



Community Foundation
of Morgan County, Inc.
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CFMC Grants Cycle Opens August 2

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MORGAN COUNTY, Ind. – The CFMC 2010 Matching and Arts Grants application period will begin on August 2, with applications due to the foundation office by 4 p.m. on Sept. 3.

Non-profit organizations and groups interested in completing projects to benefit Morgan County are encouraged to apply for a Community Foundation of Morgan County Matching grant or Arts grant. Projects must be completed during the grant period of Nov. 1, 2010 to June 15, 2011.

Application Criteria

There are two separate applications, one for matching grants and one for arts grants. Matching grants require that the grant applicant must raise an amount at least equal to what they ask for on their application. Arts grants require no matching funds.

In the past, the foundation has awarded grants as small as a few hundred dollars to as much as \$15,000. Most grants awarded will be between \$500 and \$5,000.

“Our grants offer small non-profits and groups the support they need to fund projects they may not otherwise be able to afford,” said Terah Adams, program officer for the CFMC. “Especially in this tough economy when funding may have been cut, grants can help some non-profits continue their good work in the community.”

Selection criteria include, but are not limited to: innovative solutions to a significant community issue; impact on the community; ability to carry out the project; and how the project will increase community awareness of the identified funding priority and the CFMC.

Free “How to Apply for Grants” Seminars

The foundation will offer two free “How to Apply for Grants” seminars which will review the CFMC grant applications and share tips on how to effectively explain your organization and the project the grant would fund.

Sessions are led by Tom Zoss, executive director of the CFMC. Zoss encourages organizations interested in applying to plan on having a representative attend one of the sessions. He noted that in the past, some applications submitted could not be considered for reasons that were explained during one of the seminars.

The same seminar will be offered in two locations. The first will be on at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17 at the Community Foundation of Morgan County office in the Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville. The second will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 19 at the Morgan County Public Library, 110 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville.

Obtaining Applications

Applications for the grants will be available for download on the CFMC Web site beginning August 2. Applications will also be mailed upon request by calling the foundation office. Applications must be received in the office of the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. in the Academy Building, 250 N. Monroe St., Mooresville, IN 46158 no later than 4 p.m. on Sept. 3rd.

More information on the CFMC Matching and Arts Grants will be available on the foundation's Web site at www.cfmconline.org. Individuals may also call the CFMC office at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free (877) 822-6958.