

Brainerd Lakes Area
Community Foundation

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August 1st Deadline announced for Brainerd Lakes Area Grants

Brainerd, Minn. - The Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation (BLACF) announces the next deadline for receiving grant applications is **August 1, 2010**. The Foundation will focus its more than \$50,000 in funding on organizations that serve the residents of Crow Wing and Southern Cass counties.

The Foundation uses an on-line application process and the applications must address one or more of the following four focus areas: youth, community progress, human service and assistance to nonprofits. Organizations applying for a grant must be nonprofit, charitable organizations designated as 501-(c) (3) by the Internal Revenue Service and must serve the residents of Crow Wing or Southern Cass counties.

The Foundation offers two grant rounds each year with deadlines of August 1 and February 1. Last year the Foundation awarded grants to 19 area nonprofit organizations totaling over \$100,000.

Grant guidelines and information on the on-line application process are available through the Central Minnesota Community Foundation's website at www.communitygiving.org. Click on Grants, then on the Brainerd Grant, then on Brainerd General Grants. For specific questions you may email Susan Lorenz at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation at slorenz@communitygiving.org. Applications must be submitted on-line to the Central Minnesota Community Foundation by August 1, 2010.

BLACF is a public charity that attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of the residents of Crow Wing and Southern Cass Counties. It is one of more than 500 community foundations nationwide and is an affiliate of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, a \$60 million regional foundation based in St. Cloud.