dogwoodfoundation.org](http://www.dogwoodfoundation.org)**

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](http://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](mailto:kgale@facfoundation.org)**

**Website: [http://www.facfoundation.org/how\\_to\\_apply\\_grants.htm](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 foundation website. The Grants Committee considers requests approximately every two months. See the website for current deadlines.

**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](mailto:info@gicf.org)  
Website: <http://www.gicf.org/grants>**

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

**The Hearst Foundations**  
**90 New Montgomery Street, Suite 1212**  
**San Francisco, CA 94105**  
**Phone: 415-908-4500**  
**Fax: 415-348-0887**  
**Website: [www.hearstfdn.org](http://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 are welcomed throughout the year. Proposals submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Please visit the website at [http://www.hearstfdn.org/gl\\_application.html](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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:

**\*Investment in People**

Leadership development, educational opportunities, young people attraction and community involvement, business succession, senior citizens

**\*Maintaining and Protecting the Quality of Life**

Recreation, parks, fine arts, education, health care and a safe, clean, positive environment

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.rwjf.org)**

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

Fields of Interest: Health Care

Application Information: Calls for proposal are issued throughout the year. Please visit the Foundation's website at [www.rwjf.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.joycefdn.org/GrantList/ApplicationProcess.aspx).

**Greater Kansas City Community Foundation**  
**Downtown Kansas City Office**  
**1055 Broadway, Suite 130**  
**Kansas City, MO 64105**  
**Phone: 816-627-3403**  
**Fax: 816-842-8079**  
**Contact: Jean-Paul Chaurand, Sr. VP**  
**Email: [chaurand@gkccf.org](mailto:chaurand@gkccf.org)**  
**Website: [www.gkccf.org](http://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> or contact Jean-Paul Chaurand for more information.

**Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**  
4801 Rockhill Road  
Kansas City, MO 64110-2046  
Website: [www.kauffman.org](http://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: In general, Kauffman Foundation grants are limited to programs and/or initiatives that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative service delivery, in support of 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](http://www.kauffman.org) for further information.

**Kearney Area Community Foundation**  
2207 Central Avenue  
P.O. Box 1694  
Kearney, NE 68847  
Phone: 308-237-3114  
Fax: 308-237-9845  
Contact Person: Jan Anderson, Assistant Director  
Email: [cmyfndn@kearney.net](mailto: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, Health, Community/Civic, Human Services, Economic Development, Recreation, Education, Religion (non-denominational)

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 Website for application form and guidelines. Faxed or Emailed applications are not accepted. Application form required. Deadlines: January 1 and July 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](http://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 must be submitted online. 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. There are no submission deadlines.

**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., Kiewit Plz.**

**Omaha, NE 68131-3302**

**Phone: 402-342- 2052**

**Fax: 402-942-1302**

**Contact Person: Mike Faust, Foundation Administrator**

**Email: [mike.faust@kiewit.com](mailto:mike.faust@kiewit.com)**

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**

**Website: [www.peterkiewitfoundation.org](http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org)**

Purpose and Activities: General charitable purposes and scholarships.

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)

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. .

**Richard P. and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.**

1248 O St., Ste. 792

Lincoln, NE 68508-1475

Phone: 402-475-1797

Fax: 402-475-3236

Contact Person: Sandra Vondracek; Ernest Weyeneth, President

Email: [info@kimmelfoundation.org](mailto:info@kimmelfoundation.org)

Website: [www.kimmelfoundation.org](http://www.kimmelfoundation.org)

Purpose and Activities: The Kimmel Foundation supports innovative ideas that promise substantial improvements in the quality of community and rural life in Nebraska and Iowa.

Fields of Interest: Education, Arts, Human Services, Agriculture, and Humanities

Application Information: Please visit the website for information regarding grant guidelines for application submission. One copy of proposal needed. Applications are generally reviewed within one to three months of receipt.

**The Kind World Foundation**

1125 South 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 200

Omaha, NE 68124

Phone: (402)-697-8000

Contact Person: Patti Kilgore

**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](http://www.foundation.landolakes.com)

Purpose and Activities: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants Program provides support through cash grants to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where Land O'Lakes has a significant concentration of members or employees. These include organizations

- Such as United Way that provide funding to community human services.
- That work to alleviate hunger.
- Designed to build knowledge and leadership skills of rural youth.
- Active in addressing and solving community problems.
- Promoting artistic endeavors — especially in under-served rural areas, touring or outreach programs.

