

Grant County Foundation Topics

Have you noticed that people tend to give to the things they care about? Whether it is time, energy, talent or money, most people donate where their interests lie. The beauty of the community foundation's flexible structure is that it provides a way for people to support those causes they care about most. In response to questions about the fund options we have in the Grant County Community Foundation, I like to reply in a series of articles about the various funds we now have and how new funds are started.

Q. I don't see a fund listed that targets my area of interest. How can I start a new fund in the Grant County Community Foundation?

A. Many of our current funds were started by the Board of Directors as they identified needs or interests in the community. Recently, however, some forward thinking folks have seen how a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation could grow over time and supplement or provide funding for a program or project. Particularly as we see our local resources dwindle, there is increasing concern about what the future holds. An excellent example of this is our newest fund, an Agency Fund for:

Grant County Health Department

The Grant County Commissioners established an endowment fund in the Grant County Community Foundation to benefit the Grant County Health Department and plan for its future needs. The fund will grow as a result of gifts, memorials, and inheritances from those dedicated to preserving the community health needs in Grant County. Major benefits from the fund will not be experienced in the immediate future, but generations to come will have access to quality public health care, prevention and protection, through the generosity of present and future contributors.

Giving to the fund is a great way to honor a special person, living or deceased. There is no minimum or maximum amount required to participate and contributions are tax deductible. Businesses, organizations, friends and community members are encouraged to support Grant County Health Department in this manner. Contributions can be sent to

Grant County Community Foundation
P. O. Box 1001
Ulysses, Kansas 67880

Kristy Frazee, Administrator of the Grant County Health Department commented, "I am amazed what a simple process it is to start a fund in the community foundation. A contact with a GCCF board member started the ball rolling. They met with me several times as well as the Grant County Commissioners. The foundation provided the documents for the commissioners and participated in seeing they were approved by both the Grant County Attorney and the Grant

County Auditor. I am thrilled to have this new fund for the Grant County Health Department! I'd be happy to visit with others about it."

There is no limit to the number of funds a community foundation can have. If you would like to start a fund in the Grant County Community Foundation, please contact me at:

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