It’s time to get the ducks in a row again. Non-profit organizations in Marion County have potential access to more than $725,000 in grant funds. The 2013 grant cycle is in progress at Marion Community Foundation and applications will soon be available.

According to MCF president Brad Bebout, the Foundation will soon publish its formal Request for Proposals to all area not-for-profit organizations. Applications, which will be due July 26, will be available at the Foundation’s offices, 504 S. State St., or online at marioncommunityfoundation.org. Award decisions will be made by the Grants Committee and Board of Trustees by late August.

“While the deadline is several weeks away, it is important for those considering applying that applications be started as soon as possible,” says Bebout. “Compiling all of the information required does take time and effort.” Mini-grants of up to $2,500 are also available with a shorter and easier application process.

To assist in the application process, an information session for potential grantees will be offered June 21, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Foundation’s conference room. The session will include a detailed outline of the grant process and a description of the priorities the Grants Committee will use to select recipients.

Priorities for the upcoming grant cycle were explored at the Foundation’s annual meeting and include programs and projects which address issues of transportation assistance for Marion County residents and those who face challenges getting to work, medical appointments and child care. Other priorities include education and employability.

The competitive grants program draws awards from a dozen funds managed by MCF specifically for the purpose of supporting local charitable programs and organizations.

It is worth noting that the competitive grants program represents only a portion of the total grants awarded annually by Marion Community Foundation. A related article on page 2 of this newsletter details other, non-competitive grants recently awarded.

The following is an overview of the competitive grant funds available via Marion Community Foundation:

**Health Care Fund** — Grant are available for projects, programs, and organizations that address the health related needs of the community. This was MCF’s first fund.

**Henry Heinzmann Community Food Pantry Fund** — Grants are available to support community food pantries and organizations which provide meals for the poor and homeless of Marion County. The fund was created by former MCF board member Dr. Henry Heinzmann.

**Francis & Thelma Wise Fund** — Grants are available for projects, programs, organizations that treat or prevent arthritis, Parkinson’s disease, and blindness or other vision impairment. This fund was created by the estate of Francis Wise.

**Helen Cunningham Handicapped Fund** — Grants are available to support and fund programs and organizations that promote the general welfare and recreation of persons with disabilities and that provide assistance for handicapped individuals and their families in Marion County.

**Robert M. & Dorothy C. Wopat Community Fund** — Grants are available for any charitable project, program or organization in Marion County.

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**Scholarship Special Edition**

Marion Community Foundation’s annual Scholarship Program has grown so large, that the newsletter, Legacy, cannot contain it; neither can the full-page advertisement which has been published each spring in the Marion Star. This year, an 8-page tabloid insert was created to give proper recognition of the 100 local students who received the 133 scholarships awarded. Published in the paper on June 2, a copy is also enclosed with this issue of Legacy. We hope you enjoy reading about these outstanding scholars and Marion Community Foundation’s 2013 Scholarship Program. Extra copies are available upon request.
72 Non-Discretionary Grants Announced

Marion Community Foundation President and CEO Brad Bebout never fails to mention, when the annual competitive grants program rolls around, that the Foundation awards other grants at other times of the year. Now is that time. This spring, a record 72 grant awards will be available from the Foundation’s non-discretionary funds. “Non-discretionary” refers to funds, such as designated, donor advised and organizational endowment funds, which are not part of the competitive grants program because they make specific awards to fulfill the intention of their donor(s). Designated funds support a specific charity or cause, organizational endowment funds grow assets for a specific, non-profit agency or organization, and donor advised funds are utilized by individuals who wish to be actively involved in the philanthropic process. More than 90 such funds exist at Marion Community Foundation. This following is a list of the funds and awards—or amount of potential awards—each has generated this year.

Designated Funds
Marion Family YMCA “Doc” Butterworth Fund -- $230 to the YMCA
David K. Miller Fund -- $220 to the Marion Co. Historical Society
Don Alspach Memorial Fund -- $500 to Prairie Parks’ Tallgrass Trail
Lust Family Fund -- $975 to the Ackerman Medical Fund at Emanuel Lutheran Church
Dr. & Mrs. Glen Burton Jr. Memorial Fund -- $250 to Prairie Parks’ Tallgrass Trail
Marion Education Foundation Fund -- $675 to the Marion City Schools
F. Riley Hall & Geraldine A. Hall Fund -- $1,600 to the Stengel-True Museum
William D. & Alice L. Young Fund -- $475 to the First Church of the Brethren of Marion
Gladys Simpson & Melvin Ulery Fund -- $16,075 to Center Street Community Health Center
Jack & Violet Griffith Fund -- $850 to Marion Shelter Program, Quality of Life Hospice or Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
Judge William Wiedemann Family Fund -- $1,650 to United Way of Marion County, $1,237.50 to Marion Technical College, and $1,237.50 to The Ohio State University at Marion
Kenny Martin Charitable Fund -- $1,650 to the Palace Cultural Arts Association and $1,650 to the Marion Union Station Association
Terradise Nature Preserve Fund -- $1,800 to Prairie Parks for the Terradise Nature Preserve
Betty L. Davis Fund I -- $225 to Marion Area Counseling Center
Betty L. Davis Fund III -- $315 to the League of Women Voters
Betty L. Davis Fund IV -- $315 to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s Food Pantry
Linn School Endowment Fund -- $1,150 to the Marion County Historical Society to maintain the Linn School
Marion County Red Cross Fund -- $495
Thomas E. Ruzzo Endowment Fund -- $1,825 to the Juvenile Justice Center
Prexy Play Scholarship Fund -- $525 to Marion Harding High School and Grant Middle School for participation fee scholarships
A. Merle Hamilton Central Christian Church Fund -- $13,225
A. Merle Hamilton Epworth UMC Fund -- $13,225
A. Merle Hamilton Marion County Historical Society Fund -- $13,225
A. Merle Hamilton Centenary UMC Fund -- $13,225
Mary H. Hollaway Palace Theatre Fund -- $5,350 for local productions at the Palace
Mary H. Hollaway Humane Society Fund -- $5,375
Nobel F. Hollaway YMCA Scholarship Fund -- $5,375
Wopat Family YMCA Fund -- $150,000
The Stephen J. Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund -- $3,480 to St. Mary School for tuition assistance
Merle & Evelyn Lashey YMCA Fund -- $2,625
Fout-Price Memorial Fund -- $250 to Marion General Hospital Hospice

