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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING ONLINE GRANT  
APPLICATIONS FOR INITIATIVES THAT  
ENHANCE THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Wayne County Foundation has announced their Board of Directors has made over \$103,000 available for grants during the second competitive grant cycle of 2015 which is aimed at projects that embrace enhancement of the “Spirit of the Community”.

Pre-applications from local not-for-profit organizations will be accepted through the Foundation’s online application until **11:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015.**

Assistance in preparing applications is available from the Foundation office located at 33 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond. First-time applicants are encouraged to contact Lisa Bates at the Foundation office prior to submitting an application. Additional information is available by calling the Foundation office at 765-962-1638, e-mailing [lisa@waynecountyfoundation.org](mailto:lisa@waynecountyfoundation.org) or visiting the Foundation’s Website, [www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org).

All completed applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and other community volunteers. Successful applicants can expect grants to be approved and distributed by the end of September.

Last year, the Foundation awarded over \$1.5 million in grants, scholarships, and other distributions, including just over \$430,000 through its two grantmaking cycles and Challenge Match initiative. All of the Foundation’s community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds which were established by generous donors.