

The Keokuk Area Community Foundation

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Charitable Interests and Grant Support for 2012

The **Keokuk Area Community Foundation (KACF)** charitable interests lie in the fields of arts and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services. KACF's primary focus for support encompasses the following areas: Hancock County, Illinois and portions of Western Illinois, Clark County, Missouri and portions of NE Missouri, and Lee County, Iowa and portions of SE Iowa.

Grants will be made only to non-profit organizations, which have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt under **Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

I. Activities Considered for Funding

A. Activities Given Priority for Funding:

- Seed Grants to initiate promising new projects and programs so that those projects and programs are able to demonstrate their usefulness to the community.
- Projects that support new and creative proposals and people offering the greatest opportunity for positive and significant change.

B. Other Activities Considered:

- Projects in arts and culture, community betterment, education, health, and human services that serve a broad sector of the community, are innovative, and are responsive to changing community needs.
- Projects that will enable non-profit and charitable agencies to reduce costs, increase efficiency, and move toward self-sufficiency.
- Projects that address and help resolve important existing or emerging community issues.
- Projects that facilitate cooperation and collaboration among organizations and communities.

- Projects that identify, enhance, and expand leadership in the community through the support of charitable activities that empower individuals.
- Projects that improve the quality or scope of charitable works in the community.
- Capital expenditures, such as construction, remodeling additions to existing buildings, and equipment purchases.
- Projects for which other grants have been approved but require matching funds for completion.

II. **Activities never considered for funding:**

- KACF will not provide grant funds for purposes that **do not directly** advance your charitable purposes.
- Endowment and annual fund drives, budget deficits, and debt reduction.
- Grants for political campaigns or organizations that indirectly participate in them.
- Requests to establish or maintain scholarship funds.
- Requests for specific sectarian religious purposes (*however, requests from religious organizations will be considered for general community and humanitarian programs*).