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Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation

P.O. Box 81407
Lincoln, NE 68508-1407
Phone: 402-435-4369
Fax: 402-435-4371
Website: www.abbottfoundation.org

Purpose and Fields of interest: The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation established by the founder, Ethel S. Abbott. This private foundation strives to give a helping hand to those 501(c)(3) organizations that are trying to make a difference in people's lives in the Lincoln, Omaha, and Western Nebraska areas. The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation looks at each grant request uniquely for its potential to influence people's lives and to ultimately make a difference in the community.

Fields of Interest: Education, Art, Environment, Human Services, Sports, Wellness Programs, Disadvantaged Children

Application Information: The preferred method for applying for a grant is to go to the Foundation's website www.abbottfoundation.org and fill in and print out the grant application form and mail it to the Foundation's offices with all of the required attachments. If applicants do not have computer access to the Internet, they can write or call the Foundation's office in order to obtain a grant application form.

The Abel Foundation

P.O. Box 80268
1815 Y Street
Lincoln, NE 68501
Phone: 402-434-1212
Contact Person: J. Ross McCown, Vice President
Website: www.abelfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on health and human service, higher education, and community development programs. Giving is limited to Nebraska, particularly Lincoln.

Fields of Interest: Health and Human Services, Higher Education, Environment, and Community Development Programs

Application Information: Lincoln/Lancaster County Grant Maker Common Application Form. Foundation meets in May and December each year to review funding requests.

American Express Philanthropic Program

American Express Company
3 World Financial Center
200 Vesey St.
New York, NY 10285-4804
Website: <http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/default.aspx>

Purpose and Activities: The Foundation's philanthropic activities focus on community service and engagement; historic preservation and conservation; and leadership programs. No support for religious, political or fraternal organizations; sporting events or athletic programs; legislative or lobbying efforts; umbrella organizations with active grant-making programs; or professional, trade, or marketing

associations. No grants to individuals, or for endowments; capital campaigns, advertising in journals or yearbooks; publication of books, magazines or articles in professional journals; or medical research.

Fields of Interest:

1. **Community Service and Engagement:** Programs that encourage community service and civic participation, and deliver measurable outcomes that have a lasting impact on communities. Programs should build the capacity of nonprofits by assisting them in developing, engaging and retaining community members as volunteers, audience members and donors; encouraging citizens to play an active role in civic processes (e.g., voting); and engaging community members and American Express employees in ongoing service. This may involve a variety of activities from promoting individual philanthropy, volunteerism or participation in local civic organizations.
2. **Historic Preservation and Conservation:** Fund is given to save and sustain historic places – to preserve them for future use and protect them for all to enjoy. Support is given to organizations and projects that preserve or rediscover major historic sites and monuments in order to provide ongoing sustainable access and enjoyment for current and future audiences. The program supports historic landmarks and public spaces. Emphasis is given to preserving sites that represent diverse cultures.
3. **Leadership:** Funding should address the leadership deficit in the nonprofit sector, whether by enabling new executive directors, or supporting the training and development of emerging leaders. Diversifying the current landscape of nonprofit leaders is important as well. Transforming organizations through best-in-class management and leadership practices, whether through board leadership, implementing management principles, or expanding an organization's capacity to attract, develop and retain leadership talent.

American First Foundation

One Burlington Place
1004 Farnam St.
Omaha, NE 68102

Website: <http://www.am1stfoundation.org/index.html>

Purpose and Activities: Committed to supporting endeavors that improve the overall quality of life in the community. AFF primarily supports the arts, education, senior care, and projects that support family values. Visit the website to see what projects are not supported.

Limitations: Focus is given to projects in Nebraska and Iowa. Consideration will be given to national organizations when they have a positive impact in the area.

Application Information: Visit the website to fill out and submit an application. After submission a confirmatory email will be sent. Grant reviews take place at quarterly meetings on the third Thursday of March, June, September and December. Submit proposal at least one week before quarterly meeting

Ameritas Charitable Foundation

5900 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68510-2234
Phone: 402-467-7404
Contact Person: Sue Wilkinson

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for the education programs.

Fields of Interest: Primary interest is in educational programs but will consider civic, cultural, health and welfare requests. (Types of support include capital campaigns, program development, and professorships.)

Limitations: The Ameritas Charitable Foundation limits its funding of any project, program or organization to 10% of the project, program or organizational budget. Funding will be limited to 5% of the total amount for capital campaigns. Giving is primarily in Nebraska. No grants for individuals.

Hugo A. and Thelma Aspegren Charitable Trust

c/o First Nebraska Trust Company
P.O. Box 81667
Lincoln, NE 68501-1667
Phone: (402) 477-2200
Website: no data available

The trust serves educational, charitable, scientific and religious purposes; specifically given to qualifying charities under section 501 (c) (3)

Alan and Marcia Baer Foundation

1001 Fort Crook Road, Ste. 140
Bellevue, NE 68005
Contact Person: Ted Baer, Vice President; Kathy Baer, Administrator and Secretary

Purpose and Activities: Giving for health education services, youth, arts, culture, and religion.

Fields of Interest: Educational Health Services, Youth, Cultural Programs, and Religious Support

Application Information: Initial approach by letter. Deadline is at least 30 days before grant is required.

The Theodore G. Baldwin Foundation

2033 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 922
Kearney, NE 68848-0922
Phone: 308-234-9889
Contact Person: Michael W. Baldwin, Treasurer

Purpose and Activities: Support for local arts organizations, education, and many 501(c)(3) organizations.

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Brick and Mortar, Operating, Youth

Application Information: Application form required. Initial approach by letter. One copy of proposal needed. Deadline is September 30. Board meets 4th quarter of each calendar year. Final notification by December 31.

Bemis Company Foundation

2800 Schaefer Circle
Appleton, WI 54915
Phone: 920-734-2707
Contact Person: Kim Wetzel
Email: kwetzel@new.rr.com
Website: <http://www.bemis.com/citizenship/>

Purpose and Activities: The Bemis Company Foundation was established to guide the charitable contributions of Bemis Company, Inc. The aim of the foundation is to match the available funds with those public needs where the interests of the company and our employees are inseparable. Priorities in grants will be given to those organizations and/or programs that will contribute most to advancing the quality of life for all people in the communities in which we operate. Emphasis will be on those programs that encourage the development of our human resources, education programs, and a lesser degree, civic and art institutions that encourage participation by the general public. Grants are made to tax-exempt organizations only. The foundation will not make grants to individuals or organizations for religious or political purposes, either by lobbying efforts or by campaigns.

Fields of Interest: 50% Social Welfare and Health, 40% Educational, and 10% Cultural and Civic

Geographic Limitations: Those areas where Bemis Company, Inc., plants and subsidiaries are located.

Thomas D. Buckley Trust

P.O. Box 647
Chappell, NE 69129-0647
Phone: 402-874-2929

Purpose and Activities: Giving is primarily earmarked for social services, health care, and community development, particularly for golf course projects, and to Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United Methodist churches; also funds scholar programs.

Fields of Interest: Athletics, Golf, Child Services, Education, Elementary/Secondary Education, Health Care, Hospitals (general), Human Services, Protestant Agencies and Churches, Roman Catholic Agencies and Churches

Geographic Limitations: Giving is primarily focused in Nebraska with an emphasis on Chappell and surrounding counties.

Campbell Soup Foundation

Campbell Place
Camden, NJ 08103-1799
Phone: 856-342-4800 ext. 6423
Fax: 856-541-8185
Website: <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com/Foundation.aspx>

Purpose and Activities: Support for areas where the company has a plant. Research and educational programs that increase the understanding of the link between diet and health. Programs that provide real change for residents in those communities where Campbell Soup Company has facilities.

Fields of Interest: Hunger Relief, Wellness, Education, Community Revitalization

Carnegie Corporation of New York

437 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10022
Phone: 212-371-3200
Fax: (212) 754-4073
Website: <http://carnegie.org/>

Purpose and Activities: Although its purposes are broadly stated, the Corporation has a policy of selecting a few areas at a time in which to concentrate its grants. Currently, the Corporation is focusing on four programs. A fifth area, Special Projects, consists of grants that do not fit easily into the four program areas.

Fields of Interest: Education, International Peace and Security, International Development, Democracy, Special Projects

Coca-Cola Foundation

P.O. Box 442
Atlanta, GA 30301
Phone: 1-800-306-2653
Contact Person: Mark Davis
Website: http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html

Purpose and Activities: The mission of The Coca-Cola Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the community.

Fields of Interest: Water Stewardship, Healthy Active Lifestyles, Community Recycling, and Education

The ConAgra Foods Foundation

**One ConAgra Drive
Omaha, NE 68102-5001**
Website: <http://www.conagrafoodsfoundation.org/help-conagra-foods-foundation/conagra-foods-foundation-grants.jsp>

The ConAgra Foods Foundation initiates grants for national and local partnerships and coordinates an employee nominated grant process called Nourish our Communities. On an annual basis, the ConAgra Foods Foundation invites qualified charitable organizations to apply for its Community Impact Grants program.

