

## Wayne County Foundation announces grant funding opportunities

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The Wayne County Foundation is announcing two opportunities for grant funding.

More than \$97,500 will be available for grants during the foundation's second competitive grant cycle of the year. It is designed to support projects that "enhance the Spirit of the Community."

Applications from local not-for-profit organizations for this grant cycle will be accepted until 4 p.m. July 31. Successful applicants can expect grants to be approved and distributed by the end of September.

Assistance in preparing applications is available from the foundation office at 33 S. 7th St. in Richmond. First-time applicants are encouraged to contact Steve Borchers prior to submitting an application.

Additional information is available by calling the foundation office at (765) 962-1638, emailing [steve@waynecountyfoundation.org](mailto:steve@waynecountyfoundation.org) or visiting [www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org).

The foundation will conduct another Challenge Match opportunity later this year.

The Challenge Match Initiative gives selected organizations the chance to secure unrestricted operating funding from the foundation in proportion to dollars raised in the community during a specified period of time.

This year, at least \$152,500 will be available, and more is expected to be raised from Challenge Match Partners. Any charitable not-for-profit organization, school or government agency in Wayne County that has prior application history with the foundation is eligible to apply.

Last year, the Challenge Match generated more than \$532,000 in gifts from the community to 35 participating organizations. This amount was matched with just over \$169,000 from the foundation for a total community investment of \$702,037.

Representatives of organizations interested in submitting a proposal are invited to attend an information lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m. July 24 at the Innovation Center in Richmond. Cost for the workshop is \$6. Reservations are required no later than July 17.