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NEWS RELEASE

EACF is holding another annual grant cycle. However, funds are reduced due to COVID. We need your assistance to get the word out. Please use the following copy for a news release. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for your support!

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EMPOWERING ADAIR COUNTY FOUNDATION'S NEXT GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15, 2020

Empowering Adair County Foundation (EACF) will grant funds totaling \$84,457.84 for the applications due October 15, 2020. This is a 17% decrease from last year's funding amount. The decrease is a result of Iowa's casinos shutting down in the Spring due to Covid-19. Less gambling receipts impacts the amount distributed to counties in Iowa without gaming operations. EACF will accept grant applications not to exceed \$10,000. However, for the first time, **EACF has created a new simple, one-page application form for grant asks not exceeding \$3,000.** The original long application forms for larger grant requests, along with the new one-page application forms can be found on the Adair County ISU Extension's website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair> (*scroll down the home page to find EACF information and forms links*).

Due to the decrease in granting funds, the EACF Committee may not be able to grant total amounts requested. Grant applications are scored and reviewed on the following criteria: Completeness of Application; Benefit to Adair County Residents; Support of Entrepreneurial Activity, Community and Leadership Development; and Identification and Addressing of Community Needs. Once the applications are scored, the Committee's funding recommendations are sent to the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines (EACF's affiliate) for final approval of grant disbursements.

EACF was formed in 2005 to coordinate and provide philanthropic support for community betterment and to enhance the quality of life for communities in Adair County. The Foundation is governed by a 9-member board representing all areas of Adair County.

There is one annual grant cycle with an October 15th application deadline. For more information, visit the website or contact Deena Wells, Adair County Extension at 641-743-8412 or email dwells@iastate.edu.