Potential grantees should carefully review their program overview, funding guidelines and criteria to determine if your project or program matches the Foundation's funding priorities for charitable investments. The Foundation's grant program is competitive, and organizations that best align with our goals and objectives in our core focus areas have the greatest opportunity to be awarded a grant.

The ConAgra Foods Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals and will only consider requests submitted through the Community Impact Grants program at the designated time annually.

ConAgra Community Impact Grants

The Community Impact Grants program awards grants to impactful, grassroots organizations that leverage innovation and creativity to address child hunger and nutrition needs in communities where ConAgra Foods' employees live and work or states where rates of food insecurity among children are

significant. Updated Community Impact Grants guidelines are released each year and include a list of eligible states for the current cycle.

The Community Impact Grants program is a two-step, competitive process that first requires the submission of an online Letter of Interest and the subsequent completion of a full application if invited to apply for a grant.

For more detailed program information and guidelines please download the Community Impact Grants Program Overview, and then proceed to Step 2 to begin the **eligibility survey**, which will be available Jan. 9, 2012. We encourage you to carefully review the **2012 guidelines** before starting the eligibility survey. **Please Note: The Community Impact Grants application process opens on Jan. 9, 2012. You will not be able to begin the eligibility survey or application process until Jan. 9, 2012.**

Cooper Foundation

870 Wells Fargo Center
1248 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-476-7571
Contact Person: Victoria Kovar, Program Officer
Email: info@cooperfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.cooperfoundation.org/>

Purpose: To support strong, sustainable organizations, innovative ideas and ventures of significant promise.

PRIORITIES

- Education
- Human Services
- Arts
- Humanities
- Environment

GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Highest priority is for organizations based in and serving Lincoln and Lancaster County. Requests from outside this area must serve a regional or state-wide area and meet the Foundation's highest funding priorities.

R. Joe Dennis Foundation

1021 Galvin Road S.
Bellevue, NE 68005
Phone: (402) 291-2222
Contact Person: Susan Dennis

Purpose: Gives primarily to libraries, as well as to higher education institutions, medical and health organizations, and human services organizations.

Fields of Interest: Boys & Girls Clubs; Foundations (private grant-making); Health Organizations; Higher Education; Human Services; Libraries (public); Museums; Protestant Agencies & Churches

Limitations: Giving primarily in Nebraska, with some emphasis on Omaha.

Application Information: Applicants should submit the following:

1. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget
2. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
3. Brief history of organization and description of its mission

No Deadlines.

John A. and Gretchen Dinsdale Charitable Foundation

P.O. Box 275
Central City, NE 68826
Contact Person: Tom Dinsdale or Lynn Dinsdale-Marchese TTEE

Dogwood Foundation

1257 Sanguinetti Road, Ste. 194
Sonora, CA 95370
Phone: 209-743-7045
Email: contact@dogwoodfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.dogwoodfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Dogwood Charitable Foundation, is a nonprofit organization bringing communities together, across America, to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need of assistance and providing emergency relief and support to victims of disaster.

Application Information: Please contact the Dogwood Foundation for further information on funding applications.

Virgil Eihusen Foundation

4100 W. Husker Highway
Grand Island, NE 68803
Contact: Jill Fargo
Phone: 308-389-3400

Fields of Interest: Higher Education Scholarships

Ford Foundation

320 East 43rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10017
Phone: 212 573 5000
Fax: 212 351 3677
Website <http://www.fordfoundation.org/>

Fields of Interest: Economic Development, Community and Resource Development, Human Development and Reproductive Health, Human Rights and International Cooperation, Governance and Civil Society, Education, Knowledge, and Religion, and Media, Arts and Culture.

The Ford Foundation offers granting opportunities to individuals and business.

Fremont Area Community Foundation

605 N. Broad St.
P.O. Box 182

Fremont, NE 68026-0182
Phone: 402-721-4252
Fax: 402-721-9359
Email: info@facfoundation.org
Website: http://www.facfoundation.org/how_to_apply_grants.htm

Purpose and Activities: The purpose of the Fremont Area Community Foundation is to build community philanthropy by connecting donor interest with community needs.

Fields of Interest: Civic, Education, Health, Human Services, Cultural Benefits

Geographic Limitations: Fremont, Nebraska and surrounding area

Ike & Roz Friedman Foundation

c/o Donald Yale
22804 Hansen Ave.
Elkhorn, NE 68022
Phone: 402-399-5252
Contact Person: Rosalie Friedman, President

Fields of Interest: Museums, Arts/Cultural Programs, Higher Education, Human Services, Jewish Federated Giving Programs, Jewish Agencies and Temples

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach should be done by submitting a proposal.

Gardner Foundation

307 Main St.
P.O. Box 629
Wakefield, NE 68784
Contact Person: Board of Trustees
Phone: 402-287-2538

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for education and the arts.

Fields of Interest: Aging Centers, Community Development, Education, Health Care, Higher Education, Performing Arts- Orchestra (Symphony), Performing Arts- Theater (types of support: Building/Renovation, Capital Campaigns, Endowments, Equipment, Seed Money)

Application information: Application form required. Please contact the foundation for further information.

Grand Island Community Foundation

410 W. Second St., #2
P.O. Box 430
Grand Island, NE 68801-5977
Phone: 308-381-7767
Fax: 308-381-6567
Contact Person: Lisa Katzberg, Executive Director
Email: info@gicf.org
Website: <http://www.gicf.org/grants>

Purpose and Activities: This program is designed to help local non-profits address unmet needs and unique program opportunities. Consideration will be given to requests of greater than \$5,000 when

circumstances warrant, however in most cases, grant awards of up to \$5,000 will be made to help address critical and emerging issues in the community.

Fields of Interest: Arts and Culture, Children and Youth, Civic Enrichment, Community Health, Education

Geographic Limitations: Hall County

Application Information: Applications are due March 1 and September 1. Community Impact Grants and Great Idea Grants are available. Please see the website, or contact the foundation for further application information.

Nebraska Hamilton Community Foundation, Inc.

1108 L St.
P.O. Box 283
Aurora, NE 68818
Phone: 402-694-3200
Fax: 402-694-6160

Contact Person: Sidney L. Widga, Manager

Purpose and Activities: The foundation seeks to meet local community needs for all manner of civic, charitable, educational, cultural, health, recreational, and humanitarian purposes.

Fields of Interest: Aging, Arts, Christian Agencies and Churches, Community Development, Education, Health Care, Human Services, Recreation.

Limitations: Giving limited to Hamilton County, Nebraska. No grants for operating expenses, deficit financing, or fund demonstration.

Application Information: Initial approach through a letter.

The Harper Family Foundation

6625 State St.
Omaha, NE 68152-1633
Phone: 402-571-6612
Fax: 402-571-2151

Contact Person: Mary Robbins

Fields of Interest: Cancer Research, Elementary/Secondary Education, Federated Giving Programs, Higher Education, Recreation, Youth Development

Application Information: Application form not required. Applicants should submit the following in an initial proposal: 1) statement of problem project will address 2) copy of IRS Determination Letter 3) copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990, and 4) listing of board of directors, trustees, officers and other key people and their affiliations.

Hastings Community Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 703
Hastings, NE 68902
Phone: 402-462-5152
Contact: Susan Poppe, Office Manager

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Health Care, Senior Citizens

Geographic Limitations: Mostly local funding.

Application Information: Please contact the foundation for further information.

Hawkins Charitable Trust

2516 Deer Park Blvd.
Omaha, NE 68105-3771
Phone: 402-342-1607

Fax: 402-342-03221

Contact Person: Fred Hawkins, Jr., Kim Hawkins

Fields of Interest: Education, health care, agriculture, youth services, and federated giving programs. Types of support include annual campaigns, building and renovation, and scholarship funds. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach by proposal

The Hearst Foundations

90 New Montgomery St., Ste. 1212
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: 415-908-4500
Fax: 415-348-0887

Website: <http://www.hearstfdn.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Hearst Foundations support well-established nonprofit organizations that address important issues within our major areas of interests – education, health, culture, and social service – and that primarily serve large demographic and/or geographic constituencies. Within these areas, the Foundations generally provide endowment, program, and capital grant support. Private nonprofits with significant support from the philanthropic community are favored over those financed through government sources.

Fields of Interest: Education, Health, Culture, and Social Services

Bernard K. & Norma F. Heuermann Foundation

P.O. Box 542080
Omaha, NE 68154-8080

Fields of Interest: Education, agriculture, children's services, and centers and services for mentally and physically disabled, and aging citizens. Types of support include general/operating support, endowment funds, fellowships, research, and matching funds.

