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A GUIDE TO GRANTS FOR NEBRASKA CHILDREN,
YOUTH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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AT&T Foundation
AT&T Public Relations
Contributions Coordinator
5501 LBJ Freeway
Room 300E
Dallas, TX 75240
www.att.com/foundation

Purpose and Activities: Seek projects that meet society's needs and relate to AT&T's business interests. Particularly inclined toward projects that employ innovative technological solutions. Awards grants in Education, Civic and Community Service, and Arts and Culture. Focuses on cities and regions with large concentrations of AT&T employees and business operations, with the majority of funds supporting U.S.-based institutions. Does not award grants to: individuals; organizations whose chief purpose is to influence legislation or to participate or intervene in political campaigns on behalf of or against any candidate for public office; endowments or memorials; construction or renovation projects; sports teams or any sports-related activities or competitions, even if it addresses our program interests; fund-raising events or advertising.

Application Information: Submit a brief letter of introduction and description of your organization/project. If organization/project is national in scope then you should apply directly to the AT&T Foundation. If organization and its' activities are local in scope you should contact AT&T's regional office.

Grant Making Programs:

1. Education-The AT&T Foundation supports education programs that focus on the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning. Through the AT&T Learning Network as well as Invitational Grants, the AT&T Foundation concentrates on the role of technology in education and its capacity to connect students, teachers, classrooms, institutions, and communities.
2. Civic and Community Service-The AT&T Foundation supports a variety of comprehensive civic and community service programs that fall within specific areas of focus.
3. Arts and Culture-The AT&T Foundation believes that artistic creativity is a complex and important form of communication, and that thriving cultural institutions are a key to community well-being. To that end, the Arts & Culture Program supports innovative artistic projects by nationally and internationally recognized arts and cultural institutions.

Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation
P.O. Box 81407
Lincoln, NE 68508-1407
(402) 435-4369
Fax: (402) 435-6980
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.

Through the years requests have been granted to organizations with diverse areas of focus, such as: education, the arts, the environment, programs that serve disadvantaged children, human services, sports, and wellness programs.

The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation looks at each grant request uniquely for its potential to impact people's lives and to ultimately make a difference in the community.

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
Lincoln, NE 68501
(402) 434-1212

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

Contact: J. Ross McCown, Vice President

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

Grant Programs: Health and Human Services, Higher Education, and Community Development Programs.

American Express Philanthropic Program
American Express Company
World Financial Center
200 Vesey St.
New York, NY 10285-4803
americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy

Purpose and Activities: The Foundation's philanthropic activities focus on community service; economic independence; and cultural 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.

Contact: Anne Wickham (Cultural Heritage), Terry Savage (Economic Independence)

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach by letter or proposal. One copy of the proposal needed. No deadlines. Board meets biannually. Final notification given in 3 to 4 months.

Grant-Making Programs:

1. **Cultural Heritage:** Protect the natural and built environment so that it can be enjoyed by current residents and visitors, and preserved for future generations. Funding also supports art and culture unique to countries and regions. Cultural Heritage grant-making emphasizes: public awareness of the importance of historic and environmental preservation; preservation and management of major tourism sites; direct support for important cultural institutions and major projects in the visual and performing arts that are representative of national, regional and local cultures; and access to the arts and assistance to organizations in developing new audiences.

2. **Community Service:** Funding primarily reinforces the volunteer efforts of thousands of American Express employees and advisors in their local communities, and continues the company's long-standing support to local United Way organizations across the United States.
3. **Economic Independence:** Support initiatives that encourage, develop, and sustain economic self-reliance through programs that: serve youth, emphasizing school to career and other career readiness programs in partnership with the retail, travel and hospitality industries; build awareness about career and employment options for individuals facing significant barriers to employment, and provide education, training and workplace experiences so they may actively pursue these options; provide education in the fundamentals of business and economics, the importance of savings, the basics of personal financial management and related consumer issues; and promote entrepreneurship and small business development.

Ameritas Charitable Foundation
5900 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68510-2234
(402) 467-1122

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for the arts, education, and health care.

Contact: Lawrence J. Arth, Secretary & Treasurer

Fields of Interest: Higher education; youth development, adult and children's programs; human services; general charitable giving. Types of support include general/operating support, continuing support, annual campaigns, program development, professorships, and research.

Limitations: Giving primarily in Nebraska. No support for organizations that require a major portion of budget for administration and solicitation. No grants to individuals.

Alan and Marcia Baer Foundation
1001 Fort Crook Road, Ste. 140
Bellevue, NE 68005

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

Contact: Ted Baer, Vice President, and Kathy Baer, Administrator and Secretary

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

Grant Programs: Educational Health Services, Youth, Cultural Programs and Religious Support.

