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WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$50,000 IMPACT GRANT

Potential \$150,000 Benefit to the Community

The Wayne County Foundation has announced a matching-grant opportunity to five organizations in the county as part of its 2011 Impact Grant. The one-to-two match offers the possibility of generating \$150,000 or more for programs identified as having the most potential impact on the Wayne County community.

The open call for proposals seeks ideas that will improve the community and organizations in a meaningful way. Any charitable not-for-profit organization, school, or government agency in Wayne County is eligible to apply.

The initiatives can be specific projects or programs, or represented in the form of general operating support. Organizations may apply individually, or in collaboration with other organizations or agencies. Groups that are not qualified charities must be represented by an organization that is.

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A Foundation supplied cover sheet, along with a one page summary of the project and a plan for raising the matching funds must be submitted to the Foundation by August 17 at 4 p.m. The five organizations that put forward the most promising ideas will be selected to participate in a “match day” event to be held later this year in conjunction with National Philanthropy Day.

“We know similar campaigns have been extremely successful in other communities,” said Steve Borchers, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “We hope to create an opportunity for the selected organizations to raise significant additional dollars in support their programs, new initiatives, and/or operational support. Moreover, we hope to structure it in a way that will engage the community.”

The Foundation’s Impact Grant was initiated in 2001 as a larger award intended to foster collaboration among the County’s not-for-profit organizations and relate to the most pressing community concerns and interests. The first Impact Grant focused on literacy and youth development. Since then, the Foundation has supported a range of distinctive initiatives in support of basic human needs, the arts, and education.

Representatives of organizations interested in submitting a proposal are invited to attend an information meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20 in the Harriet Bard Room at Morrison-Reeves Library in Richmond. More information may also be obtained by contacting Andrea Stuckey at Andrea@waynecountyfoundation.org or by calling 765/962-1638.

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