Limitations: Emphasis on organizations engaged in activities in rural areas of Nebraska. No loans or non-monetary contributions, and no grants to individuals. Proposals should be in the range of \$1,000 to \$25,000. Proposals can be made at any time during the year.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

2121 Sand Hill Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone: 650-234-4500
Fax: 650-234-4501

Website: <http://www.hewlett.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Hewlett Foundation makes grants to solve social and environmental problems at home and around the world. Grantees are working to reduce poverty in the developing

world, curb carbon emissions that lead to climate change, and improve education for students in California and elsewhere, among many other valuable goals.

Fields of Interest: Education, Environment, Global Development, Performing Arts, and Philanthropy

Application Information: Letters of inquiry must first be submitted before receiving an application. Please visit the website at <http://www.hewlett.org/grantseekers> for further information.

The Hirschfeld Family Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1060
Kearney, NE 68848-1060
Phone: 308-234-5579
Contact Person: Jeffrey L. Orr, Attorney

Fields of Interest: Include children's museums, secondary and higher education, hospitals, youth development, scouting agencies, human services, special populations, aging centers and services, and Protestant agencies and churches.

Application Information: An application form is required. Initial approach should be by letter requesting an application form. There are no deadlines.

The Hitachi Foundation

1215 17th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-457-0588
Fax: 202-296-1098
Website: <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/index.php>

Purpose and Activities: Discovering and expanding business practices that create tangible and enduring economic opportunities for low-wealth Americans, their families, and communities.

Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation

P.O. Box 31219
Omaha, NE 68132
Phone: 402-305-0043
Contact Person: Neely Kountz

Purpose and Activities: Support for private education. Support for the arts and social service agencies. Sponsors scholarship program for *Omaha World-Herald* newspaper carriers.

Fields of Interest: Performing arts centers, arts and cultural programs, higher education, and human services. Types of support include general operating support, capital campaigns, building renovation, endowment funds, scholarship funds, and matching funds. No grants to individuals.

Imperial Community Foundation

P.O. Box 1281
Imperial, NE 69033
Contact: Lori Pankonin, Secretary: ljpank@chase3000.com
Website: <http://www.imperialfoundation.org/index.cfm>

Purpose and Activities: "To accumulate, invest and distribute funds to provide for the enhancement of the community of Imperial and the surrounding area."

Fields of Interest:

***Investment in People**

Leadership development, educational opportunities, young people attraction and community involvement, business succession, senior citizens

***Maintaining and Protecting the Quality of Life**

Recreation, parks, fine arts, education, health care, and a safe, clean, positive environment

Application Information: Grant applications for community projects are available January with a March 1 deadline. Grant awards are announced at the annual celebration that is generally held in March. To download an application form, visit Imperial Foundation's website at: <http://www.imperialfoundation.org/index.cfm>.

Iowa West Foundation

25 Main Place, Ste. 550
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone: 712-309-3012

Website: <http://www.iowawestfoundation.org/index.cfm>

Purpose and Activities: The Mission of the Iowa West Foundation is to improve lives and strengthen communities for future generations. They do this by providing leadership, creating partnerships, leveraging resources and serving as a catalyst in identifying and supporting community needs.

Fields of Interest: Community Development, Economic Development, Education, Human and Social Needs

Application Information: Applicants may apply online at www.iowawestfoundation.org, or a printed copy may be obtained by contacting the foundation via email. A letter of inquiry must be submitted and received by January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 by 5p.m.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

P.O. Box 2316
Route 1 and College Road East
Princeton, NJ 08543-2316
Phone: 877-843-7953

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/>

Purpose and Activities: To assure access to health care for all Americans

Fields of Interest: Health Care

Application Information: Calls for proposal are issued throughout the year. Please visit the Foundation's website at www.rwjf.org for further information.

Joyce Foundation

70 West Madison St.
Ste. 2750
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312-782-2464
Fax: 312-782-4160

Website: <http://www.joycefdn.org/>

Purpose: The Joyce Foundation supports efforts to protect the natural environment of the Great Lakes; to reduce poverty and violence in the region; and to ensure that its people have access to good schools, decent jobs, and a diverse and thriving culture. It is especially interested in improving public policies, because public systems, such as education and welfare directly affect the lives of so many people, and public policies help shape private sector decisions about jobs, the environment, and the health of our communities. To ensure that public policies truly reflect public rather than private interests, the Joyce Foundation works to reform the system of financing election campaigns.

Fields of Interest: Education, Employment, Environment, Gun Violence, Money and Politics, Culture

Application Information: The Joyce Foundation accepts grant inquiries throughout the year. Applicants should anticipate the application process to take approximately four to six months from the initial letter of inquiry submission to the receipt of funding. Deadlines vary throughout the year. Additional information can be found online at: www.joycefdn.org/GrantList/ApplicationProcess.aspx.

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

- Downtown Kansas City Office
1055 Broadway, Ste. 130
Kansas City, MO 64105
Phone: 816-842-0944
Fax: 816-842-8079

Email: info@gkccf.org

Website: <http://www.gkccf.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation is a public charity. Its mission is to improve the quality of life in Greater Kansas City by increasing charitable giving, connecting donors to community needs they care about, and taking the lead on critical community issues.

Fields of Interest: Varied

Application Information: Visit the foundation's website, or contact Jean-Paul Chaurand for more information.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

4801 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110-2046

Website: <http://www.kauffman.org/>

Purpose and Activities: To help individuals attain economic independence by advancing educational achievement and entrepreneurial success, consistent with the aspirations of Founder Ewing Marion Kauffman. Ewing Kauffman advised his associates to invest in people and take risks as they looked for opportunities to promote positive education and accelerate entrepreneurship in America. The foundation considers grants to be investments, and looks to earn returns on those grant investments.

Fields of Interest: In general, Kauffman Foundation grants are limited to programs and/or initiatives that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative service delivery in support of education and entrepreneurship.

Funding Guidelines: The foundation partners with organizations that share its vision and passion for education and entrepreneurship. They look for ways to advance promising national programs and leverage additional funding and resources in these two areas of interest. They work with partners by providing funding, consultation and technical assistance. Occasionally the foundation operates its own programs.

Application Information: The Kauffman Foundation does not use a grant application form or formal application process. It does not have proposal deadlines or established funding limits. There are no established maximum or minimum dollar amounts. Grant sizes range from a few thousand to several million dollars, depending on the size of the organization and the scope of the project. The foundation looks at the amount needed for each specific project based on scope of work. After reviewing the funding priorities, if you feel there is a **strong match** with your request, a letter of inquiry may be submitted, preferably less than three pages long. Please visit the foundation website at www.kauffman.org for further information.

Kearney Area Community Foundation

2207 Central Ave.
P.O. Box 1694
Kearney, NE 68847
Phone: 308-237-3114
Fax: 308-237-9845

Website: <http://www.kearneyfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The foundation exists to enhance the quality of life in the Kearney area by directing charitable funds to achieve the maximum benefit for the people of area communities. Primary grant making areas include arts and culture, human services, health, and recreation.

Fields of Interest: Arts/Culture, Health, Community/Civic, Human Services, Economic Development, Recreation, Education, Religion (non-denominational)

Limitations: Giving limited to the community of Kearney and all of Buffalo County, as well as communities throughout central NE. No support for religious activities (unless nondenominational and serving a broad segment of the population) or private or parochial schools (unless serving a broad segment of the population), as well as other private organizations. No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for annual fund drives, galas, or other special event fundraising activities, capital campaigns/renovation projects, debt reduction, dissertations or student/faculty research projects, endowment funds, indirect/administrative costs, fellowships, travel, tours or trips; no loans.

Application Information: Visit foundation Website for application form and guidelines. Faxed or Emailed applications are not accepted. Application form required. Deadlines: January 1 and July 1

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

One Michigan Avenue East
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017-4012
Phone: 269-968-1611

Website: <http://www.wkkf.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Foundation will consider requests that reflect programmatic efforts in each of its established or developing program areas, as well as in the integrative themes of leadership; information systems; capitalizing on diversity; and social and economic community development. Does not provide grants for: operational phases of established programs; capital facilities, equipment, conferences, publications, films, or television and radio programs, unless they are an integral phase of a project being funded; endowments or development campaigns; religious purposes; or individuals, except for fellowships in specific areas of Foundation programming.

Fields of Interest:

1. Health: To increase access to integrated, comprehensive health care systems organized around public health, prevention, and primary care. Work to improve services, prepare the health workforce of tomorrow, and create systemic change in which a community has a voice.

2. **Philanthropy and Volunteerism:** To support change agents, in communities and systems that will improve human life by increasing philanthropy and volunteerism.
3. **Food Systems and Rural Development:** To help meet the needs for safe, nutritious diets while ensuring that food production systems are environmentally sensitive, economically viable, sustainable over the long term, and socially responsible. To fund collaborative, comprehensive approaches to rural development that emphasizes community problem-solving, leadership development, delivery of human services, and training of local government officials.
4. **Youth and Education/Higher Education:** To improve the well-being of youth through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based initiatives. To strengthen higher education and mobilize its resources to help address societal needs.
5. **Cross-Cutting Themes:** Leadership, Information Systems/Technology, Capitalizing on Diversity, and Social and Economic Community Development.