Program Guidelines: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Some larger donations are made.

Requests for more than \$5,000:

- Will be screened by Foundation staff.
- Selected will be reviewed by Land O'Lakes Foundation Board, who meet in February, June, August and December.
- Deadline for applications is the first of the month prior to the Board meeting month. For example, May 1 is the deadline for requests that will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Requests for less than \$5,000:

- Will be reviewed by Land O'Lakes Foundation staff.
- No deadline for the receipt of requests under \$5,000.
- May take up to three months to fully consider. Applicants will be notified of a decision as soon as possible.

Arts and culture donations are considered once each year in the spring, with a May 1 postmarked deadline. Applications for the following year will only be accepted on or after January 1. The program budget is less than ten percent of our overall giving.

Application Information: Complete the Community Grants Program application online or request a form to be completed by hand, 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](http://grants.lsc.gov)**

**Email: [competition@lsc.gov](mailto: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, 2010. LSC requires applicants to submit the NIC using the following website: [grants.lsc.gov](http://grants.lsc.gov). All applicants must complete and submit the Grant Application using this website. The deadline for a grant application is June 5, 2010.

**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](mailto:lexfoundation@alltel.net)**

**Website: [www.lexfoundation.org](http://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: Education, Health, Art/Culture, Recreational. Human Services, and Community/Civic

Application Information: Please contact the foundation to obtain further application information and procedures.

**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: 402-476-8523**

**Contact Person: Debra Shoemaker, Vice President of Community Outreach**

**Website: [www.lcf.org](http://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 makes 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**

**6336 Pershing Dr.**

**Omaha, NE 68110-1100**

**Phone: 402-457-8160**

**Contact Person: Robert Braun, Jr.**

**Email: [bob.braun@lozier.biz](mailto: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](mailto:4answers@macfound.org)**  
**Website: [www.macfound.org](http://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, Digital Media & Learning, Mental Health, Policy Research, and Program-Related Investments

Application Information: Visit the website at [www.macfound.org](http://www.macfound.org) for further information.

**Mammel Family Foundation**  
**302 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100**  
**Omaha, NE 68131-3845**  
**Phone: 402-384-8600**  
**Contact: Carl Mammel**

**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 for submission.

**Merrick Foundation**  
**1530 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:merrickf@hamilton.net)**  
**Website: [www.merrick-foundation.org/grants.htm](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: Applications are found online. 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](http://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: Health, Education, Civil Affairs, Culture

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: [srasmussen@mhw-foundation.org](mailto:srasmussen@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  
Environmental Concerns (with emphasis on programs that strive to preserve the land and educate our children on the importance of protecting and caring for our natural heritage);  
Animal Welfare (with emphasis on the protection and humane treatment of both wild and domestic animals); Social Concerns (with emphasis on helping Native Americans help themselves); Fine Arts (with emphasis on renovation and the visual arts)  
The foundation may also fund other charitable organizations or programs as deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

Geographic Limitations: Limited to Lake region of northwest Iowa; Outside Iowa: Santa Fe NM, Florida, South Dakota, and North Dakota

#### **MidAmerican Energy Foundation**

**666 Grand Ave.**  
**P.O. Box 657**  
**Des Moines, IA 50306-0657**  
**Phone: (515) 281-2575**  
**Fax: (515) 242-4080**  
**Website: [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com)**

Purpose and Activities: The foundation supports various charitable organizations as well as public and private colleges and universities. The foundation supports fairs and civic centers and organizations involved with areas of interest.

Fields of Interest: Economic Development, Arts and Culture, Higher Education, Cancer, and Human Services

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**  
**Email: [mncf@hamilton.net](mailto:mncf@hamilton.net)**  
**Website: [www.midnebraskafoundation.org](http://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: Grant applications must be made using Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation's **application form**. Application form and policy for Non-Profit Project Grants are available from Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation. 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.

