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RICHLAND COUNTY NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM OPENS APPLICATIONS

Richland County, Ohio – The Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development today announced they are collaborating with Richland County to launch a nonprofit grant program to assist area nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. At the current time, there is \$500,000 to be distributed to eligible 501c3 nonprofits throughout Richland County. The application launched Friday, November 13th and will be open until 11:59pm on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020.

Eligible nonprofits must have 40 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees or less, have \$4,000,000 or less in operating revenues in 2019, and have been in operation prior to February 28, 2020. The maximum grant amounts are \$7,500 for nonprofits with 2019 operating revenues between \$100,000 and \$4,000,000 and \$2,500 for nonprofits with 2019 operating revenues of less than \$100,000.

Additionally, nonprofits must apply to one of two funds that have been set up to distribute the money. The Nonprofit Relief Grant Fund will be open to nonprofits that work in an area of important or basic needs: food/clothing, shelter, health, safety care/safety net, workforce development, and entrepreneurship. The Arts, Culture, and Attractions Grant Fund will be open to nonprofits that work in the area of arts and culture or are considered a local attraction. Full definitions of each Fund, other eligibility requirements, and a full outline of the Grant Guidelines can be found on the Chamber's website at www.richlandareachamber.com.

“Many of our nonprofits have been on the frontlines of this crisis,” said Jodie A. Perry, Chamber President & CEO. “We are so glad to work with the Commissioners to open a funding opportunity to help them at a time when they need it most.”

Applications will be taken online through the Chamber's website starting on Friday, November 13th through 11:59pm on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020. The Chamber will announce grant recipients on November 30, 2020.

Similar to what they saw with the small business grant program, the Chamber expects a large volume of nonprofit applications to the program. Perry encourages all eligible nonprofits to apply. If additional

monies become available, the Chamber will use the list of nonprofits from this round of applications to make additional awards.

“We know that our local nonprofits have been deeply impacted by the pandemic,” said Richland County Commissioner Marilyn John. “The Commissioners are pleased to be able to use some of our CARES Act allocation to provide this grant opportunity to assist these local organizations who work so hard to serve our community. We thank the Chamber for their hard work on this project.”

Four online informational sessions are scheduled:

- Monday, November 16th at 2:00pm
- Tuesday, November 17th at 9:00am
- Thursday, November 19th at Noon
- Friday, November 20th at 11:00am

The sessions are free but require a registration, visit the Chamber’s website to sign up. A recorded version of the presentation will also be available.

Applications for the Richland County Nonprofit Grants must be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020. For more information regarding the Richland County Nonprofit Grants, visit the Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development website at www.richlandareachamber.com or call their office at 419-522-3211.

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