

# News Release

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## **Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation Offers Workshop for Grant Applicants**

Louisville, KY (March 2, 2009) – The Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation will host two grant-writing workshops on Thursday March 12, 2009 for all individuals and organizations interested in learning how to apply for a grant from the Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation.

At these workshops, Foundation Program Officer, Lindsey Ransdell, will discuss the Foundation's goals for its 2009 grantmaking, how to complete the application, what the Board of Directors will be looking for when it selects the organizations to receive grants, as well as answering any questions from the group.

The first workshop will be from 9:30 until 10:30 at the Career Advancement Center on Cleaton Road in Powderly. The second workshop will be later that afternoon from 4:00 until 5:00 in the Library at Muhlenberg South Elementary School on US Highway 431 South in Beechmont.

A total of \$500,000 will be available in this open grants application period to achieve Mr. Martin's vision of serving the educational, civic and cultural needs of the Muhlenberg County. Grant applications must be received by or postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2009. The Foundation will evaluate all applications and announce grant recipients in June. All approved applications will directly benefit Muhlenberg County.

To learn more or complete an application, visit [www.FelixMartinFoundation.org](http://www.FelixMartinFoundation.org) or call the Foundation's Program Officer, Lindsey Ransdell, at (270) 977-9194.

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*About the Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation*

The Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation was established with a \$50 million gift from the Felix E. Martin, Jr. Trust in 2007. The Foundation is structured as a supporting organization of The Community Foundation of Louisville. Guided by its own board of directors, the Foundation's role is to carry out the wishes of the late Felix E. Martin, Jr., to address the educational, civic and cultural needs of Muhlenberg County residents.

The distribution of grants made possible by Mr. Martin's will be part of a multiple-stage process that began in 2008 with the most in-depth needs assessment study ever undertaken in Muhlenberg County. More than 1,000 residents were interviewed about what mattered most to them and how best to address these issues. Residents identified four areas of need: (1) Economic development; (2) Youth Services; (3) Substance Abuse Services and (4) Health and Human Services. The two areas that stood out as the greatest priorities were economic development and youth services.

First, a total of \$500,000 will be available in the initial open grants application period to achieve Mr. Martin's vision of serving the educational, civic and cultural needs of the community. Grants will be made at the level of \$50,000 or less and applications are available for submission any time up until Wednesday April 1. To learn more or complete an application, visit [www.FelixMartinFoundation.org](http://www.FelixMartinFoundation.org). The Foundation will evaluate all applications, select those that will receive an award and announce grant recipients in June. All approved applications will directly benefit Muhlenberg County.

Once this first part of the process is well under way, more collaborative work will be required to set priorities and figure out the best way to achieve the goals. Since the needs assessment study showed that economic development and youth services were the two greatest needs, a Task Force has been assembled to explore these two areas and make recommendations to the Board. Approximately \$1 million to be allocated to collaborative projects in these two areas during the next year.

**For more details about the Foundation,  
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