Limestone Bluffs Identified Grant
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Community Engagement Assignment: Identified Grants

Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness (“NOE”) II

1. **Community Foundations** that serve Limestone Bluffs RC & D:

   a.) Community Foundation of Cedar County
   
   **Website:** [www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/community-foundation-of-cedar-county.aspx](http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/community-foundation-of-cedar-county.aspx)
   
   **Types of Grants Offered:** The Foundation provides grants for a broad range of community needs in Cedar County, Iowa, including arts and culture, education, health and human services, and historic preservation. Funds are not awarded for annual fundraising, organizational endowment funds, deficit funding, or sectarian causes. Applications may request up to $7,500.
   
   **Grant Due Date(s):** Grant applications are available on or before February 15 of each year.
   
   b.) Community Foundation of Jackson County
   
   **Website:** [www.dbqfoundation.org/community-foundation-jackson-county](http://www.dbqfoundation.org/community-foundation-jackson-county)
   
   **Types of Grants Offered:** The Foundation provides grants to any organization operating within Jackson County, Iowa. Funds are awarded to programs that involve community development, promoting diversity, education, the environment; health and human services; children, youth, families, and senior citizens; arts, culture, and historic preservation, and wellness projects that promote health and disease prevention. Funds are not awarded to sectarian causes, political organizations, capital campaigns, or operational expenses.
   
   **Grant Due Date(s):** Grant applications are available between October 1 and November 2 of each year. Awards are announced in the following January.
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<td><strong>c.) Dyersville Area Community Foundation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Types of Grants Offered:</strong></td>
<td>The Foundation provides grants for a wide variety of services, including community beautification, heritage trail rest areas, and outdoor furniture. Funds are not awarded for office supplies or salaries. Grants are available only to certified nonprofits that operate within the following towns in Delaware and Dubuque counties: Dyersville, Earlsville, Forley, New Vienna, Petersberg, and Worthington. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project budget.</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Due Date(s):</strong></td>
<td>Grant applications are available between June 1 and August 28 of each year. Grants are subsequently awarded in September.</td>
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<td><strong>d.) Foundation for the Future of Delaware County</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Types of Grants Offered:</strong></td>
<td>The Foundation provides grants for nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations within Delaware County, Iowa. Funds are awarded for the following causes: health and human services; education, neighborhoods and community development; the environment; children, youth, and families; and arts, culture, and historic preservation. Grants are not awarded to fund one-day events; sectarian causes; budget deficits or endowments; or equipment, unless it is essential for the program in question.</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Due Date(s):</strong></td>
<td>Grant applications for next year (2016) are available in December 2015. No deadlines have yet been established.</td>
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<td><strong>e.) Jones County Community Foundation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Types of Grants Offered:</strong></td>
<td>The Foundation provides grants for projects within Jones County, Iowa, aimed at improving the economic well-being or quality of life for residents; educational opportunities, community capital improvements; promoting tourism and recreation; and maintaining the Jones County heritage. Projects must have clear guidelines with realistic, measurable results. According to application guidelines, a minimum hard cash match of 25% of the total project budget is required. In-kind matches will not be considered.</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Due Date(s):</strong></td>
<td>Grant applications are available between September and October 15 of each year. Grants are then awarded in December.</td>
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f.) River Bluff Community Foundation

**Website:** [www.cfgrb.org/our-affiliate-foundations/rbcf.html](http://www.cfgrb.org/our-affiliate-foundations/rbcf.html)

**Types of Grants Offered:** The Foundation will provide grants to charitable organizations within Clinton County, Iowa. Funds will be awarded for the following causes: arts and culture; health and human services; community benefit and historical preservation.

**Grant Due Date(s):** None specified.

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2. **Recommendations of grant/funding resources for Limestone Bluffs RC & D:**

a.) Community Foundation of Cedar County

**Website:** [www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/community-foundation-of-cedar-county.aspx](http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/community-foundation-of-cedar-county.aspx)

**Grants Offered:** Community Foundation of Cedar County Grant Program

**Grant (s) Due Dates:** Grant applications are available on or before February 15 of each year.

**Briefly explain why this grant “fits” the needs of your assigned RC & D:** Of all the foundations within the Limestone Bluffs area, the CFCC has the most comprehensive grant program, providing clear application guidelines on their website as well as setting a clear limit on the amount of funds for any given project. Grants would be particularly helpful for community bridge-building and advocacy activities outlined in the RC&D funding request form.

b.) Health Resources and Services Administration


**Grants Offered:** Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

**Grant (s) Due Dates:** Grant applications are due on January 8, 2016. Electronic submissions are available on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Briefly explain why this grant “fits” the needs of your assigned RC & D:** This grant offers assistance with helping establish healthcare networks for people in rural communities. One of the items listed on Limestone Bluffs RC&D funding request form was to gain funding to help with mental health experts to address rural mental health issues.
c.) Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

Website: [http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/funding/projectgrants.shtml](http://www.iowaartscouncil.org/funding/projectgrants.shtml)

**Grants Offered:** Project Grants

**Grant (s) Due Dates:** November 2, 2015. Funding period takes place between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016

**Briefly explain why this grant “fits” the needs of your assigned RC & D:** “Project Grants create opportunities for the arts to flourish in Iowa by investing in projects that positively impact the vitality of the arts in the state, demonstrate public value, and support Iowa Arts Council funding priorities. Funding for Project Grants is made possible by an annual appropriation from the Iowa Legislature to the Arts Division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (Iowa Arts Council) and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency” (quoted directly from the website). Items listed on Limestone Bluffs RC&D funding request form included bridge building activities across the region and ways to open up the communities to new ideas and appreciation for diversity.

d.) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Website: [http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ia](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ia)

**Grants Offered:** USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

**Grant(s) Due Dates:** None specified

**Briefly explain why this grant ‘fits’ the needs of your assigned RC & D:** Despite rigorous application requirements, this particular grant resource provides funding for nonprofits in rural communities interested in establishing or improving community support centers, educational services, and local food systems; all of which could benefit the Limestone Bluffs area in terms of community capacity building and child/youth services, as outlined in their funding request form.