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Jeff and Deb Hansen, owners of Iowa Select Farms, are pleased to announce a \$100,000 matching grant program for the community of Riceville, Iowa. The donation was made to Riceville Area Development (RAD), a 501c3, for the purpose of establishing a fund that would be used to provide grants to organizations in the community of Riceville and greater Mitchell and Howard county area.

GRANT CRITERIA

Organizations applying must be located in the Iowa counties of Mitchell and Howard—with preference given to communities near our farms. Funds must benefit the immediate area and go towards nonprofit organizations with programs that serve the greater community. Eligible organizations include:

- An organization holding a current tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code
- A recognized government entity: state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, that are requesting funds exclusively for public purposes
- A K-12 public or private school
- A church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large

IOWA SELECT FARMS AND JEFF AND DEB HANSEN HAVE IDENTIFIED THESE CORE AREAS OF GIVING:

- Local, school-based K-12 educational programs and initiatives, including 4H, FFA
- Conservation, recreation and environmental stewardship initiatives
- Emergency services, fire departments and law enforcement projects
- Community betterment projects that increase the quality of life for residents

Primary consideration for the CommunityCare effort is to support local organizations with programs that align with the above areas of giving. However, programs that do not align with these areas but are geared towards strengthening the community will also be considered.



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AVAILABLE FUNDING

Similar to other grant programs, the goal is that this funding opportunity will leverage other funding. While we encourage other funding—a local match is not required for applications \$1,000 and below. For requests of more than \$1,000, we ask applicants to target 50% in matching/leveraged funds with a maximum grant award of \$20,000. Projects without available matching funds will also be considered. The CommunityCare grant will be available to organizations until all funds are disbursed.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed and funding determined by a three-person committee comprised of local leadership and a representative of Iowa Select Farms. This committee will submit their recommendations for funding to the RAD Board of Directors for disbursement of funds. Applications can be submitted at any time. The committee will consider the following:

- Benefit to residents of the target grant area
- Number of residents who will be affected by project
- Completeness of application
- Identification of needs and how funds will address needs
- Leveraged funding sources

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS

- Athletic sponsorships (teams/events)
- Fundraising events (walks, races, tournaments, dinners etc.)
- Nationally-sponsored organizations, i.e. American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, Children's Miracle Network and United Way
- Memberships
- Organizations or programs that do not benefit the community of Riceville or the greater Howard and Mitchell county area
- Political causes, candidates, organizations or campaigns
- Projects that send people to foreign countries or domestic travel
- Registration fees
- Request made solely to benefit one person or family
- Scholarships or endowments
- Ongoing projects and organization support, operating support, budget deficit, salaries and benefits or recurring funds

ONGOING SUPPORT

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation will continue to support the community of Riceville and the greater Mitchell and Howard county areas through the following on-going programs. CommunityCare donations or grants need not be used or shifted to fund these ongoing programs, however could be used to enhance these areas.

- **Hunger relief**—donations of pork loins to area food pantries, including Lyle, Minnesota; LeRoy, Minnesota; Cresco, Iowa; Osage, Iowa; Riceville, Iowa
- **Power Snack Program**—providing Power Snack packets for free shaved ham and whole wheat bread to 90 children in Howard County and 75 children in Mitchell County
- **Pork Care Package Program**—showing gratitude to Iowa servicemen and women who live in Howard and Mitchell county

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