

Community Foundation Grants require 50-50 local match

Applications for grants offered by the Greene County Community Foundation (GCCF) require 50/50 matching funds or in-kind match to be considered for awards. Although the grant application budget form references the needed match, the foundation board wants to clarify that the equal match is necessary for consideration.

“We view the match as a genuine commitment to the project on the part of the applicant,” said Jacque Andrew, president of the Foundation. As an example, if the applicant is applying for a \$5,000 grant, grant reviewers will want evidence that an equal amount is on hand to match the grant funds.

No federal money can be used as a match. However, in-kind contributions can be used along with funds from other sources to prove project stability and success with measurable outcomes (in-kind contributions such as keeping track of time spent on the project, i.e., volunteer hours, planning, meeting times and follow-up labor, materials, etc.)

Projects must benefit the Greene county community and take place within the county. Grants will be made only to non-profit organizations with 501c(3) status, charitable projects, or a governmental agency. Organizations that do not meet those criteria may collaborate with another that does to apply for the grant. The maximum award per project will be \$7,500.

The applications, guidelines and checklists are all available at the public libraries in Greene county, the Iowa State University Extension Greene County office in Jefferson, and on the Extension website

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/greene/communitiesbusiness.htm>.

Deadline for the applications is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006. The application and checklist need to be turned in to the ISU Extension Greene County office at 104 West Washington Street, Jefferson. More information is available by calling (515) 356-2138.