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Nearly \$290,000 Available for Competitive Grants in 2018

Approximately \$140,000 for Community Grants

Approximately \$150,000 from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, MO. (February 8, 2018) – Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) invites nonprofit organizations located in or serving citizens of Eastern Jackson County to submit proposals for funding during its 2018 grants cycle. Approximately \$140,000 is available through the Community Grants program, and approximately \$150,000 is available from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education. Grants will be awarded at THCF's annual Grants Luncheon in November.

Applications for Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education are due Thursday, March 15, 2018. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions for the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education during early July.

Community Grants applications are due Monday, April 2, 2018. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions for the Community Grants program during early October.

THCF will host a **Grant Application Workshop on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM** at Midwest Public Risk, 19400 E. Valley View Pkwy, Independence, MO 64055. Please RSVP to Rachael Cassidy Watkins, Director of Programs and Donor Services, at watkins@thcf.org or 816.912.4185 if you are able to attend.

Applicants may apply to both the Community Grants program and the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children's Education, but not for the same program. Complete guidelines for each program and online applications can be found at <http://www.thcf.org/Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants>.

Community Grants Guidelines:

Applications to the Community Grants program must address one or more of the following issues:

- Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation;
- Community Betterment (improving neighborhoods, youth development and leadership, programs for seniors, transportation, violence prevention, etc.)
- Education;
- Health and Human Services.

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Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education Guidelines:

Applications to the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education must be visionary, big-idea projects demonstrating strong educational programming. Applications must provide evidence of collaboration with other organizations and demonstrate one or more of the following components:

- New and innovative approaches to education;
- Educational programming focused on assisting at-risk children and youth to succeed.

In 2017, THCF awarded 57 competitive grants totaling more than \$261,000 to 53 nonprofit organizations. Additional support from THCF’s generous family of fund holders and partner organizations totaled more than \$59,000 for an overall impact of more than \$319,000 in grant support to the community. A full list of grant recipients can be found at <http://www.thcf.org/Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants-Recipients-2017>.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) is a public charity committed to improving area communities by promoting and serving private giving for the public good. Founded in 1982, THCF serves the region with assets of more than \$45 million and annual grants surpassing \$3 million. THCF serves individuals who, through their private giving, wish to support the public good and helps them do it in the most tax-wise and effective manner. Through the Community Foundation, donors can set up their own family foundations, scholarship funds, field of interest funds, endowment funds, charitable gift annuities and many other charitable vehicles, which utilize shared resources of the Foundation to maximize the impact of their philanthropic dollars. In addition to donor services, the Community Foundation provides asset development for nonprofit organizations, awards grants to nonprofits, assists organizations in planned giving and serves as a leader in addressing community issues. For more information on charitable giving, visit www.thcf.org or call THCF at 816.836.8189.