The Theodore G. Baldwin Foundation
2033 Central Ave.
Kearney, NE 68847-6855
(308) 234-9889

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

Contact: Michael W. Baldwin, Treasurer

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

Grant Programs: Arts, education, brick and mortar, operating.

Bemis Company Foundation
222 South Ninth St., #2300
Minneapolis, MN 55402-4099
(612) 376-3093

Purpose and Activities: Established in 1959, 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 campaigns.

Contact Person: Audrey Kirchner

Application Information: Grant proposals submitted to the Bemis Company Foundation need not be in a specific format, but all proposals should cover the following points:

1. Name of the organization and amount requested.
2. Brief description of the objectives for which the grant is sought.
3. Details as to how the objectives are to be attained.
4. Budget, including information about existing and other possible sources of income.
5. Officers and board members.
6. Statement that the organization has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that contributions to it are tax deductible.

Grant-Making Programs: Social, Health and Welfare, Educational, Civic and Cultural.

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

Thomas D. Buckley Trust
P.O. Box 647
Chappell, NE 69129

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on community development programs, Christian churches, civic affairs, hospitals and health services. No grants to individuals.

Contact: Connie Loos, Executive Director

Geographic Limitation: Giving primarily in Nebraska, particularly Chappell, and northeastern Colorado. Few grants are made outside of the local area.

Application Information: Application form required.

Grant Programs: Community Development, Religion, Civic Affairs and Health Services.

Campbell Soup Foundation
Campbell Place
Camden, NJ 08103-1799
(856)-342-4800 ext. 6423
Fax: (856) 541-8185

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.

Contact: Wendy Milanese

Application Information: The Foundation limits grants to organizations which are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are not made to organizations based outside the United States and its territories, or to any individuals. A summary Grant Proposal must accompany each application. A single copy of a proposal is sufficient. Proposals should be prepared concisely, in narrative form, without extensive documentation (however, restricted grant proposals in the area of diet and health should include a historical review and the methodology to be used.) There is no formal deadline. Proposals are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Generally, the Foundation Board limits the maximum size of any grant to \$100,000 in a fiscal year, and does not make multi-year grants. Because only proposals submitted in writing will be considered, visits to the Foundation's office or contacts with members of the Board of Trustees or staff prior to submission serve little purpose. Organizations should not submit the same or similar proposals more than once in any 12-month period.

Carnegie Corporation of New York
437 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10022
(212) 371-3200
www.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.

Contact Person: None Given

Application Information: No application forms needed. Grant seekers are asked to present a statement containing a description of the project's aims, amount of support required, duration, methods, personnel, and budget. Additional materials may be required, including a formal request from the head of the organization and a more precise budget. No deadlines.

Grant-Making Programs:

1. Education (does not review requests from individual schools or preschools)
2. International Peace and Security
3. International Development
4. Democracy

5. Special Projects

Coca-Cola Foundation

P.O. Box 1734

Atlanta, GA 30301

www.thecoca-colacompany.com

Purpose/Area of Interest: Education (higher education, arts education, and literacy).

Contact: Michael Bivens, Education Director

Application Information: Grants are made to nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) or equivalent organizations. General financial data is needed from the organization. The first application will need general information regarding the organization, upon which further information regarding the grants will be available from the foundation at the address above.

The ConAgra Foods Foundation

One ConAgra Drive

Omaha, NE 68102-5001

(402) 595-4215

Purpose and Activities: Focus resources in education, health and human services, arts and culture, and civic and community betterment. Improve quality of life where ConAgra employees live and work.

Contact: Kori Reed

Application Information: Initial approach by proposal. Foundation grants announced quarterly. Proposals must be received last working day of January, April, July, and October. Organizations applying for contributions must have been in existence for at least one year and have an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Grant Programs: Health and Human Services, Education, Community Funds, Youth Agencies, Cultural Programs.

Cooper Foundation

870 Wells Fargo Center

1248 O Street

Lincoln, NE 68508

(402) 476-7571

Email: info@cooperfoundation.org

www.cooperfoundation.org

Purpose and Activities: To support innovative ideas which promise substantial impact and encourage others to make similar or larger grants. We seek ideas which provide leadership in the field, and which contribute in a major way to the applicant's mission and service to its constituents.

Contact: Victoria Kovar, Program Officer

Application Information: Contact the foundation to determine if your idea falls within the foundation's priorities. If so, you may be asked to submit one copy of your application following the foundation's format. Submit well before the funds would be needed. Grants are reviewed quarterly, in February, May, September, and December. The application deadlines for those meetings are January 15, April 1, August 1, and October 1.

