

The mission of the Lodi Community Foundation is to advocate and facilitate charitable giving to create lasting legacies that build a stronger Lodi community.

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January 1, 2015

To: Lodi Area Non-Profit Organizations

From: John Ledbetter, Chair
Lodi Community Foundation

Re: Request for Proposals

The Lodi Community Foundation (LCF) is committed to encourage and increase philanthropy in the Lodi area. One way to encourage the growth of philanthropy is to assist local non-profit organization to develop endowment programs. It is the foundation's belief that such endowment programs, when consistently marketed to the constituents of non-profit organizations, can grow in size and ultimately provide an organization with a predictable revenue stream.

The LCF intends to award two \$2500 matching grants to local non-profit organizations to develop and start their own endowment programs. Again, the LCF awards are designed to foster the start of new endowment funds, not necessarily endowment funds already in existence. Once a recipient organization demonstrates it has raised \$2500 specifically for its new endowment program, the LCF will match and award the \$2500. Recipient organizations will have eighteen (18) months to secure their initial \$2500.

Following is more information about the proposal process.

1. Organizations are qualified to apply if their services primarily serve residents in the Lodi area, including Woodbridge, Acampo, Lockeford and Clements. Organizations that are currently affiliated and have endowment funds with the Lodi Community Foundation are not eligible.
2. Applicants must be current 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organizations.
3. Enclosed is a document that describes the documentation required for submission to the Lodi Community Foundation.
4. A sub-committee of the Board of Directors of the Lodi Community Foundation will manage the review process and make the final recommendations to the Board of Directors. No members of that review team will have an affiliation with any of the applicants.
5. Enclosed is a time-line for the proposal process.

In order to apply, please submit six (6) copies of the following: 1) Letter of Intent (one page), and 2) required documentation (see attachment). If you have questions, please email lodicy@gmail.com.