

PRESS RELEASE:

**Community Foundation
Seeking Applications for 2017 Competitive Grant Cycle**

Jennings County Community Foundation is pleased to announce their Fall Cycle of competitive unrestricted grants. This Fall Cycle is a part of the Foundation's regular competitive grants program. The Jennings County Community Foundation Board of Directors has approved up to \$10,000.00 for the purpose of supporting non-profit community projects. This competitive grant money is from interest on endowed funds that were earmarked by the Board to help meet community needs in Jennings County. This is the sixth consecutive year the foundation has offered the Fall Competitive Grant Program. Community organizations are encouraged to develop a fundable project for consideration. The grants can be used to help fund creative and innovative ideas and projects that enhance life in Jennings County.

JCCF makes grants to non-profit organizations that have a need for a "helping hand" on a community project. The Foundation is most interested in grants in the area of the Foundation's mission which include the fields of community service, social service, education, health, environment and the arts. The Community Foundation favors grant requests that:

- *improve the quality of life in Jennings County
- *reach a broad segment of the community, especially those citizens whose needs are not being met by existing services that are normally expected to be provided by private rather than government sources
- *seek seed money to realize innovative opportunities to meet needs in the community
- *stimulate and encourage additional funding
- *promote cooperation, avoid duplication of effort and are supported by some amount of matching funds
- *help make a charitable organization more effective and efficient and better able to be self-sustaining
- *meet "one time" projects or non-profit needs rather than re-occurring costs or expenses.

JCCF does not typically provide unrestricted competitive grants for political activities, national organizations (unless the monies are used in Jennings County), religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion, grants to individuals, fund-raising projects, ongoing operational expenses, or contributions to endowments.

All grants will be awarded in accordance with current regulations issued pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

To be eligible for consideration for a grant, organizations must either pick up a grant packet and application at the Community Foundation Office at 111 North State Street, North Vernon, OR download the information packet and application from the Jennings County Community Foundation Website. The application will be available on the website and at the Office beginning on August 28th. **Applications are due at the Foundation Office by September 22nd**. Please bring the applications to the Foundation office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For additional information or if there are questions, contact Barb Shaw, Executive Director, Jennings County Community Foundation at 812-346-5553 or by email at jccf@jenningsfoundation.net.