Limitations: Funding is not available for individuals, businesses, non-501(c)(3) organizations, fiscal agents, private foundations, health organizations or issues, churches, religious organizations or issues, travel, memberships, or endowments.

Grant Programs: Education, Human Services, Arts, Humanities, and the Environment.

Cottonwood Foundation
Box 10803
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-0803
www.cottonwoodfdn.org

Purpose: Cottonwood Foundation, a charitable, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to promoting empowerment of people, protection of the environment, and respect for cultural diversity. The foundation focuses its funding on committed grassroots organizations that rely strongly on volunteer efforts, and where foundation support will make a significant difference. At least 90% of Cottonwood Foundation's expenditures are for grants to other organizations.

Application Information: Cottonwood Foundation has a very limited amount of funding available, and will only award grants to organizations that meet **all four** of the following criteria:

1. protect the **environment**
2. promote cultural **diversity**
3. **empower** people to meet their basic needs
4. rely on **volunteer** efforts

Organizations that do not meet all four criteria, are not be eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Cottonwood Foundation especially seeks to support organizations for which small grants will make a significant difference. U.S. and international organizations are eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. While organizations are not required to have 501(c)(3) status, only charitable, nonprofit organizations will be funded by Cottonwood Foundation. Political and religious organizations, governmental agencies, for-profit businesses, private individuals, and universities are not eligible for funding by Cottonwood Foundation. Organizations that have received funding from Cottonwood Foundation in the past are eligible to apply for grants, but applications should not be submitted more than once every 12 months. Applications should be submitted in English if possible.

Currently, grant requests must be submitted by mail. Please follow these steps:

1. Print a copy of the Grant Application Form from the Cottonwood Foundation website
2. Fill it out (on paper), and attach any supporting documents
3. Mail to Cottonwood at the address noted at the top of the form

Cottonwood Foundation will accept grant applications at all times for consideration, with no formal deadlines for applications. Applicants can expect to receive notification within six months of receipt of their application about whether the application has been funded.

Ford Foundation
320 E. 43 St.
New York, NY 10017
www.fordfound.org

Contact: Secretary

Application Information: Before a request is made for a grant or program-related investment, a brief letter of inquiry is advisable to determine whether the Foundation's present interests and funds permit consideration of the request.

The letter should include:

- The purpose of the project for which funds are being requested
- Problems and issues the proposed project will address
- Information about the organization conducting the project
- Estimated overall budget for the project
- Period of time for which funds are requested
- Qualifications of those who will be engaged in the project

After receiving the letter, Foundation staff members may ask the grant seeker to submit a formal proposal. There is no grant application form. The proposal should include:

- The organization's current budget
- A description of the proposed work and how it will be conducted
- The names and curriculum vitae of those engaged in the project
- A detailed project budget
- Present means of support and status of applications made to other funding sources
- Legal and tax status

In some instances, the Foundation requires the grantee organization to match the Foundation's grant with funds from other sources.

The Foundation supports pluralism and equal opportunity in its grant making and internal policies. The opportunities that prospective grantee organizations provide for minorities and women are considered in evaluating proposals.

Applications are considered throughout the year. Normally applicants may expect to receive within six weeks an indication of whether their proposals are within the Foundation's program interests and budget limitations. Activities supported by grants and program-related investments must be charitable, educational, or scientific, as defined under the appropriate provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations. The Foundation monitors grants through regular financial and narrative reports submitted by the grantee.

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; media, arts, & culture.

Ike & Roz Friedman Foundation
c/o Donald Yale
8405 Indian Hills Dr.
Omaha, NE 68114-4048
(402) 399-5252

Contact: 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.

Hawkins Charitable Trust
2516 Deer Park Blvd.
Omaha, NE 68105-3771
(402) 342-1607
Fax: (402) 342-03221

Contact: 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

Bernard K. & Norma F. Heurmann
c/o Law Offices
Professional Building
PO Box 228
Aurora, NE 68818
Attn: Charles L. Whitney

Contact: John B. Atkins, Treasurer

Fields of Interest: Education, agriculture, children's services, mentally disabled centers and services, disabled, and aging. 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.

Application Information: Application form not required. Initial approach is by two-page proposal. Five copies needed. Attach copy of 501(c)(3) letter from Internal Revenue Service. Proposals should identify a special need or project to which funds will be applied, and should include objectives to be attained, people or groups who will benefit, work plans or timetables for achieving the stated objectives and any other means of support. Supporting documents such as project budget, other resources, names of supporters, and background information about the organization may be attached to the proposal. Stapled proposals are preferred to bound ones, and brevity is appreciated. Proposals can be made at any time during the year.

