

## **Branson Area Community Grantmaking Fund**

### **2017 Grant Policies and Procedures**

The unique role of a community foundation is to conduct a flexible community grant-making program that addresses the needs of the community. The purpose of the funds is to improve the quality of life within Branson and Western Taney County. The flexibility required for grant-making is made possible by charitable donors who have given unrestricted funds to the Branson Area Community Grantmaking Fund (BACGF) and placed the decision making in the hands of the community leaders serving on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Taney County.

Grant proposals are accepted and studied by a grant selection committee and grant recommendations are made in May for distribution in June. Every year the BACGF will publicize the areas of interest to be considered at the beginning of the proposal acceptance period. In the year 2017 the areas are:

Education: technology, adult education, learning enhancement, etc.

Health and Human Service: senior citizen needs, child and youth needs

Civic/Community: environment, infrastructures, parks and recreation, town beautification and betterment, community involvement

The BACGF will accept for consideration proposals from any nonprofit organization, school or faith based organization in the greater Branson community (western Taney County), that addresses one of these areas. Any organization applying should indicate their not-for-profit status either by including a copy of a Federal 501(c)3 letter, proof of affiliation with a state or national not-for-profit organization or letter showing proof of formation of a faith-based organization. An organization without this documentation should provide their mission statement. Please contact Diana Bradford, BACGF chairperson, at 417-335-9332, for technical guidance.

The BACGF has a continuing interest in supporting institutions and projects which provide vital community services, however, the panel also has an interest in:

1. Projects that provide innovative solutions for existing and emerging community needs.
2. Projects which encourage collaboration between local organizations.
3. Projects that enhance the lives of the residents of the Western Taney County area.

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

## **Grant Policies**

Applicant will submit a complete grant application by Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. **No late applications will be accepted.**

Please complete the following procedures and send the original to:

**Community Foundation of Taney County**  
**ATTN: BACGF**  
P.O. Box 805  
Forsyth, MO 65653

*Note: The original may also be delivered to Diana Bradford at White River Valley Electric Cooperative located at 2449 State Hwy 76 E in Branson.*

## **Grant Procedures**

### **1. The application describing the project or needs that will be met with the grant from the CF of TC must include:**

- A. A cover page with the title of the project, organization name, signature of the president of the organization and date of approval by the organization's Board
  - B. A description of the project and its impact on the community. **NO MORE THAN TWO (2) TYPED PAGES.** See "Narrative outline" page in these instructions
  - C. A budget page (see budget page form)
  - D. A list of Board members of your organization, list of advisors, if applicable, and a contact person
  - E. A letter of agreement, if there are other organizations involved in the project.
  - F. Proof of not-for-profit status or mission statement of organization.
- 2) Please submit typed narrative and printed or typed forms.
  - 3) No attachments other than those listed will be accepted.
  - 4) Proposals must be postmarked by May 15, 2017, or dropped off by 4:30 pm on May 15, 2017, at White River Valley Electric Cooperative. Please state Attn: Diana Bradford, BACGF on the envelopes.
  - 5) Applications not following these instructions will not be considered.

**Application submission does not guarantee funding of the proposal.**