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Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation accepting grant funds applications

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The Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation is accepting applications for grant funds.

The foundation offers the grant program as part of an effort to fulfill its primary mission — to improve the quality of life in Ellsworth County and its communities.

The foundation will consider applications from non-profit organizations, individuals and groups of individuals.

Grants are available to projects that fall within the Ellsworth County area.

For-profit organizations will not be considered as grant recipients, and applications will not be accepted outside of the grant cycle.

Applications are available online at www.smokyhillscf.org or from

Foundation Applications

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Application forms are available at www.smokyhillscf.org or from board members.

Information: Patrick Hoffman, chairman, (785) 472-3186.

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This will be the eighth year that the foundation has awarded grant funding, with grants totaling more than \$35,000 back to the community.

In 2009, the foundation awarded grants to Sunflower Civic Club,

Ellsworth County Cancer Fund, Ellsworth County Historical Society and Circle Up Youth Ranch.

Founding donors of the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grant, Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. Hunter, Doc & Lu Jarus, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kozisek, Jon & Patricia Mollhagen, Citizens

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For more information, call Patrick Hoffman, chairman, (785) 472-3186 or any of the following board members: Alice Peterka, Par Bender, Amy Branda, Marvin Bush, Vern Schepmann, Kimberly Svaty or Lloyd Sprick.

The Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation is a collection of funds designed to link donors with charitable causes. It is a public charity serving Ellsworth County. The Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation accepts contributions of any size. Contributions may be sent to the foundation at P.O. Box 265, Ellsworth, Kan. 67439.