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Next Open Grant Application Deadline March 15, 2021

Letter from the President of the Gordon Elwood Foundation

Due to the unexpected impact of COVID-19 on our non-profit sector and the global economy **the foundation will NOT be opening a fall 2020 (September 15) application process.** Instead the trustees will be providing direct investments in selected existing community partners throughout the four-county service area.

We are very aware of the impact that this unprecedented time has created for programs and organizations that fundraise from the individuals, contract with the State and apply for grants in order to carry out their missions. We appreciate all you do for the population you serve and in pursuit of financial investments to support our shared regional community. We hope that you will contact our office after January 4th 2021 to discuss your organization and programs in time for the March 15, 2021 submission deadline.

It is because we know that our non-profit community's human resources for fundraising and grant writing is compromised now more than ever that the Elwood Foundation is investing directly with selected existing programs and organizations vs holding an open grants process. Going forward and for related reasons the foundation trustees will continue to require an initial dialogue with Kathy Bryon, Executive Director or Jennifer Staton, Program Associate prior to submitting an application. We are very interested in keeping abreast of service delivery needs and innovations, while not wasting the valuable time of non-profit staff and volunteers.

The Foundation's Grants Committee will only review grant applications from non-profits that have reviewed their grant proposal idea with either Kathy or Jennifer **before the March 15th deadline.** Approximately 25 proposals will be invited to apply for grant funding in spring of 2021 after a conversation and initial assessment of the proposal concept with Jennifer or Kathy. Grant applications received March 15 2021 from organizations who have not been invited to apply for funding cannot be considered.

For more information or to discuss a grant proposal, please call Kathy or Jennifer at 541-282-0643.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Julia Beattie
President, Board of Directors
Gordon Elwood Foundation