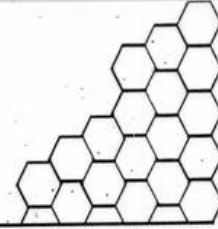




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Local community foundation will receive matching grant from state

The Greene County Community Foundation (GCCF), organized in recent months, was notified last Friday that it will receive one of six \$25,000 state matching grants from the Endow Iowa grant program.

GCCF applied for the grant last month, and announcement of the grant was made in a letter to Ray Forsythe, executive director of Midwest Partnership regional development organization, who handled the application for GCCF. GCCF raised \$32,500 in local matching funds in connection with its application.

The grant will be used to help build the unrestricted, permanent endowment fund within the Greene County Community Foundation. The review committee of the Endow Iowa grant program (a program administered by the Iowa Council of Foundations in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Economic Development) made the selection of the six recipient foundations. Around 18 local foundations across the state applied for the grants.

Laura Sauser, president of the Iowa Council of Foundations (ICOF), and Angie Dethlefs-Trettin, Endow Iowa coordinator of ICOF, wrote in their notification letter, "The Greene County Community

Foundation's demonstrated commitment to philanthropy as well as the articulated plans and opportunity for endowment growth in your community are sure to provide much needed financial support to nonprofit organizations as well as serve as a vehicle to promote and encourage your citizens to leave a lasting legacy."

Jacque Andrew of Jefferson, president of GCCF, said, "We are very pleased that the Greene County Community Foundation was awarded the full grant amount from Endow Iowa. Certainly, this is due to the strength of the grant document written largely by Ray Forsythe of Midwest Partnership and to the county-wide commitment there is for the foundation. This grant will boost the foundation's endowment to \$57,500."

Andrew added, "We are thankful for those who answered the call to make donations to the endowment so the Foundation could pursue this grant that required matching funds. Being selected as a recipient for this grant confirms that the Foundation is on the right track organizationally and is well on its way to promote improvements for the good of Greene county citizens."

In order to apply for an Endow Iowa grant, a local foundation must

be either nationally certified or else officially affiliated with a certified community foundation. GCCF is affiliated with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, but GCCF retains total control over how GCCF funds are allocated.

Under another state law, the Greene County Community Foundation will receive an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually from state gambling revenues. That law provides that one-half of one percent of state gambling receipts shall be divided equally among the counties (around 85 or so) where no licensed gambling facilities exist.

Of those funds, 75 percent must go for worthwhile local projects, while the remaining 25 percent must go into the local foundation's endowment fund.