Walter W. and Frances M. Key Charitable Foundation

c/o U.S. Bank, N.A.
525 N. 132nd St.
Omaha, NE 68154-4041

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for theater, education, and social services.

Fields of Interest: American Red Cross; Boys & Girls Clubs; Higher Education; Human Services; Performing Arts, Theater; Secondary School/Education

Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

Peter Kiewit Foundation

8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 225
Omaha, NE 68114
Phone: 402-344-7890
Fax: 402-344-8099

Website: <http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: General charitable purposes and scholarships.

Fields of Interest: Cultural, Civic, Youth Programs, Community and Economic Development, Higher Education, Social Services, Wellness (general grants, small grants, scholarships, teacher awards, and other initiatives)

Application Information: Interested groups should contact the Foundation at the above number to request application forms. Deadlines are April 1 and October 1 for general grants; and March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 for the small grants program (max. request of \$10,000). All grants are made on a matching fund or challenge basis. .

Richard P. and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.

1248 O St., Ste. 792
Lincoln, NE 68508-1475
Phone: 402-475-1797
Fax: 402-475-3236
Email: info@kimmelfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.kimmelfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Kimmel Foundation supports innovative ideas that promise substantial improvements in the quality of community and rural life in Nebraska and Iowa.

Fields of Interest: Education, Arts, Human Services, Agriculture, and Humanities

Application Information: Please visit the website for information regarding grant guidelines for application submission. One copy of proposal needed. Applications are generally reviewed within one to three months of receipt.

The Kind World Foundation

1125 South 103rd Street, Suite 200
Omaha, NE 68124
Phone: (402)-697-8000
Contact Person: Patti Kilgore

Land O' Lakes Foundation

Community Grants Program
P.O. Box 64101
St. Paul, MN 55164-0150
Phone: 1-800-328-9680
Website:
<http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/default.aspx>

Purpose and Activities: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants Program provides support through cash grants to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where Land O'Lakes has a significant concentration of members or employees. These include organizations

- Such as United Way that provide funding to community human services.
- That work to alleviate hunger.
- Designed to build knowledge and leadership skills of rural youth.
- Active in addressing and solving community problems.
- Promoting artistic endeavors — especially in under-served rural areas, touring or outreach programs.

Program Guidelines: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Some larger donations are made.

Requests for more than \$5,000:

- Will be screened by Foundation staff.
- Selected will be reviewed by Land O'Lakes Foundation Board, who meet in February, June, August and December.
- Deadline for applications is the first of the month prior to the Board meeting month. For example, May 1 is the deadline for requests that will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Requests for less than \$5,000:

- Will be reviewed by Land O'Lakes Foundation staff.

- No deadline for the receipt of requests under \$5,000.
- May take up to three months to fully consider. Applicants will be notified of a decision as soon as possible.

Arts and culture donations are considered once each year in the spring, with a May 1 postmarked deadline. Applications for the following year will only be accepted on or after January 1. The program budget is less than ten percent of our overall giving.

Application Information: Complete the Community Grants Program application online or request a form to be completed by hand, and return it with the following information:

1. A copy of your organization's most recent annual report with financial information included or a brief history and current activities of your organization.
2. A current operating budget and proposed budget if your project will occur during the following fiscal year.
3. A copy of your organization's tax-exempt ruling under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a description of your organization's ownership and/or management.

Legal Services Corporation

Website: grants.lsc.gov

Email: competition@lsc.gov

Fields of Interest: Provision of civil legal services to low income people

Application Information: In order to submit a Grant Application, an applicant must first submit a Notice of Intent to Compete (NIC) to LSC. The deadline for filing the NIC is mid-May of each year. LSC requires applicants to submit the NIC using the following website: grants.lsc.gov. All applicants must complete and submit the Grant Application using this website. The deadline for a grant application is then the beginning of June.

Lexington Community Foundation

P.O. Box 422

Lexington, NE 68850-0422

Phone: 308-324-6704

Fax: 308-324-6345

Contact Person: Jacqueline Berke, Executive Director

Email: lexfoundation@windstream.net

Website: <http://www.lexfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Lexington Community Foundation provides financial assistance for programs and/or projects, which will enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Lexington community.

Fields of Interest: Education, Health, Art/Culture, Recreational, Human Services, and Community/Civic

Application Information: Please contact the foundation to obtain further application information and procedures.

Lied Foundation Trust

3907 West Charleston Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89102

Phone: 702-878-1559

Contact Person: Christina M. Hixson, Trustee

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily to youth organizations and higher education.

Fields of Interest: Youth Organizations and Higher Education

Lincoln Community Foundation

215 Centennial Mall S., Ste. 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 402-474-2345
Fax: 402-476-8523
Email: lcf@lcf.org
Website: <http://www.lcf.org/>

Purpose and Activities: To enrich the quality of life in Lincoln and the surrounding area by:

1. Receiving and managing funds to build permanent, unrestricted endowments for needs of Lincoln and the surrounding area. Resources are used wisely and efficiently to respond to emerging and changing needs, and to sustain existing organizations and institutions, through grants for education, arts and culture, health, social services, economic development, and civic affairs.
2. Providing a flexible vehicle for donors with varied philanthropic desires. By doing so, the Foundation serves as a steward for individuals, families, foundations and organizations which entrust assets to its care.
3. Acting as a leader of the local philanthropic community, identifying and exploring important needs and concerns, addressing serious problems, and shaping effective responses.

Fields of Interest: Program and capital grants to respond to emerging and changing needs and to sustain existing organizations and institutions in support of basic needs, children and youth, older adults, environmental enhancement, family issues, human diversity, and cultural arts.

Geographic Information: Giving Primarily in Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska
Milton S. and Corinne N. Livingston Foundation, Inc.

11605 Miracle Hills Drive, Suite 300
Omaha, NE 68154
Phone: 402-492-9800
Contact Person: Howard Epstein

The Lozier Foundation

6336 Pershing Dr.
Omaha, NE 68110-1100
Phone: 402-457-8160
Contact Person: Robert Braun, Jr.
Email: bob.braun@lozier.biz

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for higher education, domestic violence prevention, human and youth services, women centers, homeless, African-Americans, and economically disadvantaged.

Fields of Interest: African Americans/Blacks; Crime/violence prevention, domestic violence; Economically disadvantaged; Higher education; Homeless; Homeless, human services; Human services; Women; Women, centers/services; Youth, services (annual campaigns, building/renovation, capital campaigns, continuing support, employee matching gifts, general/operating support, matching/challenge support)

Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE. No grants to individuals.
Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Office of Grants Management
140 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603-5285
Phone: 312-726-8000
Fax: 312-920-6285
E-mail: 4answers@macfound.org
Website: www.macfound.org

Purpose and Activities: To help develop successful individuals and strong communities, the Program on Human and Community Development focuses on the relationships among people, place, and systems. Through grants and loans, the program explores two primary themes: the important role of place — home, community, city, region, and state — in people’s lives; and the shared interests between individuals, particularly those in trouble or in need, and society at large.

Fields of Interest: Community and Economic Development, Stable and Affordable Housing, Juvenile Justice Reform, Digital Media & Learning, Mental Health, Policy Research, and Program-Related Investments

Application Information: Visit the website at www.macfound.org for further information.

Mammel Family Foundation

8805 Indian Hills Dr. Suite 375
Omaha, NE 68114-6020
Phone: 402-384-8600
Contact: Carl Mammel

The Mariucci Foundation

2114 S. 109th St.
Omaha, NE 68144
Phone: 402-393-7148
Contact Person: Roland A. Mariucci, Mgr.

Fields of Interest: Boys & girls clubs; Health organizations; Human services; Protestant agencies & churches.

Application Information: The Foundation should be approached initially through a letter. There are no deadlines for submission.

Merrick Foundation

1530 17th Avenue
P.O. Box 206
Central City, NE 68826-1766
Phone: 308-946-3707
Fax: 308-946-3049
Email: merrickf@hamilton.net
Website: <http://www.merrick-foundation.org/grants.htm>

Purpose and Activities: The goal of the Merrick Foundation, Inc. is to improve the quality of life in the Merrick County area by supporting needs that are not being met in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social service.

Fields of Interest: Civic, Culture, Health, Education, Social Service

Geographic Limitations: Merrick County service area

Metropolitan Life Foundation

1095 Avenue of the Americas
40th Floor
New York, NY 10036
Website: <http://www.metlife.com/>

Purpose and Activities: The Metropolitan Life Foundation was established by MetLife to support various educational, health and welfare, and civic and cultural organizations. The primary objective of the Foundation is to assist tax-exempt organizations through a program of financial support, particularly in the communities in which MetLife has a major presence. The goals are to strengthen communities, promote good health and improve education. The Foundation continues a tradition of corporate contributions and community involvement begun by MetLife at the turn of the century.

