

Introducing . . .

Community Funds

The Community Progress Initiative is all about community and economic development in southern Wood County and the town of Rome. To assist local residents in creating their own future, Community Foundation of South Wood County has created seven community endowment funds, one each

for:

- Nekoosa
- Pittsville
- Port Edwards
- Rome
- Rudolph
- Vesper
- Wisconsin Rapids Area



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The purpose of each fund is to support unique progress/community development opportunities within each local area as identified by the residents of that area. Each area has a volunteer Community Fund Committee, comprised of local citizens serving three-year terms. The committee members are responsible for fundraising, setting grant guidelines, accepting grant applications, and making grants to improve their own community.

Each fund is an endowment fund – That means all donations are combined into a permanent account and serve as the principal balance. The principal is never spent; it is “endowed” and available for growth in perpetuity. As the fund earns interest and dividends over time, a portion of the earnings is distributed annually in the form of grants that support the goals of each

community, consistent with the Community Progress Initiative. The Barker Mead Fund of Community Foundation of South Wood County is giving each Community Fund \$5,000 to use in grantmaking. This will allow each Fund Committee to make grants even while raising endowment dollars.

Who may apply for a grant?

Grant proposals may be submitted by locally recognized nonprofits, community improvement projects, and local 501c3 organizations.

How are grant distributions determined?

Your local Community Fund Committee will review applications at regular intervals, and based upon grant guidelines, will determine which grant requests to fund.

How can I help?

Each fund needs your support today to ensure that grants can be made in the future – for generations to come. All donations will be matched by the Barker Mead Fund, up to \$20,000 per fund, now through 12/31/05. For example, if you donate \$50, the Barker Mead Fund will match your contribution, which means that the fund will grow by a total of \$100. Now is the perfect time to donate and know that your gift will be doubled!

How do I donate?

Your gift is tax-deductible. You may use the form below, or contribute online at www.cfswc.org.

Plant the Seed

– Endow Your Community Today!

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Yes, I want to support the following Community Fund (check one:)

Nekoosa Pittsville Port Edwards Rome Rudolph Vesper Wis Rapids Area

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

My \$ _____ contribution is enclosed.

I would like more information; please contact me.

Make Check payable to: Community Foundation of South Wood County
Mail to: 478 E. Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 **Thank you!**