ARKANSAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

GRANT PROGRAM

Which will you choose to receive $5,000?
Scoring Criteria

• A clear project narrative that succinctly describes the need for the project and how it will foster community development in your area. The narrative should also stress any elements of the project that are particularly innovative or that easily lend themselves to replication and sustainability, as well as the readiness of the applicant to proceed with the described activities as soon as the grant funds are received. Include also a list of persons who have a leadership or project evaluation role.

• The extent to which the proposed activities match the CDS Principles of Good Practice.

• The number of persons who will directly or indirectly benefit from the activities proposed by the application and how they will benefit.

• The extent to which the grant makes use of other cash and in-kind contributions to leverage the grant funds.

• Broad community support, including representation of both local governing officials AND citizens, and/or regional partnerships

• A project milestone with accurate dates for the completion of each phase of the project.
Principles of Good Practice

as published by the Community Development Society (CDS):

- Promote active and representative participation toward enabling all community members to meaningfully influence the decisions that affect their lives.
- Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action.
- Incorporate the diverse interests and cultures of the community in the community development process; and disengage from support of any effort that is likely to adversely affect the disadvantaged members of a community.
- Work actively to enhance the leadership capacity of community members, leaders, and groups within the community.
- Be open to using the full range of action strategies to work toward the long-term sustainability and well being of the community.
Text a KEYWORD to 22333

1. Arkansas State University Jonesboro – Beck PRIDE Center (PRIDE)
2. Black River Technical College – Opening Hearts and Minds to Cultural Change in Rural Northeast Arkansas (HEARTS)
3. Garland County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. – Spring Spruce/Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (GARLAND)
4. Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas, Inc. – One Community, One Goal, Fighting Hunger (OUTREACH)
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