Fields of Interest: Health, Education, Civil Affairs, Culture

Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation

PO Box 32360
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87594
Phone: (505) 954-4702
Fax: (505) 954-4762
Contact Person: Steve Rasmussen, Executive Director
Email: srasmussen@mhw-foundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Messengers of Healing Winds Foundation strives to encourage and support programs and activities that will promote an appreciation and understanding for the need to protect our natural resources. It is the Foundation's goal to educate and advance solutions that will foster care for the environment and improve the quality of life for all earth's creatures and its people.

Fields of Interest: Environment, Animal Welfare, Renovation, Performance Arts, Culture, Humanities, Selected Social Concerns, Education

Environmental Concerns (with emphasis on programs that strive to preserve the land and educate our children on the importance of protecting and caring for our natural heritage);
Animal Welfare (with emphasis on the protection and humane treatment of both wild and domestic animals); Social Concerns (with emphasis on helping Native Americans help themselves); Fine Arts (with emphasis on renovation and the visual arts)

The foundation may also fund other charitable organizations or programs as deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

Geographic Limitations: Limited to Lake region of northwest Iowa; Outside Iowa: Santa Fe NM, Florida, South Dakota, and North Dakota

MidAmerican Energy Foundation

666 Grand Ave.
P.O. Box 657
Des Moines, IA 50306-0657
Phone: (515) 281-2575
Fax: (515) 242-4080
Website: <http://www.midamericanenergy.com/>

Purpose and Activities: The foundation supports various charitable organizations as well as public and private colleges and universities. The foundation supports fairs and civic centers and organizations involved with areas of interest.

Fields of Interest: Economic Development, Arts and Culture, Higher Education, Cancer, and Human Services

Geographic Limitations: limited to MidAmerica Energy Company utility service areas

Application Information: Contact by letter first. Applications accepted year round.

Midlands Community Foundation

945 North Adams Street, Suite 7
Papillion, NE 68046
Phone: 402-991-8027
Fax: 402-991-8047

Website: www.midlandscommunity.org

Purpose and Activities: Provides opportunities for non-profit charities to secure funding for programs that will improve the quality of life of residents of Sarpy and Cass counties. The Foundation has placed an emphasis on prevention and education. The Foundation has a strong commitment to assist programs benefiting health, art, culture, community, education, economic development and human services.

Limitations: Grant awards will only be considered for non-profit organizations serving the Sarpy and Cass county areas. Visit website for activities that will not be funded.

Application Procedure: Application can be found at website or by calling the office. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered; no applications will be accepted by fax or email.

Timeline: Grant applications are due by February 1 or August 1 of each year. Grants are awarded twice per year: April for the February 1 deadline and October for the August 1 deadline.

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, Inc.

120 N. Dewey
P.O. Box 1321
North Platte, NE 69103-1321
Phone: 308-534-3315
Fax: 308-534-6117
Contact Person: Eric Seacrest, Executive Director; or Judy Rossetter, Administrator

Email: mncf@hamilton.net

Website: <http://www.midnebraskafoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: Serve to charitable people and worth causes in the North Platte, Nebraska region, including administration of charitable funds for scholarships as well as grants to qualified non-profit organizations in the region.

Fields of Interest: Community Development, Culture, Education (including a special grant program for projects helping teachers), Environment, Health, and Human Services.

Limitations: Grant applications are invited only for projects that benefit people and qualified non-profit organizations in the Nebraska counties of Custer, Dawson, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, and Perkins.

Application Information: Grant applications must be made using Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation's application form. Application form and policy for Non-Profit Project Grants are available from Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation. An initial approach by letter, email, or telephone is recommended. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines for non-profit project grant applications are January 15, April 15, September 15, and December 15. Board of Directors meets at least quarterly.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Mott Foundation Building
503 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 1200
Flint, Michigan 48502-1851
Phone: 810-238-5651
Fax: 810-766-1753
Email: info@mott.org
Website: <http://www.mott.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation affirms its founder's vision of a world in which each of us is in partnership with the rest of the human race – where each individual's quality of life is connected to the well-being of the community, both locally and globally. It pursues this vision through creative grant making, thoughtful communication and other activities that enhance community in its many forms.

Fields of Interest: Civil Society, Environment, Flint Area, Poverty

Application Information: A letter of inquiry must first be submitted through the website at <http://www.mott.org/grantseeker.aspx>.

Mutual of Omaha Foundation

Mutual of Omaha Plaza
Omaha, NE 68175
Telephone: 866-663-5665
Email: mutualofomaha.foundation@mutualofomaha.com
Website: <http://www.mutualofomahafoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: We are committed to empowering families to overcome obstacles and work toward positive change in Omaha and the surrounding community.

Fields of Interest: Behavioral Health, Youth Violence, Domestic Abuse, Childhood Obesity, Early Childhood Education, Preparedness for Graduation, Literacy/Language, Financial Literacy, Food, Shelter, Beautification/Identity, Crime Prevention/Safety, Education, Health & Wellness, Parks & Recreation, and Restoration

Geographic Limitation: Council Bluffs, IA and Omaha, NE

Nebraska Community Foundation

3833 S. 14th St.
P.O. Box 83107
Lincoln, NE 68501
Phone: 402-323-7330
Email: info@nebcommfound.org
Website: <http://www.nebcommfound.org/>

Purpose and Activities: Established in 1993, the mission of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) is to help mobilize charitable giving in support of community betterment through development. NCF serves as an umbrella foundation for Nebraska's communities, various regional and statewide programs, and donor advised funds. A community, organization, or donor can establish a fund through the Foundation as an alternative to starting their own 501(c)(3) foundations. Other services include providing fundraising support through technical information, training opportunities, and outreach support.

Nebraska State Recycling Association

10330 "I" Street, Suite 120
Omaha, NE 68127
Phone: 402-933-3059
Email: deb@recyclenebraska.org
Website: <http://recyclenebraska.org/home>

Purpose and Activities: Since 1980 the Nebraska State Recycling Association has recognized that conservation and recycling are the future of our planet. NSRA raises awareness of recycling among the general public, while providing technical assistance and grant assistance for countless recycling programs state wide.

Grant programs: Grants are available for the purchase of recycling equipment such as trucks, dumpsters, skid loaders, balers, can crushers, etc. Applications are open to Nebraska organizations: municipalities and other governmental entities, non-profits and recycling businesses. Equipment already purchases is not eligible.

Omaha Community Foundation

302 S. 36th St. Ste. 100
Omaha, NE 68131
Phone: 402-342-3458
Fax: 402-342-3582
Email: info@omahafoundation.org
Website: <http://omahafoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Omaha Community Foundation is a public foundation with a not-for-profit status. Its purpose is to facilitate charitable giving and serve as a vehicle for community improvement. The Foundation's primary granting programs are Fund for Omaha and the Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa. Grants are limited to organizations serving the Greater Omaha area. No grants to individuals.

The African American Unity Fund was established in 2008 to support organizations that address emerging needs within the Omaha-area African American community. Ongoing funds are contributed by the Sherwood Foundation and the William and Ruth Scott Family Foundation. A 10-member grant committee, made up of local leaders who have robust knowledge of the African American community, evaluates the proposals and makes the award decisions.

The goal of the Fund for Omaha (FFO) is to improve the quality of life in Greater Omaha by supporting needs not being met in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social service. Organizations applying for FFO Grants must be tax exempt as defined by IRS 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation, except under unusual circumstances, does not make grants for endowments, capital campaigns, deficit financing, annual fund drives or fund-raising activities. The Foundation gives less consideration to applications from tax supported institutions, individual churches or similar religious groups, veterans, labor groups, social clubs, or fraternal organizations. Will not consider applications from art agencies or organizations except those linked with youth. The grant request must have the approval of the governing board of the requesting organization.

The Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa are nine counties that have chosen to affiliate with the Omaha Community Foundation in order to take advantage of its expertise and services. Annually, five percent of each county endowment fund's balance may be granted to charities within its County. Local charities can apply to the fund to receive grants that are determined by the local county Advisory Board.

Grant Programs: African American Unity Fund, Fund for Omaha (FFO), Futuro Latino Fund, Neighborhood Innovation Awards, Youth in Philanthropy, and Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa

The Omaha World-Herald Foundation

1314 Douglas St
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: 402-444-1000

Fields of Interest: Journalism and publishing, historic preservation and historical societies, arts and cultural programs, education, natural resource conservation and protection, and youth services. Types of support include building and renovation, equipment, program development, seed money, internships, scholarship funds, and matching funds.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach should be by letter, one copy needed. There are no deadlines, final notification in two months from submittal.

O'Neill Community Foundation

P.O. Box 453
O'Neill, NE 68763
Phone: 402-340-0190

Website: <http://www.oneillcommunityfoundation.org/index.html>

Email: info@oneillcommunityfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The O'Neill Community Foundation exists to enhance the quality of life for those living in O'Neill. Grants are awarded to community organizations and projects.

Limitations: Only for purposes of benefiting residents of O'Neill.