**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](mailto:info@mott.org)**

**Website: [www.mott.org](http://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](mailto:mutualofomaha.foundation@mutualofomaha.com)**

**Website: [www.mutualofomahafoundation.org](http://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: Behavioral Health, Youth Violence, Domestic Abuse, Childhood Obesity, Early Childhood Education, Preparedness for Graduation, Literacy/Language, Financial Literacy, Food, Shelter, Beautification/Identity, Crime Prevention/Safety, Education, Health & Wellness, Parks & Recreation, and Restoration

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. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 200**

**P.O. Box 83107**

**Lincoln, NE 68501**

**Phone: 402-323-7330**

**Contact Person: Jeff G. Yost, CEO**

**Email: [jeffyost@nebcommfound.org](mailto:jeffyost@nebcommfound.org)**

**Website: [www.nebcommfound.org](http://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. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Ste. 100**

**Omaha, NE 68131**

**Phone: 402-342-3458**

**Fax: 402-342-3582**

**Contact: Sarah Gilbert**

**Email: [sarah@omahafoundation.org](mailto:sarah@omahafoundation.org)**

**Website: [www.omahafoundation.org](http://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 African American Unity Fund was established in 2008 to support organizations that address emerging needs within the Omaha-area African American community. Ongoing funds are contributed by the Sherwood Foundation and the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation. A 10-member grant committee, made up of local leaders who have robust knowledge of the African American community, evaluates the proposals and makes the award decisions.

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: African American Unity Fund, Fund for Omaha (FFO), Futuro Latino Fund, Neighborhood Innovation Awards, Youth in Philanthropy, and Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa

Application Information:

The African American Unity Fund committee considers organizations with annual budgets of \$300,000 or less with innovative programs, initiatives, services or other ideas that serve African Americans.

The five core areas in which the African American Unity Fund provides grants are:

Arts & Culture (for example, performance, visual arts, arts education, cultural programs)

Basic Human Needs (for example, food, shelter, clothing)

Community Development (for example, leadership training, neighborhood groups, youth programs)

Health & Wellness (for example, medical, dental, mental or behavioral health, nutrition, physical activities)

Capacity Building (for example, fundraising, technology or operating expenses)

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or organizations partnering with a fiscal agent who is a 501(c)(3), that serve the African American community in the Omaha metropolitan area. The organization's governing board must approve all applications prior to submission.

African American Unity Fund application deadline is August 1.

The Fund for Omaha is the Omaha Community Foundation's largest competitive grant program. The Fund for Omaha is designed to help nonprofits address community needs and to support effective solutions. It also serves as one way the Omaha Community Foundation stays current with community and nonprofit needs.

The Greatest Need Grants program has evolved as a means for the Omaha Community Foundation to be responsive to the most pressing needs of the nonprofits in our community. Applicants are invited to identify their organization's greatest need and propose a plan to address it. Greatest Need Grants will fall into three broad areas and applicants must choose **one** area under which to submit a proposal:

· **Capacity building.** The Omaha Community Foundation focuses on nonprofit capacity building as a way to strengthen nonprofits and our community as a whole. Nonprofit capacity building is the improvement of capabilities, knowledge or resources, so an agency can achieve its mission more effectively. Examples include:

- Organizational assessment and strategic planning
- Fund development
- Professional development and leadership training
- Board development

- Communications, including website design, branding, and community outreach
- **General operating expenses.** These are expenses related to the day-to-day operations of a nonprofit. Examples include:
  - Purchase of equipment not related to a specific program
  - Staff salaries not related to a specific program
  - Marketing or fundraising materials
  - Financial audit
  - Regular costs of staying in business, such as rent and utilities
- **Programs.** The Fund for Omaha will continue to make program grants through the Greatest Need Grants program. These grants are intended to support new or ongoing programs that respond to a demonstrated community need. Applicants are encouraged to include in the program budget a percentage of staff time required to run the program. Examples include:
  - Supplies, equipment, or other materials required for program
  - Community-wide needs assessments
  - Program-specific staffing needs

Successful applications will:

- Make a compelling case for how meeting the described need will strengthen the agency and help the population it serves.
- Support effective, proven, or promising solutions.
- Describe what success will look like.

Grant proposals are accepted up to fourteen (14) days before the two annual deadlines: March 1 and September 1. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the proposal is due on the following business day. An application and fact sheet may be downloaded from the Foundation website.

The Futuro Latino Fund was established in 2009 to address emerging needs within the Omaha-area Latino community. Local leaders from the Latino community make up the grant committee, which evaluates the proposals and makes award decisions. Three area foundations provided the funds to start this initiative: the Sherwood Foundation, the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation, and the Lozier Foundation.

Organizations with annual budgets of \$300,000, or less, with innovative programs, initiatives, services or other ideas that serve Latinos are eligible to apply. The grant committee is open to proposals of any amount, although anticipated grants will be \$10,000, or less. No multi-year grants will be considered.

