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Spring Grant Applications Now Open at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

January 5, 2022 – The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) announces spring grants are now open. This includes Community Arts, The Arts Mean Business, and Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare grants. The Community Arts and Animal Welfare grants allow organizations to apply for up to \$5,000. For 2022, The Arts Mean Business grant award has increased from \$2,500 to \$25,000. Grants will be made to organizations with programs serving individuals within a 50-mile radius surrounding the city of Peoria, IL, excluding Knox and McLean County.

Community Arts Grants are open to organizations that offer art programs to enhance its mission. Art programs must fall into one of these six categories:

- *Arts Education*- Supported by: Taylor & Corinne French Fine Arts Fund; George A. Fulton Charitable Fund; Anneliese Sinn Arts Fund; Fine Arts Society Creativity Fund
- *Performing Arts*- Supported by: Alvin & Donna Haerr Family Performing Arts Fund; Thomas & Lynn Landes Performing Arts Fund; Russell & Eleanor Peters Performing Arts Fund
- *Musical and Cultural Activities*- Supported by: Mildred L. Arends Musical & Cultural Activities Fund
- *Sculpture/Visual Fine Arts for Display*- Supported by: Eugene & Harriett Swager Public Art Fund; Anneliese Sinn Arts Fund
- *Riverfront Enhancement*- Supported by: Heartland Riverfront Foundation Fund
- *Art Therapy Initiatives*- Supported by: Anneliese Sinn Arts Fund

The Arts Mean Business Fund was established to support the generation of economic growth in the Peoria region through arts tourism, increased successful arts businesses, greater community participation in the arts, and financial support of the arts from local governments and economic development councils. With the substantial increase of up to \$25,000, this is an opportunity for organizations to think big, collaborate with other entities, or even discover the next new and innovative idea in the community that wouldn't otherwise be done without this grant.

Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Fund grant is open to organizations focusing on the care and adoption of homeless cats and dogs, for the neutering of both homeless and other such pets, and for the fostering of research and education revolving around adoption and neutering. Preference is given to such organizations within the Tri-County Area. This grant is made possible by the Jean M. Ligon Fund.

Applications and grant guidelines can be found at communityfoundationci.org/grant-opportunities. All applications are due Wednesday, March 2, 2022. For more information, please call (309) 674-8730.

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