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# Aurora Area Community Foundation

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**Subject:** Aurora Area Community Foundation is taking Applications for Community Grants

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Grant applications for the Aurora Area Community Foundation's 2015 community grant round are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015. The community grant making program for Aurora Area Community Foundation is available for programs and organizations in the Aurora, Marionville, and Verona area.

Nonprofit, 501(c) (3) organizations, schools, faith-based organizations and governmental entities are eligible to apply for grants. Grant applications and policies are now available at the offices of Edward Jones; Scott Pettit, Attorney; and James R. Ferguson, CPA; in Aurora.

Applicants should mail their completed application package and all attachments to: Aurora Area Community Foundation, Attn: Grant Committee, PO Box 940, Aurora, MO 65605. Questions may be directed to the Foundation's Board of Governors; Scott Pettit, President, 678-2187; or Jim Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer, 678-2505.

The Aurora Area Community Foundation, established in 2006 as an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, now holds assets of more than \$2.9 million in 24 funds. Since its founding, it has distributed almost \$802,000 back to the community.

CFO is a public foundation and supports asset development, community-based grant making, and organizational collaboration and leadership initiatives throughout Southern Missouri. Since 1993, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks has offered community foundation services to smaller communities and rural counties in the Missouri Ozarks. CFO now has 46 regional foundations serving more than 58 counties south of the Missouri River. Each affiliate has its own governance board and for the most part operates as an autonomous organization.