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## **Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation moves year-round applications for Community Grant Awards**

Louisville, KY (September 2, 2011) – The Board of Directors of the Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation has redesigned its annual community grants program. Beginning this year, the Foundation will now accept Community Grant requests throughout the year – there will no longer be an annual deadline. In order to be more responsive and supportive of the community, the Foundation’s Board plans to make funding decisions for these project requests on a quarterly basis.

From now through the end of June 2012, the Board hopes to commit \$250,000 to organizations in Muhlenberg County through its Community Grants Program. This funding will be available for both new one-time projects and renewed funding of ongoing projects.

Grants will be awarded to support civic, educational or cultural projects in Muhlenberg County, with preference to those that relate to Economic Development, Youth Services, Substance Abuse Services, and Health/Human Services. Furthermore, all proposals must directly serve and benefit Muhlenberg County.

Grants are made only to not-for-profit organizations for the benefit of the residents of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Applicants must be either: 1) recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 charitable organization; 2) a church; 3) a school; or 4) a unit of government serving Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

If an organization is interested in applying for a grant, they should first review the funding guidelines that can be found in the Foundation’s Community Grant Application. Applications can be downloaded from the “Applying for a Grant” page on the Foundation’s website, [www.felixmartinfoundation.org/grantsApplication.aspx](http://www.felixmartinfoundation.org/grantsApplication.aspx). Alternatively, you can call the



Foundation at (270) 977-9194 (a local call from Muhlenberg County) and an application will be mailed to you.

If an organization feels its proposal meets the criteria for consideration, the organization may complete the Grant Application and submit it for Foundation staff to review. If necessary, the organization will be invited to provide more detailed information and schedule an on-site interview.

Organizations should recognize that although a project may appear to meet all of the criteria required for approval, the Board of Directors must select among numerous applications that meet the program focus and specific initiatives of the Foundation. Unfortunately, many applications cannot be approved.

If an organization would like to discuss a potential application or have questions about the Foundation in general, please contact the Foundation's Program Officer, Lindsey Ransdell, at (270) 977-9194 or e-mail her at [LindseyR@FelixMartinFoundation.org](mailto:LindseyR@FelixMartinFoundation.org).

More information on the Foundation's grantmaking, including a complete list of past Community Grant recipients as well as the current community grant application, can be found on the Grants section of the Foundation's website at [www.FelixMartinFoundation.org](http://www.FelixMartinFoundation.org).

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