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CHEYENNE COUNTY, Kan.— Applications will be accepted for the Cheyenne County Impact Fund and the St. Francis New Generation Fund from the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation (CCKCF) from August 1-31, 2020.

Currently, in 2020, the Cheyenne County Impact Fund (CCIF) has \$13,192.51 available to distribute as grants to any eligible charitable organization that improves life for the citizens of Cheyenne County. Likewise, the St. Francis New Generation Fund (SFNGF) has \$26,734.34 available to distribute as grants to any eligible charitable organization that improves life for St. Francis.

“It is exciting to continue seeing the grants we can give grow every year!” said Carla Lampe, CCKCF Chair. “These grants are a direct result of the generous donations made from community members, businesses, alumni, and former residents who still consider Cheyenne County home. Every dollar donated to either of these endowment funds increases the amount of grants that can be awarded to the community forever.”

Endowment funds are permanent assets established through charitable gifts in which only a portion of the income from the original gifts may be used for charitable purposes as grants. This allows the funds to continue to increase in value over time and last forever.

“In December, when we hold our Match Month and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation matches up to \$50,000 from local donations, that fundraising initiative is what grows the Cheyenne County Impact Fund,” stated Tom Keller, CCKCF Secretary. “Gifts can be made at anytime to any of the funds through giving cash, grain, investment income, memorials, or estate gifts. A donor can even work with us to establish a new fund through planned giving.”

To qualify for the SFNGF, applicants must serve the geographic area of St. Francis, Kansas. The CCIF grants are to help benefit Cheyenne County as a whole, as well as the communities and school districts within. Grants are made to nonprofit organizations exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Educational, Governmental, and Religious Institutions. Grants are not made to individuals or businesses.

All charitable and public support organizations within Cheyenne County are encouraged to apply. For more information or to have questions answered, contact GNWKCF at 785-734-2406 or by email at info@gnwkcf.org. To apply, please visit <https://www.gnwkcf.org/cckcf-impact> for the CCIF, and <https://www.gnwkcf.org/cckcf-newgen> for the SFNGF.

CCKCF joined Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation as an Affiliate in December 2017. It was formerly the St. Francis Community Foundation formed in 2007. The Foundation serves as a ‘savings account’ for the good of Cheyenne County; “building the foundation of tomorrow” through financial gifts today. The

Foundation provides an avenue for donors to give to for projects, county-wide or community specific needs, and personalized giving that best suits the donor's wishes.