The Hirschfeld Family Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1060
Kearney, NE 68848-1060
(308) 236-4455

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.

Contact: Jeffrey L. Orr, Attorney

Limitations: No grants to individuals.

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

Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation
c/o Neely Kountz
PO Box 31219
Omaha, NE 68132
(402) 231-8738

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

Contact: Neely Kountz

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.

Application Information:

- 1.) Letter summary, one page in length, to acquaint trustees with basics of grant request.
- 2.) Letter, no more than five pages in length, containing essential information, i.e. project contemplated, cost, source of funds; specific amount of grant request; how project would be continued after grant payout; and
- 3.) Budget, audit, IRS ruling letter under 501(c)(3) or 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, would be additions to the request.
- 4.) Include as part of the request the top three measurable results you expect to accomplish if this grant is approved.

An original and eight (8) copies of item (1) of the grant request and one (1) copy of items (2) and (3) should be addressed to the Secretary.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**P.O. Box 2316
Princeton, NJ 08543-2316
(888) 631-9989
www.rwjf.org**

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

Contact Person: Richard J. Toth

Application Information: Richard J. Toth

Grant-Making Programs: All dealing with health care.

Geographic Limitation: U.S. only.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**One Michigan Avenue East
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017-4012
(269) 968-1611
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.

Contact: Manager of Grant Proposals

Application Information: Grant applicants are asked to write a one- or two-page pre-proposal letter to the Foundation. The letter should briefly explain the project objectives, operational procedures, time schedules, and personnel and financial resources available and needed. To be eligible for support, the organization or institution, as well as the purpose of the proposed project, must qualify under regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service.

Grant-Making Programs:

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 emphasize 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.

Kiewit Companies Foundation
3555 Farnam St.
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 342- 2052

Purpose: The Kiewit Companies Foundation is a corporate-sponsored foundation established in 1963 to further the philanthropic objectives of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. and its subsidiaries. The foundation and its sponsor have no relationship with the Peter Kiewit Foundation, which was formed from Mr. Kiewit's personal estate.

Contact: Mike Faust, Foundation Administrator

Fields of Interest: The foundation has varied interests, with an emphasis on causes that are broadly supported by the corporate community. The foundation's primary interest is education, closely followed by youth services, social services, the arts, and civic improvement.

Limitations: The foundation has little interest in making grants to endowment funds, grant-making organizations, the chaitable endeavors of social or fraternal organizations, sponsorships of conferences or seminars, study or travel, academic or medical research, advocacy organizations or controversial causes, churches or religious organizations, production of films or sponsorship of television programming, sponsorship of athletic teams or athletic events.

Geographical Restrictions: The foundation's core mission is to support philanthropic causes that help improve the quality of life in communities in which Kiewit has its offices and operations. With the exception of higher education, there must be a Kiewit presence in a community for a project to be eligible for consideration.

Application Procedures: The foundation has no special application form. A request for funding should be in the form of a letter and support materials relevant to the request that concisely explain how funds would make a positive impact on a community in which the foundation's sponsor has a corporate presence.

Peter Kiewit Foundation
8805 Indian Hills Drive
Ste. 225
Omaha, NE 68114
(402) 344-7890

Purpose and Activities: General charitable purposes. The Peter Kiewit Foundation is an independent philanthropic trust created from the estate of Peter Kiewit in 1980. It is not connected legally or administratively with the operating companies which also bear Peter Kiewit's name. As of 1998, the Foundation had assets of \$500 million and had awarded \$275 million in grants to non-profit organizations. Grant applications are accepted from 501(c)3 organizations and governmental entities that are located throughout Nebraska and in Iowa within 100 miles of Omaha. The foundation does not award grants to individuals, for profit ventures, endowment, individual elementary and secondary schools, or churches. All grants are made on a matching fund or challenge basis. Initial approach should be by phone or letter. The Foundation prefers to deal directly with applicants rather than with fundraising consultants.

In addition to its regular grant making work, the Foundation funds and administers two major college scholarship programs and an award program that recognizes teachers. The ability-based *Distinguished Kiewit Scholar Awards* provide \$5,000 per year for 50 recipients throughout Nebraska. The financial need-based *Memorial Kiewit Scholarship* provides comprehensive aid up to \$23,000 per year to 25 students per year in Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie counties who attend Nebraska public or private colleges. Both scholarships are renewable for a total of up to four years. Eligibility criteria and deadlines differ. Interested high school seniors should see their guidance counselors for application information, or call the Foundation directly. Another Foundation program is the *Nebraska Teacher Achievement Awards Program*, which annually provides prizes of \$7,000 each to 20 Nebraska teachers in recognition of excellence in classroom teaching. Interested teachers should contact the Foundation for application deadlines and instructions.