The core areas in which the Futuro Latino Fund will provide grants are:

- Arts & Culture (for example, performance, visual arts, arts education, cultural programs)
- Community Development (for example, neighborhood groups, family programs)
- Youth leadership and development (for example, high school leaders programs)
- Services for senior citizens (for example, senior centers in the Latino community)
- Women's leadership development (for example, projects that support and promote Latinas' empowerment)
- Health and Wellness (for example, medical, dental, mental or behavioral health, nutrition, physical activities)
- Civic engagement (for example, programs connecting Latinos with government or business leaders, nonpartisan efforts to give Latinos opportunities for influence of policymaking, grassroots advocacy)
- Economic development (for example, entrepreneurship and microbusiness programs, employment)
- Organizational capacity building (for example, board development, staff training, fundraising, technology)

Grant proposals are due August 1st. Please check this website periodically for updates to eligibility criteria, application instructions, and other information.

The Youth in Philanthropy Initiative is a program designed to involve local youth leaders in philanthropy. Juniors and seniors in high schools from across the city serve as the grant committee for distributing funds established through Youth in Philanthropy.

Youth in Philanthropy is an endowed fund established through the Omaha Community Foundation from

the proceeds of the sale of 3-D eyeglasses at the 2000 Millennium Lights celebration on the Gene Leahy Mall. A number of additional Omaha Community Foundation donors who support youth driven philanthropy also contribute to this fund.

Youth Leadership Omaha Ambassadors define the focus of the grant, determine review criteria, and select grant recipients. These high school juniors and seniors have examined issues they believe are most important to the youth of our city, discussed what topics interest them, and researched those areas. This effort helped the committee select "Teens Go Green" as the focus for the 2010 grants. Any nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) status located in the greater Omaha metropolitan area is eligible to apply. Programs should be designed for youth. Grant proposals must address innovative ways to motivate and educate teens to go green, which is defined as reducing, reusing and recycling. Examples of this may include creative ways to educate youth using social media and technology, school groups that implement recycling programs, or youth produced videos that challenge teens to reduce their use of plastic bottles.

Successful applications must include all of the following components:

- Active involvement of young people in the design and implementation of the proposed program.
- Programs should address youth in any grade K-12.
- Use of community or school based programs. Partnerships are encouraged.
- Provision of matching funds, with a 1:1 match preferred.
- Sustainability of the program (as appropriate).

The Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa are nine counties that have chosen to affiliate with the Omaha Community Foundation (OCF) in order to take advantage of its expertise and services. Because of their affiliation with OCF, they now have all the tools available to run an effective public charitable foundation, without the administrative burdens.

Each fund was formed by a volunteer Advisory Board made up of local county residents. The Advisory Board guides the fund in each county with technical assistance and management support services being provided by the Omaha Community Foundation.

In 1997, the Southwest Iowa Foundation initiated an affiliate program with the Omaha Community Foundation for nine southwest Iowa counties. The initiative is a ten-year, dollar-for-dollar, matching program of funds up to \$50,000 annually in each of the participating counties. Each county received its initial \$50,000 challenge grant from the Southwest Iowa Foundation in 1998.

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](http://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  
304 Nelson St.  
P.O. Box 3592  
Cambridge, NE 69022-3592  
Phone: 308-697-4721  
Fax: 308-697-4101  
Contact: Dick Shoemaker  
Email: dick.shoemaker@pnpt.com  
Website: www.kmpfoundation.com

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.

Application Information: The following summarizes information required to be included with any application submitted to the Kitty M. Perkins Foundation. Failure to complete any question or supply any requested information may cause unnecessary delay or rejection of application.

1. Two copies of the grant application and related information as requested. One copy of the grant application must be an original.
2. A brief outline setting forth the need, objective, and benefits of the project program for which the application is submitted. Please include the number of people served by the project annually.
3. Copy of the Internal Revenue Service determination letter indicating the tax exempt status or, if applicant is a unit of government, evidence of such status
4. Copy of applicant's most recent IRS form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax). This should include the salaries of the three highest paid officers of the organization.
5. Copy of the applicant's most recent financial statement, audited if available.
6. List of applicant's Board of Directors (Trustees) and officers
7. Fully detailed budget for project or program and for the portion of which funding is requested from this Foundation including source and identification of financial support received or committed, source of operating or maintenance funds as required and methods of evaluating the success of the proposed project.