Application: Download the application from the website and return either by email or mail to the above address.

Oregon Trail Community Foundation

115 Railway Plaza
P.O. Box 1344
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone: 308-635-3393
Fax: 308-635-3393
Contact Person: Bev Overman, Executive Secretary

Email: info@otcf.org

Website: <http://www.otcf.org>

Purpose and Activities: To assist charitable institutions (including educational institutions not operated for profit) whether supported by private donation or public taxation.

Fields of Interest: Aging, Arts, Community Development, Neighborhood Development, Economic Development, Health Care, Higher Education, Recreation, Substance Abuse Services, Youth Development

Kitty M. Perkins Foundation

c/o J. Richard Shoemaker
304 Nelson St.
P.O. Box 3592
Cambridge, NE 69022-3592
Phone: 308-697-4721
Fax: 308-697-4101
Contact: Dick Shoemaker
Email: dick.shoemaker@pnpt.com
Website: <http://www.kmpfoundation.com/>

Purpose and Activities: Grants largely for a hospital and/or a law school, support also for higher education, rural libraries, medical research, and rural community hospitals.

Fields of Interest: Higher education, libraries, hospitals, and medical research. Types of support include general operating support, continuing support, annual campaigns, building and renovation, equipment, program development, professorships, and research.

Phelps County Community Foundation

701 Fourth Avenue, Suite 2-A
Holdrege, NE 68949-2255
Phone: 308-995-6847
Fax: 308-995-2146
Contact Person: Vickie Lawrence, Executive Director
Email: vlpccf@phelpsfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.phelpsfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Phelps County Community Foundation's grants program provides a means by which not-for-profit charitable organizations may secure financial assistance for projects and programs which will enhance the quality of life for residents of Phelps County, Nebraska.

Fields of Interest: Education, Cultural, Human Services, Health and Recreation, Community

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company Foundation

2600 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68131
Phone: 402-633-1000
Fax: 402-633-1096
Contact Person: Debra Walton
Website: <https://www.physiciansmutual.com/>

Fields of Interest: Health and Human Service Programs, Cancer Research, Local Charities

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Foundation
7100 NW 62nd Ave
P.O. Box 1000
Johnston, IA 50131-1000
Phone: (800) 247-6803

Website: <http://www.pioneer.com/home/site/about/business/pioneer-giving/community-investment/>

Purpose and Activities: Interested in supporting projects that demonstrate: cooperation with other community-based programs, broad-based funding, community need, and positive results. Look favorably on programs that involve customers, growers, employees and sales representatives. Projects that receive priority consideration are:

1. Within the company focus areas (Education, Farm Safety and Rural Health, Local Community Initiatives).
2. Located in Pioneer Hi-Bred facility communities, or rural agricultural regions.
3. Involve organizations with active Pioneer Hi-Bred management/employee participation and company-related expertise and interest.

As a general policy, Pioneer Hi-Bred does not make grants to: non-tax exempt organizations, individuals, religious or political organizations that promote a particular doctrine, elected officials, company marketing or advertising, and organizations where there is a conflict of interest with Pioneer Hi-Bred values.

Fields of Interest: Education, Farm Safety and Rural Health, Local Community Initiatives

Public Welfare Foundation, Inc.

1200 U St.
Washington, DC 20009-4443
Phone: 202-965-1800
Email: info@publicwelfare.org
Website: <http://www.publicwelfare.org/Home.aspx>

Purpose and Activities: The Public Welfare Foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations that provide services to disadvantaged populations, and to those working for lasting improvements in the delivery of services that meet basic human needs.

Fields of Interest: Criminal Justice, Disadvantaged Elderly, Disadvantaged Youth, Environment, Health, Population and Reproductive Health, Human Rights and Global Security, Community Economic Development and Participation

Quivey-Bay State Foundation

1515 E. 20th St.
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Phone: 308-635-3701
Contact Person: Ted Cannon, Secretary/Treasurer

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on higher education, church support, and youth and child welfare agencies; support also for historic preservation.

Fields of Interest: Education, Church Support, Youth and Child Welfare, and Historic Preservation

Application Information: Initial approach by letter. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines: Submit proposal in September; deadline October 15. Board meets in October and November.

Qwest Foundation

1801 California, 50th Floor

Denver, CO 80202-2658

Phone: 303-896-1266

Fax: 303-896-4982

Email: qwest.foundation@qwest.com

Website: <http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/>

Purpose and Activities: The Qwest Foundation understands the long-term benefits of investing in education. The Foundation makes grants to non-profit organizations, primarily focused on promoting pre-k through grade 12 education.

The Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs, and supports programs and initiatives that build lasting value for Qwest customers and the communities we serve.

We focus on enriching the lives of children by supporting solid preK-12 educational programs, and believe that educating children is the cornerstone for building strong and enlightened communities.

Fields of Interest: Qwest for Education focuses on enriching the lives of children by supporting solid preK-12 educational programs. Educating children is the cornerstone for building strong and enlightened communities.

The Foundation will consider programs that:

- Effectively use technology to improve preK-12 public school instruction
- Promote innovative models to strengthen preK-12 public school education
- Improve the skills and leadership of educators and parents
- Promote innovative early childhood education programs
- Promote diversity awareness and cultural competency

United Way

Qwest provides direct support for United Ways that provide services where we do business.

The Board of the Qwest Foundation will consider, from time to time, making additional grants to meet urgent local, regional or national community needs, while maintaining a core focus on preK-12 education.

Edgar and Frances Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1492

Grand Island, NE 68802

Phone: 308-384-0957

Fax: 308-398-4135

Contact Person: Fred M. Glade, Jr., Chair

Fields of Interest: Include higher education, human services, and community development. Types of support include building, renovation, and scholarship funds.

Application Information: An application form is required. Initial approach should be made by letter. There are no deadlines.

Rural School and Community Trust

The Rural School and Community Trust

4455 Connecticut Ave, NW

Suite 310

Washington, DC 20008

Phone: 202-822-3919

Fax: 202-872-4050

Email: info@ruraledu.org

Website: <http://www.ruraledu.org/index.php>

Purpose and Activities: The Rural Trust provides a variety of services—training, networking, technical assistance, coaching, mentoring, research—and materials to increase the capacity of rural schools, teachers, young people, and communities to develop and implement high quality place-based education. We encourage rural people through education, research, organizing and advocacy to become knowledgeable, persistent, and effective citizens who are actively engaged in policy issues that directly affect the quality of education in their communities. We also serve as a resource for educators and policymakers at the state and national levels—identifying and analyzing policies and practices that strengthen rural education, and changing policies that are detrimental to rural schools.

Harley and Beth Schragger Foundation

4405S. 96th St.
Omaha, NE 68127-1210

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for education, health, human services, and Jewish organizations.

Fields of Interest: Children/youth, services; Education; Federated giving programs; Health organizations; Higher education; Hospitals (general); Human services; Jewish agencies & temples; Jewish federated giving programs; Museums; Recreation; Women, centers/services; Youth development, services.

Geographic Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE. No grants to individuals.

Application Information: Contributes only to pre-selected organizations.

The Walter Scott, Jr. Foundation

500 Energy Plaza
409 S. 17th St.
Omaha, NE 68102

Fields of Interest: Museums, Arts and Cultural Programs, Higher Education, Zoos and Zoological Societies, Foundations (private grant making), and Christian Agencies and Churches

The Scoular Foundation

2027 Dodge St.
Omaha, NE 68102-1229
Phone: 402-342-3500

Website: <http://www.scoular.com/about/community-involvement/>

Purpose and Activities: Based on employee requests, funds are distributed directly to 501(c)(3) organizations that serve Scoular communities.

Fields of Interest: Children & Youth, Education, Social Service, Public Health, Arts & Culture

Geographic Limitation: Communities or cities where Scoular maintains an office or facility including: Big Springs, Brandon, Elsie, Fremont, Grinton, Hershey, Holdrege, Lamar, Madrid, North Grant, Omaha, Paxton, Sidney, South Grant, Sutherland, Venango, and Wallace.

The Sherwood Foundation (formerly Susan A. Buffett Foundation)

3555 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68131
Phone: 402-341-1717

Contact Person: Jeannine Vlassakis, Grant Management Associate

Website: <http://www.sherwoodfoundation.org/index.html>

Purpose and activities: The Sherwood Foundation is committed to improving child and family welfare through community investments. Formerly the Susan A. Buffett Foundation, The Sherwood Foundation limits grants to not-for-profit organizations serving Omaha, Nebraska. Occasionally grants are made outside the Greater Omaha Region to organizations that have a working relationship with the foundation. In addition, The Sherwood Foundation supports early childhood education on a regional and national basis through The Buffett Early Childhood Fund.

Fields of Interest: Public Education, Human Services, Social Justice

Limitations: Applications not accepted. Giving primarily in Omaha, NE.