Contact: Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, Executive Director

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).

Grant Programs: General grants, small grants, scholarships, teacher awards, and other initiatives as announced. Areas of interest include cultural, civic, youth programs, community and economic development, higher education, social services, and wellness.

Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation, Inc.
1248 O St., Ste. 792
Lincoln, NE 68508-1475
www.kimmelfoundation.org
(402) 475-1797

Fields of Interest: Museums (history), higher education, community development, and neighborhood development. Types of support include capital campaigns, fellowships, scholarship funds, and matching funds.

Contact: Sandra Vondracek; Ernest Weyeneth, President

Application Information: Application form required. Initial approach by letter of inquiry. One copy of proposal needed. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31.

Land O' Lakes Foundation
Community Grants Program
P.O. Box 64150
St. Paul, MN 55164-0150
(651) 481-2078
www.foundation.landolakes.com

Purpose and Activities: Land O'Lakes Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life in communities where Land O'Lakes, Inc., has members, employees, plants and facilities. Land O'Lakes Foundation proactively helps rural communities prosper and prepare for tomorrow by donating resources that develop and strengthen organizations dedicated to human service, education and youth, civic, and art endeavors. Land O'Lakes Foundation provides support through cash grants to nonprofit organizations that work to improve communities where Land O'Lakes has a significant concentration of members or employees. Contribution funds generally will **not** be used for the following categories:

1. Lobbying, political and religious organizations
2. Veteran, fraternal and labor organizations
3. Individuals
4. Fund-raising events, dinners or benefits
5. Advertising
6. Private colleges and universities
7. Scholarships
8. Travel Expenses for individuals and groups
9. Racing and sports sponsorships
10. Disease/Medical related, including research or treatment

Contact Person: Bonnie Bassett, Director, Community Relations

Application Information: Complete the Community Grants Program application, 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.

Program Guidelines: Land O'Lakes Foundation Community Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Some larger donations are made. Land O'Lakes Foundation reserves the right to change or withdraw this program without notice. Land O'Lakes Foundation will determine the interpretations and administration of the provisions of the program.

Lied Foundation Trust
10050 Regency Circle, Ste. 200
Omaha, NE 68114
(702) 878-1559

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

Contact: Christina M. Hixson, Trustee

Grant Programs: Youth Organizations and Higher Education

Lincoln Community Foundation
215 Centennial Mall S., Ste. 100
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 474-2345
Fax: (402) 476-8532

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.

Contact: Debra Shoemaker, Vice President of Community Outreach

Geographic Information: Giving Primarily in Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska

Application Information: Contact the Foundation to request an application. 14 copies of the proposal is needed. Grant application deadline is June 1. The board of directors makes final decisions in August. Capital grant applications are due September 1. The board of directors make final decisions on capital grants in November.

Grant Programs: 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.

Metropolitan Life Foundation
27-01 Queens Plaza North
Long Island City, NY 11101
www.metlife.com

Purpose and Activities: The **Metropolitan Life Foundation** was established in 1976 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.

Application Information: Requests are accepted and reviewed throughout the year. Requests and supporting materials are carefully evaluated by the Foundation. If the request is within the Foundation's guidelines and program priorities, and available funds permit consideration of the request, organizations may be asked for more complete information before a decision is made.

When an organization submits a request for either general or project support, both the organization and the proposal are evaluated. Among the factors considered are the organization's general structure, objectives, history and management capability; its relationship to the community and the population to be served; its position relative to organizations performing similar functions; and its financial position and sources of income.

In the evaluation of a special project, the factors considered include the project's goals and implementation plans; length of time for the project to be completed; the ultimate disposition of the project; staff capabilities; benefits of the project; and sources of financial and other support. In deciding the amount of support, the facts considered include availability of funds, relative priorities, and funding patterns. Requests must be made in writing and should include the following information:

- A brief description of the organization, including its legal name, history, activities, purpose and governing board.
- The purpose for which the grant is requested.
- The amount requested, and a list of other sources of financial support.
- A copy of the organization's most recent audited financial statement.
- A copy of the IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as an organization that is not a private foundation.
- A copy of the organization's most recent Form 990-Income Tax Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.