Applications may be received throughout the year with awards being made generally in the last quarter of the year.

**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  
Email: vlpcf@phelpsfoundation.org  
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**

**Fax: 402-633-1096**

**Contact Person: Debra Walton**

**Website: [www.physiciansmutual.com](http://www.physiciansmutual.com)**

Fields of Interest: Health and Human Service Programs, Cancer Research, Local Charities

### **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](http://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: An application form may be downloaded from the company website and should be emailed to [community.grantsprogram@pioneer.com](mailto:community.grantsprogram@pioneer.com) upon completion.

Generally review grant proposals on a quarterly basis. Proposals must be received by Pioneer Hi-Bred no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:general@publicwelfare.org)  
Website: [www.publicwelfare.org](http://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: Applicants should submit letters of inquiry four to six weeks before proposal deadlines. Each letter of inquiry should include the following information

1. The organization's official name and contact information;
2. The organization's mission statement;
3. A brief (250 word maximum) summary of its recent history;
4. Your Tax Exempt Status and Tax ID # (or that of your fiscal sponsor);
5. Total organization and proposed project budgets (if applying for a project grant), including funds from other funding sources;
6. A narrative description (2000 words or less) of the problem to be addressed and the work to be performed;
7. Amount and type of support - General support funds are used to advance a grantee organization's general mission and to pay expenses incurred by its non-profit activities. Project grants can only be used to pay expenses of specific activities described in the proposal and approved by the Foundation.
8. A description of how the proposal fits the Foundation's funding guidelines for the Program under which the grant is being requested.

Once a letter of inquiry arrives at the Foundation, our staff determines whether the proposed project fits the Foundation's funding guidelines. Proposals that have not been invited will not be considered. Please visit the company website for further application details. Annual application deadlines are found online.

**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.

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****1801 California, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor****Denver, CO 80202-2658****Phone: 303-896-1266****Fax: 303-896-4982****Email: [qwest.foundation@qwest.com](mailto:qwest.foundation@qwest.com)****Website: [www.qwest.com/about/company/community/foundation.html](http://www.qwest.com/about/company/community/foundation.html)**

Purpose and Activities: The Qwest Foundation understands the long-term benefits of investing in education. The Foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations, primarily focused on promoting pre-k through grade 12 education.

The Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs, and supports programs and initiatives that build lasting value for Qwest customers and the communities we serve.

We focus on enriching the lives of children by supporting solid preK-12 educational programs, and believe that educating children is the cornerstone for building strong and enlightened communities.

Fields of Interest: Qwest for Education focuses on enriching the lives of children by supporting solid preK-12 educational programs. Educating children is the cornerstone for building strong and enlightened communities.

The Foundation will consider programs that:

- Effectively use technology to improve preK-12 public school instruction
- Promote innovative models to strengthen preK-12 public school education
- Improve the skills and leadership of educators and parents
- Promote innovative early childhood education programs
- Promote diversity awareness and cultural competency

***United Way***

Qwest provides direct support for United Ways that provide services where we do business.

The Board of the Qwest Foundation will consider, from time to time, making additional grants to meet urgent local, regional or national community needs, while maintaining a core focus on preK-12 education.

Application Information: As of March 31, 2009, all proposals must be submitted through the online system — paper grants will no longer be accepted. In preparation to submit your request online, you will need:

- Federal Tax id number of the non-profit organization for which you are requesting the funds
- Familiarity with both the organization for which you are requesting the funds and the specific program that you are requesting to be funded
- The following documents electronically in a doc, xls or pdf format:
  - Board of directors list, including names, phone numbers and affiliations
  - Copy of current year itemized operating revenue and expense budget for the organization
  - Copy of the budget of the program or project for which you are requesting funds
  - Accountants report or IRS form 990
  - Tax exemption letter

When entering the online submission application, you will be required to establish a Qwest Foundation Grant application account. Once you establish this account, you will be able to submit a grant application, save a pending application to be submitted later, or check the status of a previously submitted grant. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Final notification of funding decisions is made within **6-8 weeks** following the grant submission.

