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## **GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2018 COMPETITIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation works meticulously year-round to ensure its grant processes are efficient and effective. With continual development and new funding opportunities also comes required innovation for competitive grants management. New for 2018, each individual competitive grant fund and funding category will have only one application cycle per calendar year. Detailed grant criteria, the amount of available annual funding, and exclusive application cycles are available in the GBCF's comprehensive grant database on its website.

Separate application cycles for individual competitive grant funds ensures a potential grantee can evaluate all of their options at one time, making better funding decisions. This also allows the grants committee to look at community needs more strategically and see if there are situations that can be addressed regionally. Some competitive grant fund cycles run separately while other are grouped together because of a common goal. Competitive grant funding categories include: health, youth, and community improvements. Other growing community foundations run similar processes for grant opportunities, thus making it easier to meet precise funding goals. As new donors and funding opportunities arise they will be added to the database; potential grantees are encouraged to check back regularly.

Golden Belt Community Foundation funds a variety of projects including arts, community development, education, environment, health, recreation, and much more. If you have an idea or a project in development, GBCF wants to partner with you. Applications are accepted from qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and public institutions, including schools, government entities, and clubs and civic/community organizations in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties. Grant applications must be completed online at [www.goldenbeltcf.org/grants](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org/grants). For questions about grants, please call Sue Cooper at 620-792-3000 or email [sue@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:sue@goldenbeltcf.org).

### **Golden Belt Community Foundation**

At \$22.6 million in total assets and more than 180 funds under management, Golden Belt Community Foundation has been connecting people who care to causes that matter since 1996. Golden Belt Community Foundation exists to provide non-profit organizations in central Kansas with a permanent source of support and to serve as a vehicle for charitable giving for

donors. GBCF serves the counties of Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford. For more information about Golden Belt Community Foundation, call (620) 792-3000 or visit their website at [www.goldenbeltcf.org](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org).

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