Shickley Community Foundation

P.O. Box 193
Shickley, NE 68436
Phone: 402-627-2055

Email: information@shickleycommunityfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: The Shickley Community Foundation Board of Directors encourages groups and individuals to apply for grants available from the foundation. Grants are awarded semi-annually in April and October. Applications must be submitted by March 31 or September 30 of each year. The application can be downloaded from the website and sent to P.O. Box 91, Shickley, NE 68436.

Manota E. Simon Foundation

1248 O Street, Floor 4
Lincoln, NE 68508-1493

Purpose and Activities: Contributes to trust-specified organizations and those that help the homeless, youth, disease, inflicted, or handicapped, or are devoted to education or community development.

Fields of Interest: Include human services, community development, and religion.

Sowers Club of Nebraska Foundation

1701 S. 17th St., Ste. 1H
Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone: 402-438-2244
Fax: 402-438-2426

Contact Person: Wendy Rieck

Email: sowersclub@windstream.net

Website: <http://www.thesowersclub.com/default.htm>

Purpose and Activities: The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Fields of Interest: Children, Underprivileged, Disabled, Community Service Organizations, Medial Support, Elderly, Education, Community Safety

Application Information: The Sowers Club of Nebraska Foundation will accept grant requests two times annually. Grant applications must be delivered to the Sowers Club of Lincoln by February 15 and June 15 of each year and must be fully completed before requests will be considered. To be eligible, an agency must have been in existence for a minimum of 5 years, and have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.

Since grant requests usually exceed funds available, the Disbursements Committee has elected to sponsor those charitable activities in their opinion having the most beneficial economic, social and cultural impact on the city of Lincoln and surrounding communities. An application form may be found online.

YOUR REQUEST MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Copy of your "Letter of Determination" from the I.R.S. regarding your 501(c)(3) status.
2. Copy of your annual report or current Balance Sheet outlining your administrative costs. "All information will be treated with strict confidentiality."
3. All Blanks on the Grant Request form must be completed - "FAILURE TO DO SO MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR REQUEST."
4. Do not answer a question on the Request form by reference to another question, document or party.
5. Don't forget there must be Ten (10) copies.

Steinhart Foundation Inc.

601 Central Avenue, Ste. 105
Nebraska City, NE 68410-2468
Phone: 402-873-3285

Contact Person: Leta Harshman, Pres.

Fields of Interest: Civic and Social Organization

Application Information: Organizations desiring to request funds should submit the following information in the form of a written proposal which should be sent directly to the Foundation. Proposals should not be unduly lengthy. The Foundation is more concerned with the content of the application than its format. 1. A copy of the exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service or other satisfactory evidence that the organization is tax exempt under Sec. 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Robert Herman Storz Foundation

8805 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 175
Omaha, NE 68114-6014

Phone: 402-399-3873

Contact: Herbert A. Engdahl, Tr.

Fields of Interest: Arts, Education, Health

Target Stores Giving Program

33 S. 6th St.
P.O. Box 1392
Minneapolis, MN 55440

Contact Person: Local Store Manager

Email: community.relations@target.com

Website: www.target.com/grants

Purpose and Activities: The Target Stores, Inc. Corporate Giving Program awards funds in three primary areas: Arts; Social Sciences; and Education. The Corporate Giving Program offers support in communities where Target does business. Target also gives away scholarships to students, teachers, and schools. Scholarship applications are available in stores May through October. Product donations can also be requested through your local Target store.

Fields of Interest: Arts, Social Sciences, and Education

Application Information: Applications are accepted only using the online format

Union Pacific Foundation

1400 Douglas St., Stop 1560

Omaha, NE 68179-1001

Phone: 402-544-5600

Website: <http://www.up.com/found/index.shtml>

Purpose and Activities: The Union Pacific Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Union Pacific Corporation and Union Pacific Railroad. Union Pacific believes that the quality of life in the communities in which its employees live and work is an integral part of its own success.

To better support this mission, the Foundation administers two programs

- The Principals' Partnership, and our
- Community-Based Grant Program

Fields of Interest:

1. Health and Human Services: to assist organizations dedicated to improving the level of health care and providing human services in the community.
2. Community and Civic: to assist community-based organizations and related activities that improve and enrich the general quality of life.
3. Fine Arts: To create a wider opportunity for the enjoyment of, and participation in, the visual and performing arts.
 - Art museums and art councils
 - Performing arts, such as, but not limited to: dance, opera, symphony, and theater

Application Information: Requires the use of an online grant application. Applications accepted May 1 to August 14 for following year fundraising.

August 15, 2012 2013 full applications must be submitted online by midnight CDT

January 2013 Union Pacific Foundation Board Meeting

February 2013 Applicants notified of grant status

The UPS Foundation

55 Glenlake Parkway, NE
Atlanta, GA 30328
Phone: 404-828-6374
Contact Person: Contributions Manager
Website: <http://www.community.ups.com/>

Fields of Interest: Economic and Global Literacy, Environmental Sustainability, Nonprofit Effectiveness, Strength from Diversity, and Community Safety

The Valmont Foundation

One Valmont Plaza, 5th Floor
Omaha, NE 68154-5215
Phone: 402-963-1000

Fields of Interest: Family, Youth, Education, Community Funds, and Cultural Programs

Application Information: Letter requesting guidelines.

Weitz Family Foundation

1610 S 91st Ave
Omaha, NE 68124
Contact Person: Kathryn White
Email: kwhite@weitzfamilyfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.weitzfamilyfoundation.org/>

Purpose and Activities: The Weitz Family Foundation seeks to break the cycle of poverty through the enrichment of body, mind, and spirit by empowering individuals, agencies, and organizations that work to improve the quality of life and to promote an equitable and peaceful society.

Application Information: Please visit the website.

Weller Foundation, Inc

211 South Main Street
P.O. Box 636
Atkinson, NE 68713-5183
Phone: 402-925-2803

Purpose and Activities: Scholarships for students attending one of the technical community colleges in Nebraska or pursuing other vocational education, such as nursing. No grants for scholarships towards a Bachelor's degree.

Fields of Interest: Higher Education

Geographic Limitations: giving limited to Nebraska, with primary consideration for residents of Holt, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Garfield counties.

Application Information: Application form required. Use one form for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. Final notification given within 30 days of the deadlines.

West Point Community Foundation

P.O. Box 15

West Point, NE 68788

Website: <http://www.wpcommunityfoundation.com/home>

Email: westpointcommunityfoundation@yahoo.com

Contact: Michael Wortman, President

Purpose and Activities: Funds are awarded to fill the needs of the community in the broad areas of health, education, civic involvement, recreation, and social welfare.

Limitations: Grants are awarded only to organizations whose beneficiaries are residents of West Point, Nebraska and those communities considered in the West Point area. Grants are not awarded to individuals. Visit the website for a list of activities that are not funded. Proposals that are turned down may not be considered again for one year.

Application: Application may be found on the website and mailed to the above address.

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.

P.O. Box 81309

Lincoln, NE 68501

Phone: 402-436-5971

Fax: 402-742-0123

Contact Person: Pam Baker, Executive Director; Tom Woods, Program Officer

Email: info@woodscharitable.org

Website: <http://www.woodscharitable.org/>

Purpose and Activities: Seek to strengthen the community by improving opportunities and life outcomes for all people in Lincoln, Nebraska. Woods supports members of the nonprofit sector who are exploring creative alternatives and promoting more just, effective approaches to meet community needs. Supports a broad range of activities, which include but are not limited to the special interests of children, youth and families, education, community development and housing, and arts and humanities. The following areas are not eligible for grant review: individual needs, funding for endowments, scholarships, fellowships, fundraising benefits or program advertising, programs for individual schools, religious programs, residential care and medical clinics, recreation programs, health care programs, medical and scientific research, environmental programs, and computer hardware.

Fields of Interest:

1. **Human Services:** Broad category and may include either direct service or policy programs focused on child care, single parenthood, the elderly, family planning, shelter, troubled families, as well as others. The Fund will give special consideration to programs and initiatives designed to prevent youth and family violence.
2. **Education:** The fund looks forward to opportunities to review proposals from existing educational institutions, and from creative new programs that meet the challenges of today's educational needs.
3. **Civic and Community:** The Fund supports projects that empower less advantaged Lincoln residents to participate in the economic system and that foster community participation and responsibility thus bringing people together to solve problems and improve opportunities for themselves and others. Advocacy groups, and neighborhood, citizen, and community organizations are avenues to promote citizen involvement and strengthen neighborhoods.
4. **Arts and Culture:** Supports programs in the arts and humanities (visual art, literature, dance, theater, and music) that will enhance or develop the common aesthetic spirit through education, creation, or performance.

Application Information: First, please read the Fund's guidelines, procedures, and timetable. Second, contact the Fund by telephone or by sending a 2-page letter of intent, including a budget, by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal. Finally, if the Fund requests a full proposal, you will be e-mailed a web access link and password to complete the online Lincoln/Lancaster County Grantmakers Common Application form.

Submission Dates: Feb. 15 to March 1, June 15 to July 1, and Oct. 15 to Nov. 1.