**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](mailto:info@ruraledu.org)**  
**Website: [www.ruraledu.org](http://www.ruraledu.org)**

Purpose and Activities: The Rural Trust provides a variety of services—training, networking, technical assistance, coaching, mentoring, research—and materials to increase the capacity of rural schools, teachers, young people, and communities to develop and implement high quality place-based education. We encourage rural people through education, research, organizing and advocacy to become knowledgeable, persistent, and effective citizens who are actively engaged in policy issues that directly affect the quality of education in their communities. We also serve as a resource for educators and policymakers at the state and national levels—identifying and analyzing policies and practices that strengthen rural education, and changing policies that are detrimental to rural schools.

Fields of Interest: Youth, Education

**Harley and Beth Schragger Foundation**

**4405S. 96th St.**  
**Omaha, NE 68127-1210**

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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Scoular Foundation**

**2027 Dodge St., Ste. 300**  
**Omaha, NE 68102-1229**  
**Phone: 402-342-3500**  
**Contact Person: Marshall E. Faith**

**Website: [www.scoular.com/company/community.asp](http://www.scoular.com/company/community.asp)**

Purpose and Activities: Based on employee requests, funds are distributed directly to 501(c)(3) organizations that serve Scoular communities.

Fields of Interest: Children & Youth, Education, Social Service, Public Health, Arts & Culture

Geographic Limitation: Communities or cities where Scoular maintains an office or facility including: Big Springs, Brandon, Elsie, Fremont, Grafton, Hershey, Holdrege, Lamar, Madrid, North Grant, Omaha, Paxton, Sidney, South Grant, Sutherland, Venango, and Wallace.

Application Information: Scoular realizes that its employees have diverse talents and that local charities look to us for leadership and support. To support both our employees and their home communities, we look first to provide financial assistance to groups and organizations in which our employees are actively involved.

We earmark funds for local community giving and ask our employees to submit their requests to the Foundation. We don't require any special form, but we are very interested in the personal stories our employees give us about their activities.

**The Sherwood Foundation (formerly Susan A. Buffett Foundation)**

**3555 Farnam Street**

**Omaha, NE 68131**

**Phone: 402-341-1717**

**Contact Person: Jeannine Vlassakis, Administrative Assistant**

**Website: [www.sherwoodfoundation.org](http://www.sherwoodfoundation.org)**

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.

For information regarding human service, social justice or national initiatives contact Kristin Williams, e-mail: kristin@sherwoodfoundaiton.org; For information regarding primary educational initiatives contact Katie Weitz White, e-mail: katie@sherwoodfoundation.org; For information regarding secondary education initiatives contact Jerry Bexten, e-mail: jerry@sherwoodfoundation.org

**Manota E. Simon Foundation**  
**1248 O Street, Floor 4**  
**Lincoln, NE 68508-1493**

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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fields of Interest: Children, Underprivileged, Disabled, Community Service Organizations, Medial Support, Elderly, Education, Community Safety

Application Information: The Sowers Club of Nebraska Foundation will accept grant requests two times annually. Grant applications must be delivered to the Sowers Club of Lincoln by February 15 and June 15 of each year and must be fully completed before requests will be considered. To be eligible, an agency must have been in existence for a minimum of 5 years, and have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.

Since grant requests usually exceed funds available, the Disbursements Committee has elected to sponsor those charitable activities in their opinion having the most beneficial economic, social and cultural impact on the city of Lincoln and surrounding communities. An application form may be found online.

**YOUR REQUEST MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Copy of your "Letter of Determination" from the I.R.S. regarding your 501(c)(3) status.
2. Copy of your annual report or current Balance Sheet outlining your administrative costs. "All information will be treated with strict confidentiality."
3. All Blanks on the Grant Request form must be completed - "FAILURE TO DO SO MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR REQUEST."
4. Do not answer a question on the Request form by reference to another question, document or party.
5. Don't forget there must be Ten (10) copies.

**Steinhart Foundation Inc.**

**601 Central Avenue, Ste. 105  
Nebraska City, NE 68410-2468  
Phone: 402-873-3285  
Contact Person: Leta Harshman, Pres.**

Fields of Interest: Civic and Social Organization

Application Information: Organizations desiring to request funds should submit the following information in the form of a written proposal which should be sent directly to the Foundation. Proposals should not be unduly lengthy. The Foundation is more concerned with the content of the application than its format. 1. A copy of the exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service or other satisfactory evidence that the organization is tax exempt under Sec. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Robert Herman Storz Foundation**

**8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 175  
Omaha, NE 68114-6014  
Phone: 402-399-3873  
Contact: Herbert A. Engdahl, Tr.**

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Health

**Target Stores Giving Program**

**33 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
P.O. Box 1392  
Minneapolis, MN 55440  
Contact Person: Local Store Manager  
Email: [community.relations@target.com](mailto:community.relations@target.com)  
Website: [www.target.com/grants](http://www.target.com/grants)**

Purpose and Activities: The Target Stores, Inc. Corporate Giving Program awards funds in three primary areas: Arts; Social Sciences; and Education. The Corporate Giving Program offers support in communities where Target does business. 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.

