

MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM GOALS & AREAS OF INTEREST

The Lawton Community Foundation was started in 1999 to improve the quality of life in the Lawton area. A grant program was adopted by the Trustees to support endowment funds in the Lawton area. Matching grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations which have charitable organization endowment funds with the Lawton Community Foundation or would like to start a charitable organization endowment fund with the Lawton Community Foundation.

PROGRAM CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

The grant program will be limited to organizations in the Lawton area providing programs primarily for the citizens of the Lawton area. All requesting organizations must be Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) organizations which are public charities or which are subsidiaries of state or local governments. No grants can be made to private foundations or economic development organizations. All requesting organizations may only submit one application for each deadline.

The attached application form should be completed with the additional information requested. Please type if possible. The questions on the application form provide important information about the project. Please answer each question completely.

Two (2) copies of the application and information about the grant request should be submitted to the Lawton Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6033, Lawton, OK 73506. Please submit only one copy of institutional information, including the financial statements, IRS determination letter, the list of board members and other pertinent information. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2012. Faxed applications are not accepted. Grant decisions will generally be made within eight to ten weeks of the deadline. All applicants who submit a request in accordance with the process will receive notification of the decision of the Trustees regarding the grant request.

Letters of support are not needed and contacts outside the grant process are not encouraged.

Please contact Mr. Gene Love at 580-695-9943, if you have any questions or need any additional information.

COMMUNITY GRANTS APPLICATION

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Website: _____

1. Briefly describe the organization and its purpose in the community. Attach a copy of the organization's mission statement and its strategic or long-range plan, if available:

2. Describe the governance of the organization and how the governing board is selected. Attach a listing of the current officers and directors of the organization.

3. Attach a current financial statement and organizational budget for the current year. Attach the most recent year-end audited financial statement available.

4. Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers
 - a. What percentage of your current board of directors has contributed financially during the last fiscal year? _____
 - b. What is the aggregate amount of contributions made by the board of directors during the last fiscal year? _____
 - c. Number of full-time staff: _____
 - d. Number of part-time staff: _____
 - e. Average number of active volunteers: _____

