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**Hardin County Celebrates 20th Anniversary of County Endowment Fund Program**

**THANK YOU, Iowa Legislature!**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the County Endowment Fund Program, and the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, a milestone that celebrates two decades of supporting community development and enrichment projects across Iowa, including right here in Hardin County.

The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation is proud to be part of this legacy since its inception, providing critical funding to local organizations and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents.

As the program reaches this exciting anniversary, the foundation reminds local nonprofits and community groups of the upcoming application and grant award deadlines.

**Important Dates to Remember**

* **Application Deadline:** February 14, 2025
* **Grant Awards Night:** April 3, 2025 (Attendance required to receive awards/checks; time and location to be announced).

**Available Funding Opportunities**
Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the funds available and specify which grants they intend to apply for:

* **The Schiller Fund:** Open to projects within the Iowa Falls/Alden school district, including the communities of Iowa Falls, Alden, Owasa, and Buckeye.
* **Wilma Marie Meyer Fund:** Restricted to Iowa Falls, Alden, and Ackley projects.
* **County Endowment Fund Program:** Available for initiatives serving all of Hardin County.
* **Hardin County Arts & Culture Fund:** Focused on supporting arts and culture projects throughout Hardin County, with preference given to live entertainment.

**How to Apply**
Visit the application page at [endowhardincoiowa.org/2025-grant-application/](https://endowhardincoiowa.org/2025-grant-application/) to submit your grant proposal.

**Questions?**
Contact Tam Elerding:

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The Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation is grateful for the continued support of the Iowa Legislature in making this funding possible. Since its inception, the County Endowment Fund Program has empowered countless organizations to turn their visions into reality, strengthening our communities for future generations.

For more information or assistance, reach out today. Together, we can continue to make a difference in Hardin County!