Fields of Interest: Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

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](http://www.up.com/found)**

Purpose and Activities: The Union Pacific Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Union Pacific Corporation and Union Pacific Railroad. Union Pacific believes that the quality of life in the communities in which its employees live and work is an integral part of its own success. To better support this mission, the Foundation administers two programs

- The Principals' Partnership, and our
- Community-Based Grant Program

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 14 for following year fundraising.

**May 1, 2010** 2011 open application process begins  
**August 15, 2010** 2011 full applications must be submitted online by midnight CDT  
**January 2011** Union Pacific Foundation Board Meeting  
**February 2011** Applicants notified of grant status  
**May 1, 2011** 2012 open application process begins  
**August 15, 2011** 2012 full applications must be submitted online by midnight CDT  
**January 2012** Union Pacific Foundation Board Meeting  
**February 2012** Applicants notified of grant status

**The UPS Foundation**  
**55 Glenlake Parkway, NE**  
**Atlanta, GA 30328**  
**Phone: 404-828-6374**  
**Contact Person: Contributions Manager**  
**Website: [www.community.ups.com/foundation](http://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: Economic and Global Literacy, Environmental Sustainability, Nonprofit Effectiveness, Strength from Diversity, and Community Safety

Application Information: By design, much of The UPS Foundation's philanthropy is driven locally. UPS operating units around the world have responsibility for managing grant programs — they identify needs

in their communities, find suitable charitable organizations to support, and then recommend those organizations for grant. The UPS Foundation no longer takes unsolicited corporate grant requests. Instead, we are placing greater emphasis on our local regions and districts managing community needs through grants and charitable sponsorships. This funding strategically links employee Community Involvement Committees with local organizations that fit into the Focus Areas to create a year-round spending plan.

Each year, roughly one-half of the grants made by The UPS Foundation are awarded to local organizations with the rest going to global or national groups. Most are supplemented by the energy and passion of UPS volunteers.

**The Valmont Foundation**  
**One Valmont Plaza, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 91<sup>st</sup> Ave**  
**Omaha, NE 68124**  
**Contact Person: Kathryn White**  
**Email: [kwhite@weitzfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:kwhite@weitzfamilyfoundation.org)**  
**Website: [www.weitzfamilyfoundation.org](http://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**

**Email: [info@woodscharitable.org](mailto:info@woodscharitable.org)**

**Website: [www.woodscharitable.org](http://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: First, please read the Fund's guidelines, procedures, and timetable. Second, contact the Fund by telephone or by sending a 2-page letter of intent, including a budget, by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal. Finally, if the Fund requests a full proposal, you will be e-mailed a web access link and password to complete the online Lincoln/Lancaster County Grantmakers Common Application form.

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**

**Contact: Elizabeth C. Tierney, Program Coordinator**

**Email: [goodfellows@owh.com](mailto:goodfellows@owh.com)**

**Website: [www.owh.com](http://www.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  
United Way, 2-1-1 or 444-6666

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A Directory of Funding Resources, 29th Edition, 1996.  
RR Bowker A Reed Reference Publishing Co., New Providence, NJ

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New York, NY

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**Nebraska Library Commission**

The Atrium  
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Lincoln, NE 68508-2023  
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(800) 307-2665  
www.nlc.state.ne.us

**The Council on Foundations**

1828 L St. NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 466-6512  
[www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org)

**The Foundation Center**

79 Fifth Ave.  
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(212) 620-4230  
<http://fdncenter.org>

**Idealists**

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[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

**Independent Sector**

1200 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 223-8100  
[www.indepsec.org](http://www.indepsec.org)

**Internet NonProfit Center**

Project of Evergreen State Society of Seattle, WA  
P.O. Box 20682  
Seattle, WA 98102  
[www.nonprofits.org](http://www.nonprofits.org)

**The Chronicle of Philanthropy**

1255 23<sup>rd</sup> St., NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(800) 728-2819  
[www.philanthropy.com](http://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.fundsnet services.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.