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Yates Community Endowment Seeks 2017 Grant Proposals from Nonprofits That Serve Yates County

The Yates Community Endowment is inviting nonprofit organizations to submit grant proposals if they have programs that will help strengthen the local economy or improve the quality of life for Yates County and its residents.

For its sixth year of awarding grants, the Endowment's Advisory Board also is interested in proposals for programs that create economic independence (such as workforce training) and those that systematically address poverty. Yates County is among the poorest counties in New York State and is the county with the highest child poverty rate.

The 2017 grant recipients will be announced and celebrated at a reception in late June.

The Endowment, which was established in 2011 and built by gifts from Yates County residents, is all about supporting Yates County. Since its founding, the Yates Community Endowment has distributed more than \$99,000 in local grants. In 2014, when flash flooding devastated homes, businesses, and roads, the Endowment's Advisory Board members set up a disaster relief fund and raised \$177,000 in just a few months to assist those affected. And last summer, the Endowment surpassed a five-year goal it had set to raise \$1 million in permanent funds to support Yates County.

To get details on what kind of proposals will be considered, go to www.racf.org/Yates and click on links under "Seeking 2017 Grant Proposals." Online applications must be submitted by **4PM on Monday, March 13**.

If you have any questions about your proposal, email YatesCommunity@racf.org. Learn more about the Yates Community Endowment and the projects and programs it has supported at www.racf.org/Yates.

For more information on the Yates Community Endowment, visit www.racf.org/Yates or call 585.271.4100. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Endowment, you can mail a check payable to Yates Community Endowment, c/o Rochester Area Community Foundation, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.