Metropolitan Life Foundation makes contributions only to organizations that have been granted exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Limitations: Grants are not made to: private foundations; religious, fraternal, political, athletic, social or veterans organizations; hospital capital fund campaigns; individuals; organizations receiving support from United Way; local chapters of national organizations; disease-specific organizations; labor groups; organizations whose activities are mainly international; organizations primarily engaged in patient care or direct treatment, drug treatment centers and community health clinics; elementary and secondary schools; endowments; courtesy advertising or festival participation.

Grant Programs: Health, Education, Culture, Civic Affairs, Anti-Violence, Social Improvement.

Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation, Inc.

120 N. Dewey

P.O. Box 1321

North Platte, NE 69103-1321

(308) 534-3315 FAX: (308) 534-6117

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.

Contact: Eric Seacrest, Executive Director, or Judy Rossetter, Administrator.

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: Application form required. 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.

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

Nebraska Community Foundation

317 S. 12th St., Ste. 200

P.O. Box 83107

Lincoln, NE 68501

(402) 323-7300

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) foundation. Other services include providing fundraising support through technical information, training opportunities, and outreach support.

Contact: Jeff G. Yost, Vice President for Development

Omaha Community Foundation

302 S. 36th St. Ste. 100

Omaha, NE 68131

(402) 342-3458

Fax: (402) 342-3582

www.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 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.

Application Information: Fund For Omaha grant requests are considered twice each year with application deadlines on March 1 and September 1. An application and fact sheet may be downloaded from the Foundation website.

The Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa accepts grant applications twice each year on February 15 and September 1. Applications and fact sheets may be downloaded from the Foundation's website.
Grant Programs: Fund For Omaha (FFO), Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa

The Omaha World-Herald Foundation
c/o Omaha World-Herald Co.
1314 Douglas Suite 1500
Omaha, NE 68102
(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.

Contact: Donna Grimm

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.

The Owen Foundation
P.O. Box 1085
Omaha, NE 68101-1085

Purpose and Activities: Primarily local giving, with emphasis on a zoological society and/or a state wildlife department; grants also for higher education, cultural programs, and social agencies.

Contact: None given

Grant Programs: Local Giving, Higher Education, Cultural Program, Social Agencies and Wildlife.

Kitty M. Perkins Foundation
c/o J. Richard Shoemaker
P.O. Box 268
Cambridge, NE 69022-0268

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.

Limitations: No grants to individuals, or for matching gifts; no loans.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Community Investment Program
9550 White Oak Lane, Ste. 100
P.O. Box 1014
Johnston, IA 50131-1014
www.pioneer.com/pioneer_info/corporate/grants.htm

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.

Contact Name: Steve Schaaf

Application Information: All proposals must be made in writing and may be submitted by mail or fax. Proposal will be received more favorably if addressed to someone specifically. Proposal should be three pages or less and include an executive summary of the program or project. In addition, the proposal should include the following pertinent information:

1. A brief statement of the organization's history, mission, objective and accomplishments.
2. A description of the organization's current programs and activities including the populations served.
3. Specific purpose of the grant proposal, dollar amount requested, and how the proposal results will be measured.
4. Current funding sources, an audited financial statement, a copy of the organization's budget and an annual report (if available).
5. Certification of IRS tax exempt 501 (c) (3) status.
6. Listing of the organization's board of directors/trustees, including board financial and volunteer support.
7. History of Pioneer Hi-Bred company management and/or employee involvement in the organization.
8. Name, address, and telephone number of the organization's development director or executive director to whom correspondence should be addressed.

Generally review grant proposals on a quarterly basis. Proposals must be received by Pioneer Hi-Bred no later than the 30th day of September, December, March, and June.

Grant Programs: Education, Farm Safety and Rural Health, Local Community Initiatives.

Public Welfare Foundation, Inc.
1200 U St.
Washington, DC 20009-4443
(202) 965-1800
www.publicwelfare.org
general@publicwelfare.org

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.

Contact Person: Review Committee

Application Information: Letter of inquiry. Call or visit website for guidelines.

Grant Making Programs: Funding is focused on eight program areas:

1. Criminal Justice
2. Disadvantaged Elderly
3. Disadvantaged Youth
4. Environment
5. Health
6. Population and Reproductive Health
7. Human Rights and Global Security
8. Community Economic Development and Participation

Geographic Limitation: None

Quivey-Bay State Foundation
1515 E. 20th St.
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-3701

Purpose and Activities: Emphasis on higher education, church support, and youth and child welfare agencies; support also for historic preservation. No grants to individuals, or for endowment funds.

Contact: Ted Cannon, Secretary/Treasurer

Geographic Limitation: Giving primarily in Nebraska.

