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## **Approximately \$281,000 in Community Grants Available in 2015 \$191,000 in Community Grants \$90k from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment**

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, MO. (February 25, 2015) – Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) welcomes nonprofit organizations located in or serving citizens of Eastern Jackson County to request funding for 2015. Approximately \$191,000 is available through the annual Community Grants Process with an additional \$90,000 from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education Fund.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation works in partnership with nonprofits that share our passion and vision of improving area communities. THCF’s community grants are considered investments in our community and proposals should reflect the most positive impact on the community to our grants committee which consists of representatives from THCF’s Board of Directors and Advisory Boards.

In 2014, through the Community Grants Program, THCF issued grants totaling more than \$256,000 to 54 nonprofit organizations. These organizations include Drumm Farm Center for Children in Independence, Blue Springs Downtown Alive!, Lee's Summit United Methodist Church, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City. An entire list of grant recipients can be found at <http://www.thcf.org/grants-scholarships/grant-recipients/>.

Grant seekers must submit an initial letter of interest by **Thursday, April 2**. Finalists for all grant programs will be invited to submit a full proposal due the fourth Thursday in May.

Applicants may apply in both the Community Grants Program and the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education, but not for the same program. Complete application guidelines can be downloaded and letters submitted online at [www.thcf.org](http://www.thcf.org).

**Community Grants Program Guidelines:**

Programs considered for funding must address one or more of the following issues which are not listed in order of importance.

- Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods
- Education
- Fostering a Sense of Community Spirit
- Health Needs for the Community
- Leadership Development for Youth and Adults
- Programs for Seniors
- Positive Youth Development
- Transportation
- Violence Prevention

**Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education Guidelines:**

Proposals considered for funding must address one or more of the following issues which are not listed in order of importance.

- New and innovative ideas focused on assisting at-risk children and youth to succeed. Advancement of promising and collaborative support programs.
- Leverage of additional funding and resources to maximize the grant’s impact across the region.
- Organizations and partnerships emphasizing early childhood education, family literacy, educational advocacy, innovative educational practices, policy reform, whole child development including the arts, healthy living, and lifelong learning.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a public charity committed to “improving area communities by promoting private giving for the public good.” Founded in 1982, THCF continues to serve the region with assets reaching \$35 million and annual grants surpassing \$3.5 million. THCF provides a wide range of services to donors and grant seekers alike. For more information on charitable giving, visit [www.thcf.org](http://www.thcf.org) or call 816.836.8189.

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