

Smith County Community Foundation recipient of matching grant funds

The Smith County Community Foundation received \$53,882.21 in matching grant funds from the Kansas Health Foundation. The grant is part of the GROW II program that Smith County Community Foundation was accepted into in 2010.

GROW II is designed to

help foundations capture the transfer of wealth occurring in Kansas with the creation of strong endowments in community foundations across Kansas. Endowed funds provide permanent philanthropic dollars that are used to enhance the quality of life for residents in the com-

munity foundation's service area.

The Board of Directors of the Smith County Community Foundation has been working to share information about this excellent opportunity to receive matching funds for gifts to the Foundation. For every endowed gift to

the Foundation's administrative or community grant fund, as well as to the Health Needs of Smith County Fund, the Foundation receives a 50% match. For all other endowed gifts, with the exception of scholarships, the Foundation receives a

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25% match.

Part of these matching funds will expand the Health Needs of Smith County Fund and will provide annual grants for programs and projects that support public health initiatives in the Smith County area.

In addition to the matching grant, SCCF also received a \$10,500 operating grant. The gen-

erous operating support is expendable and is designed to assist with expenses incurred in the effort to raise the matching funds.

The GROW II program is a six-year program. The receipt of these funds from the Kansas Health Foundation marks the end of the first year.

For more information on GROW II and the

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Smith County Community Foundation, please contact Joan Nech at jnech@ruraltel.net or 785.476.7538. Learn more about the Foundation at www.smith-countycommunityfoundation.com

Learn more about the Kansas Health Foundation by visiting them on the web at www.kansashealth.org.

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