

February 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is again time for the grant application process for the Branson Area Community Grantmaking Fund (BACGF). As you know, the fund raising efforts of the BACGF have been directed toward establishing an unrestricted fund that will provide an income which will be reinvested in our community. Each year a portion of the income from the investment of these funds is given back to Western Taney County in the form of grants.

Grant proposals are accepted and studied by a grant selection committee. This year, grant recommendations will be made in May for distribution in June. Grant proposals will be accepted from 501(c) 3 groups, government entities, school and faith based organizations.

The Branson Area Community Foundation has a continuing interest in:

1. Projects that enhance the lives of the residents of Western Taney County
2. Projects which encourage collaboration between local organizations

While these are areas of strong interest to the BACGF, requests need not be limited to these interests.

Grant Procedure:

Grant application forms are on the Community Foundation of Taney County website: <http://www.cfotc.org>. Applicant will submit a complete grant application by 5:00 pm, Mon., May 15, 2017. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS** will be accepted.

Questions about the application process may be directed to Diana Bradford at 417-335-9332. **Please note:** In an effort to conserve resources, letters will no longer be sent. Beginning in 2016, those interested in applying must go to the above website to obtain grant information. Notices of grant availability will be announced in local media.

We believe in our future and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in the interest of Western Taney County,

Diana Bradford, Chair
Branson Area Community Grantmaking Fund