World-Herald Goodfellows Charities Inc.

1314 Douglas Street, Suite 125
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: 402-444-1388
Contact: Elizabeth C. Tierney, Program Coordinator
Email: goodfellows@owh.com
Website: <http://www.owh.com/>

Purpose and Activities: Goodfellows' emergency fund is designed to assist people with one-time, urgent needs that cannot be met through other sources.

Application Information: To apply for assistance, please call:

Catholic Charities (South Omaha residents), 731-5413
Heartland Family Service (Sarpy County), 291-6065
Heartland Family Service (Douglas County), 457-7792
ENCAP (Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership - Douglas County):
453-5656 x200 ENCAP (South Omaha) 595-1122 ENCAP (Sarpy Co.) 292-2961
United Way, 2-1-1 or 444-6666

York Community Foundation

603 North Lincoln Avenue
York, NE 68467
Phone: 402-362-5531
Website: <http://www.yorkcommunityfoundation.org/index.html>
Email: ycf@yorkchamber.net
Contact: Donna Bitner, Executive Director

Eligibility Requirements: The Foundation provides grants to both private and public services. Grants are made to agencies classified only as: 501© (3) by the Internal Revenue Service or government agencies using the grant for capital expenditure and/or capital improvement. Applicants must have a plan for future funding and support from other sources if funding is for an on-going program. Visit website for list of activities not eligible for funding.

Charitable Areas of Interest:

- Community/civic
- Arts/culture
- Education
- Recreation
- Health
- Human Services
- Religious (non-denominational)

Funding Limits: The Foundation does not normally fund entire projects or programs. Preference is given to organizations that have raised a portion of the required funds, and/or enlisted the financial support of

other organizations. Grants are awarded for a definite purpose, and for a specific period of time – normally 12 months or less.

Information Available Through Nebraska Libraries Directly or Through the Interlibrary Loan Program

Annual Register of Grant Support

A Directory of Funding Resources, 29th Edition, 1996.
RR Bowker A Reed Reference Publishing Co., New Providence, NJ

The Basic Handbook of Grants Management/Robert Lefferts.

New York: Basic Books, c1983.
Fund Raising--Handbooks, Manuals, etc.
Grants-in-Aid--Handbooks, Manuals, etc.
Research Grants--Handbooks, Manuals, etc.

Directory of Grants in the Humanities

Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, c1986.
Humanities--Research Grants--Directories
Research Grants--Directories

Directory of New and Emerging Foundations

2nd Edition, 1991 The Foundation Center

Directory of Research Grants

Phoenix, AZ, etc. Oryx Press.
Scholarships--United States--Directories
Research Grants--United States--Directories

Financial Aid for the Disabled and Their Families, 1988-1989/Gail Ann Schlacter, R. David Weber.

Redwood City, CA: Reference Service Press, 1988.
Handicapped--Scholarships, Fellowships, etc.--Directories
Federal Aid to Handicapped Services--Directories
Grants-In-Aid--United States--Directories

The Foundation Directory/compiled by the Foundation Center

1999 Edition, 21st Edition
Jeffrey A. Falkenstein, Editor; David G. Jacobs, Assistant Editor
New York, NY

Foundation Fundamentals: A Guide for Grantseekers

New York, NY: Foundation Center, Fifth Edition, 1994.
What is a Foundation?, Funding the Right Funder, Corporate Funding, Presenting Your Idea to a Funder

The Foundation Grants Index

New York, Foundation Center; distributed by Columbia
Endowments--Directories.
Endowments--Directories
Foundations--United States--Directories
Research Support--Directories

Foundation Grants to Individuals/compiled by the Foundation Center

New York, The Foundation Center, 9th Edition, 1995.

Endowments--United States--Directories

Scholarships--United States--Directories

Student Loan Funds--United States--Directories

Fund-raising, Grants and Foundations: A Comprehensive Bibliography/Charlotte Georgi and Terry Fate

Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1985.

Fund Raising--United States--Bibliography.

Funding of Public Libraries: Some Dollar Stretching Techniques: Tips on Budgeting, Gifts & Bequests, Grants, Home Rule, Passing Referenda, and Lots More.

Chicago: The Association, 1979.

Public Libraries, Library Finance

Grants for Children and Youth

Foundation Center, 1993-1994.

Grants for activities regarding infants, children and youth to age 18 including: child welfare and advocacy, youth development preventive and service programs, health and medical care, etc.

Grants for Libraries: A Guide to Public and Private Funding Programs and Proposal Writing Techniques/Emmett Corry.

Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1986.

Federal Aid to Libraries--United States--Handbooks, Manuals, etc.

Proposal Writing in Library Science--Handbooks, Manuals, etc.

The Grants Register

Chicago: St. James Press, c1969.

Research Grants.

Research Support--Directories.

Grant Thesaurus

Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, Annual

Research Grants--Terminology

Subject Headings--Research Grants

Grantsmanship: Money and how to get it.

Chicago: Marquis Academic Media, c1978.

Fund raising, Subsidies, Research Grants, Financing, Organized Research Support, Training Support

Guide to Proposal Writing

Geever, Jane C. and McNeill, Patricia, 1993 The Foundation Center

How to find out about financial aid: A Guide to Over 700 Directories Listing Scholarships, Fellowships, Loans, Grants, Awards, Internships/Gail Ann Schlacter

Los Angeles: Reference Service Press, c1987.

Student Aid--United States--Directories

The individual's guide to grants/Judith B. Margolin

New York: Plenum Press, c1983.

Research Grants--United States--handbooks, manual, etc.

Research Support--United States

Research Support—Handbooks

Nebraska Library Commission

The Atrium
1200 N St., Ste. 120
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023
(402) 471-2045
(800) 307-2665
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/>

Information on the Web

Alliance of Nonprofits

508 2nd Avenue West
Seattle, WA 98119
<http://www.exec-alliance.org/>

The Council on Foundations

2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22202
(800) 673-9036
<http://www.cof.org/>

The Foundation Center

79 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10003
(212) 620-4230
<http://foundationcenter.org/>

Idealists

Action Without Borders, Inc.
302 Fifth Ave. 11th Floor
New York, NY 10001
646-786-6886
<http://www.idealists.org/>

Independent Sector

1602 L Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 467-6100
<http://www.independentsector.org/home>

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

1255 23rd St., NW
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 466-1200
<http://philanthropy.com/section/Home/172>

References for Funding Searches
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ruralres/resource.htm>

• **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, Grant Categories**

<https://www.cfda.gov/?s=main&mode=list&tab=list>

The online Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance supplies access to a database of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.

• **Community of Science Funding Opportunities**

<http://fundingopps2.cos.com/>

The most comprehensive source of funding information available on the Web, with more than 23,000 records, representing over 400,000 funding opportunities, worth over \$33 billion.

• **Council on Foundations**

<http://www.cof.org/>

The Council on Foundations is a membership organization of more than 2,000 grant making foundations and giving programs worldwide. We provide leadership expertise, legal services and networking opportunities—among other services—to our members and to the general public.

• **National Institute of Foods and Agriculture, Grant Applicant Information**

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/applicants.html>

National Institute of Food and Agriculture, formerly Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services, learn about funding opportunities. Updates on available grants.

• **FirstGov for NonProfits**

<http://www.firstgov.gov/Business/Nonprofit.shtml#grants>

Information is provided about federal grants and there are state and local funding directories available. Additionally there are resources available that enhance an individual's ability to write an effective grant proposal.

• **Foundation Center**

<http://foundationcenter.org/>

This online orientation will explore the funding research process systematically. Affiliating oneself with an organization or obtaining a fiscal sponsor can increase the likelihood of receiving funding. There is a large amount of information regarding best practices for grant writing and research available through the Foundation Center

• **Fundsnet Services,**

<http://www.fundsnet.com/>

Great resource for financial resources and well as information regarding how to write a grant.

• **Grants.gov**

<http://www.grants.gov/>

Opportunity to search for grants as well as receive a newsletter or email updating you of the most recent grants available.

• **Grantsmanship Center**

<http://www.tgci.com/>

First offered in 1972 and continuously updated, TGCI's Grantsmanship Training Program covers all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. More than 90,000 nonprofit and government personnel have attended this demanding, five-day workshop, which now includes a full year of valuable membership services.

- **NADO Foundations & Resources for Grantseekers Links**

<http://www.nado.org/links/#GRANTS>

This site contains information regarding sources of funding for regional organizations serving small metropolitan and rural America.

- **National Rural Funders Collaborative**

<http://www.nrfc.org/default.asp>

The National Rural Funders Collaborative is a partnership of national and regional funders and investors, grass roots practitioners, policymakers, and public sector agencies working together to expand resources for communities and families in rural areas facing persistent poverty. Beyond leveraging new and sustainable resources for rural areas, NRFC is developing a learning network in which practitioners and funders, along with other rural stakeholders and strategic allies, can identify best practices and measurable outcomes, while working together for effective policy change.