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.

Grant Programs: Education, Church Support, Youth and Child Welfare, and Historic Preservation.

Edgar Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 1492

Grand Island, NE 68802

(308) 384-0957

Fax: (308) 398-4135

Fields of Interest: Include higher education, human services, and community development. Types of support include building, renovation, and scholarship funds. No grants to individuals.

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

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

Application Address: P.O. Box 1492
Grand Island, NE 68801

The Walter Scott, Jr. Foundation

500 Energy Plz.

409 S. 17th St.

Omaha, NE 68102

Fields of Interest: Museums, arts and cultural programs, higher education, zoos and zoological societies, foundations (private grantmaking), and Christian agencies and churches. No grants to individuals.

The Scouler Foundation

2027 Dodge St.

Omaha, NE 68102

(402) 342-3500

Purpose and Activities: To fund 501(c)(3) organizations or programs that are consistent with the corporate philosophy of community support and involvement directed by the Scouler Board of Directors.

Contact Person: Marshall E. Faith, Kim Daniels

Application Information: No formal grant application is required. Fiscal year June 1 to May 31.

Geographic Limitation: Metro-Omaha area and communities or cities where Scouler maintains an office or facility.

Manota E. Simon Foundation

c/o Wells Fargo Nebraska, N.A., Trust Dept.

P.O. Box 3959

Omaha, NE 68103

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. No grants to individuals.

Sowers Club of Nebraska Foundation

1701 S. 17th St., Ste. 1H

Lincoln, NE 68502

(402) 438-2244

Fax: 438-2426

www.thesowersclub.com

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.

Contact: Wendy Meserve

Application Information: Accepts grant requests three times annually. Grant applications must be delivered to the Sowers Club of Lincoln by February 15, July 15, and September 15 each year and must be fully completed before requests will be considered. To be eligible, agency must have been in existence for a minimum of five years and have 501(c)(3) status. Grants will not be made for the following: individuals, promoting religious purposes, or political purposes. Requests must include the following: A copy of "Letter of Determination" from the IRS regarding 501(c)(3) status, a copy of annual report or current balance sheet outlining administrative costs (all information will be treated with strict confidentiality), all blanks on the Grant Request form must be completed, do not answer a question on the Request form by reference to another question, document or party, and there must be eight copies.

Target Stores Giving Program

33 S. 6th St.

P.O. Box 1392

Minneapolis, MN 55440

Purpose and Activities: Target has more than 800 stores nationwide, and through each store it supports its respective local community. Target's giving is store driven because it believes each individual Target knows its community best. Nonprofit organizations should consider their local store's Team Leader as their contact. Target's giving focuses on arts, education, and family violence prevention. 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.

Contact: Local Store

Application Information: Initial approach: Contact store manager at nearest store.

Union Pacific Foundation

**1400 Douglas St., Stop 1560
Omaha, NE 68179-1001
(402) 544-5600
www.up.com/found**

Purpose and Activities: Provides grants only to organizations that have been given exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Grants are not awarded to/for: individuals, religious, fraternal, social, or veterans organizations; political or lobbying organizations; elementary or secondary schools; organizations whose activities are primarily international; organizations located outside the continental United States; emergency operating funds; national organizations; fundraising events; telethons; races; or benefits; publications or courtesy advertising; film; video; or documentary productions; community or private foundations; athletic programs; events; or organizing committees; requests to reduce debts; and disease-specific organizations.

Contact: Darlynn Herweg, Director

Application Information: Requires the use of an online grant application. Complete preliminary application form located on web site to determine qualification to apply. The link to the complete online application will be sent via return email. Applications accepted May 1 to August 15 for following year fundraising.

Community Grant Programs:

1. Health and Human Services: to assist organizations dedicated to improving the level of health care and providing human services in the community.
 - Private hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, hospices, hospitality homes, and health services organizations for general support, capital funds, and specific equipment or project needs
 - Human service agencies concerned with, but not limited to: abuse control, disadvantaged or at-risk youth, emergency services, homeless, and the elderly
 - United Ways (Note: affiliated agencies are limited to capital campaigns only)
2. Community and Civic: to assist community-based organizations and related activities that improve and enrich the general quality of life.
 - Environmental, ecological, land-use, and water conservation projects
 - Natural habitat and wildlife preservation projects
 - Community development projects which benefit the general public
 - Cultural organizations whose purpose is to enrich the life of the community, such as, but not limited to: children's museums, historical societies, zoos, botanical gardens, and aquariums
 - Public broadcasting networks and public libraries
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

The UPS Foundation
55 Glenlake Parkway, NE
Atlanta, GA 30328
(404) 828-6374

Purpose and Activities: The UPS Foundation supports high impact national organizations whose programs directly affect the quality of life in communities where its people live and work. These programs must be recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Grants are designed to meet a variety of needs, both national and local in scope. The changing dynamics of society requires constant assessment of concerns, which allows the Foundation to address the needs of tomorrow while meeting the needs of today. The UPS Foundation continues to target its efforts in the areas of education and urgent human welfare issues. Because UPS believes it can have the most impact within these areas, health care organizations are no longer a focus of its philanthropy.

