

# RURAL OKLAHOMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*An Affiliated Fund of the Oklahoma City Community Foundation*  
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## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

- The Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation was started in 1995 to improve the quality of life in designated rural communities in southern Oklahoma. A grant program was adopted to support programs and projects in these designated communities that will improve the quality of life and provide opportunities for citizens to improve themselves and their communities. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations or entities of state and local government for appropriate projects that have the following characteristics:
- The project should be new or a significant expansion of a current effort which will provide positive additional impact to the community.
- The project should benefit a broad range of individuals in the community and not be limited to a small group.
- The project should have matching support from other resources in the community.
- The project should be centered in one of the following communities:  
Coalgate, Caddo, Clayton, Mountain View, Apache or Altus, Oklahoma

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Special interest will be shown to proposals in the following areas:

1. Education, especially arts and humanities programs which directly involve students.
2. Community appearance and beautification of public and nonprofit owned property.
3. Economic development activities related to community development that is consistent with the charitable and educational purposes of the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation.
4. Community arts and humanities projects, including libraries.

Lower priority will be given to requests for athletic equipment, facilities or uniforms, travel and trips, purchase of equipment unless it is related to a broader program that meets the grant criteria.

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested individuals should identify an appropriate nonprofit organization or local government agency to sponsor the project. The nonprofit organization should be an Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) public charity with a board of directors and appropriate administrative functions.

The project should meet the guidelines described in the opening paragraph and should fall into at least one area of interest listed above. There should be goals, specific activities, a budget including income and

expenses, and expected outcomes. The Board of Directors of the sponsoring organization should approve the project.

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.

Five (5) copies of the application and additional information should be submitted to the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146. **Deadlines for applications will be February 15, 2010, June 15, 2010 and October 15, 2010.** Faxed applications are not accepted. Grant decisions will generally be made within six 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.

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation administers this grant program for the Trustees of the Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation. Please contact Mary Surbeck at [m.surbeck@occf.org](mailto:m.surbeck@occf.org), if you have any questions or need any additional information.

# Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation Community Grants Application

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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. Attach a copy of the organization's Determination Letter from the Internal Revenue Service.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. 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.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Attach a current financial statement and organizational budget for the current year. Attach the most recent year-end audited financial statement available.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Based on the information in question 4, please provide the following for the current year:  
Total organizational budget: \_\_\_\_\_  
Income Sources: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contributions, dues, memberships: \_\_\_\_\_  
Endowment fund income: \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-governmental grants: \_\_\_\_\_  
Government contracts and grants: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earned income from programs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Earned income from sales, rentals: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other income, specify: \_\_\_\_\_
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Briefly describe the basic need or opportunity the proposal addresses.

