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## Foundation announces community grants

The Russell County Area Community Foundation announced grant applications are being accepted now through Oct. 15 for the Fund for the Better Russell County Area. Applicants from qualified non-profit organizations, individuals and groups of individuals will be considered.

Organizations receiving grants last year were: Gorham Community Development Association, Lucas Area Community Theater, Post Rock Family Services, USD 407, Russell County Community Partnership, Russell County Food Pantry, Russell Sunrise Kiwanis, Safe Night After Prom, Summer Kids Intervention Program, and Smoky Hills Public Television.

"This year, about

\$10,000 in total grants are available through the Fund for a Better Russell County Area. Funding for these grants comes from the generosity of donors who contribute to the Foundation's unrestricted grant fund," said Angela Muller, executive director of the Foundation. Donations to this fund receive a 50 percent match through the GROW endowment challenge sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation.

Grant applications are available at the Community Foundation offices at 507 N. Main Street, Russell. For more information, call 445-3611.

The Russell County Area Community Foundation was established in 2001 to create a permanent source of philanthropy to address cur-

rent and future community needs through grant making and partnerships. Over the years, the Community Foundation and its generous donors have directed more than \$800,000 to meaningful causes and issues – from the arts and childhood education to historical preservation and hunger relief. The Foundation is the largest provider of grants and scholarships in Russell County.