Contact Person: Contributions Manager

Application Information: Qualified organizations seeking grants are encouraged to submit a proposal in concise letter form, not more than two pages in length. The following items should be addressed:

1. Description and mission of the organization
2. Description of the specific program/project for which funding is requested
3. Statement of program/project need and goals
4. Description of how program/project goals will be attained and evaluated
5. Total costs of the program/project
6. List of committed alternate funding sources and dollar amounts for the project/program
7. Total amount requested from the UPS Foundation

Grant-Making Programs:

1. Human Welfare, including programs for families and children in crisis; the economically or culturally disadvantaged; the physically or mentally challenged; and community development programs. Foundation dollars are put to use helping those struggling with systemic effects of illiteracy, hunger, poverty, and homelessness.
2. Educational programs that raise the level of effectiveness; innovative programs to enhance the quality of instruction; family learning opportunities; and school involvement projects.
3. Major initiatives: adult literacy, the distribution of prepared, perishable food, and volunteer impact initiative.

Qwest Foundation

**Qwest Communications International, Inc.
1801 California, 50th Floor
Denver, CO 80202-2658
(303) 965-6925
Fax: (303) 896-4982
segalla@qwest.com**

Purpose and Activities: The Qwest Foundation makes contributions to support the quality of life in the communities served by Qwest. The Foundation only supports charitable organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No funding for operating budgets, endowments, trips, political organizations, religious organizations, support for individuals, national health organizations, and capital campaigns. Priority is given to those projects that enhance education for children and youth; provide connections between people, organizations and their communities; and encourage collaborative efforts among charitable organizations, education, government and business. Please note that Qwest does not fund telephone service or communications equipment. The Foundation also does not fund computer hardware or software unless it is an integral part of an overall program.

Contact: Shannon Gallagher, Director

Application Information: Initial approach: Letter or grant application. Letter should address project description, objectives, audience served, potential visibility for program and/or Qwest, and project budget. Deadline(s): The Foundation awards grants through a quarterly review process. Organizations seeking grants from the Qwest Foundation should submit a grant application by no later than the following dates, based on the category of the program request submitted: June 1- Arts and Culture, April 1- Education, and August 1- Economic Development.

Grant Programs: Education, Arts and Culture, and Economic Development.

The Valmont Foundation

**c/o Valmont Industries, Inc.
7002 N. 288th St.
Valley, NE 68064
(402) 359-8682**

Purpose and Activities: Giving primarily for higher education, youth agencies, community funds, cultural programs.

Contact: Ed Burchfield

Application Information: Letter requesting guidelines.

Grant Programs: Higher Education, Youth Agencies, Community Funds, and Cultural Programs.

Weller Foundation, Inc
P.O. Box 636
Atkinson, NE 68713
(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.

Contact: Office at above address

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.

Grant Programs: Higher Education.

Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.
P.O. Box 81309
Lincoln, NE 68501
(402) 436-5971
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.

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

Application Information: Contact the Fund with a two-page summary request and budget or a phone call to determine if it is worth your time and expense to proceed with a full proposal. Submission Dates: Feb. 15 to March 1, June 15 to July 1, and Oct. 15 to Nov. 1.

Grant Programs:

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.

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New York: Basic Books, c1983.
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New York, NY

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Chicago: Marquis Academic Media, c1978.

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Los Angeles: Reference Service Press, c1987.

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New York: Plenum Press, c1983.

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Nebraska Library Commission

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The Foundation Center

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(212) 620-4230
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Idealists

Action Without Borders, Inc.
350 Fifth Ave., Ste. 6614
New York, NY 10118
(212) 843-3973
www.idealists.org

Independent Sector

1200 18th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 223-8100
www.indepsec.org

Internet NonProfit Center

Project of Evergreen State Society of Seattle, WA
P.O. Box 20682
Seattle, WA 98102
www.nonprofits.org

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

1255 23rd St., NW
Washington, DC 20037
(800) 728-2819
www.philanthropy.com