Organizational Endowment Funds
Father Fred Furey Scholarship Fund -- $15,900 to The Father Fred Furey Scholarship Fund for Marion’s Catholic Schools
I Can Go To College Fund -- $5,400 to the I Can Center for Excellence
Marion County 4-H Fund -- $775 to the 4-H Council
Marion Harding Athletic Boosters Fund -- $2,025 to MH Athletic Boosters Club
Mary C. Lombardo’s St. Vincent de Paul Fund -- $7,075 to St. Mary Church of Marion for the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Ruth Reynolds Eye-to-Eye Fund -- $1,225 to Eye-to-Eye Low-Vision Educational Support Group
Don & Betty Jerew’s Emanuel Lutheran Church Fund -- $26,750 to Emanuel Lutheran Church of Marion
Marion County Children’s Home -- $10,625
Marion Goodwill Industries -- $275
Marion Speech and Hearing Center -- $6,400
Stengel-True Museum -- $7,450
The Ohio State University at Marion -- $325
Turning Point -- $350
United Way of Marion -- $320
YMCA -- $6,775
Chapel Heights Memory Gardens -- $3,950
Epworth United Methodist Church -- $2,325
Marion Senior Center -- $1,150
Marion Area Humane Society -- $12,950
Marion Technical College Foundation -- $39,325
Boys & Girls Club of Marion -- $330

Donor Advised Funds
“C” Fund -- $1,775
Beverly S. Young Fund -- $925
Dalton J. Sipes Peace Fund -- $220
MedCenter Legacy Fund -- $2,300
Richard & Mildred Rinehart Fund -- $7,000
Roger & Janice Vanover Fund -- $3,425
Sisler Family Fund -- $2,900
We Remember Al Fund -- $350
Betty L. Davis II Fund -- $425
Marion Noon Lions Club -- $2,425
KSAN Charis Fund -- $4,275
Robert M. & Dorothy C. Wopat Community Fund -- $373,675
Spencer C. Stephens Flamingo Fund -- $2,650
Youth Engaged in Philanthropy Fund -- $550
S. Fredrick & Suzanne Zeigler Charitable Fund -- $1,425
Marion County Bar Association Endowment Fund -- $2,875
Mary H. Hollaway Fund -- $5,625
Parrott Family Fund -- $485
Leadership Succession Plans Move Forward

The Succession Committee of Marion Community Foundation is continuing its work to develop a profile and the skill set which will be needed by the Foundation’s next leader. Current president and CEO, Brad Bebout, has announced his plans to retire in December 2013.

“This is a community foundation and we value what the community thinks might be needed in a leader,” said Bebout. “Any committee or board member may be contacted to make suggestions.”

The members of the Succession Committee include: Larry Geissler (co-chair), Rex Parrott (co-chair), Susie Brown, Thomas Jenkins and Dr. Charles Garvin.

The Succession Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees and will develop a plan for the transition of the CEO/president, conduct a search for the new CEO/president, review candidate resumes, and present finalists to the full Board of Trustees. The committee will also monitor and facilitate an efficient transition for the staff.

“We hope to make a selection by November or December,” said Geissler. “We plan to have a new president in place on January 1.”

Marion Community Foundation is located inside the Stengel-True Museum at 504 S. State St. The offices are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and may be reached by calling 387-9704.

Bebout has been MCF’s leader since 2000. Active with the Marion Bar Association, he has been an attorney since 1980.

McDaniel Memorial Fund

The Meredith McDaniel Memorial Fund has been created from memorial contributions from friends and family and a substantial gift from her husband, John, totaling more than $25,000. The fund is a designated fund, supporting Epworth United Methodist Church and the Palace Cultural Arts Association.

McDaniel passed away in March of 2012 following several years of battling cancer. She married John in 1955 and the couple has two grown children, Lisa and John.

P.I.T. Stop

Philanthropic Investment Tips

by Bradley C. Bebout

One doesn’t have to be an alumnus of Marion Catholic High School to feel sad about its closing. It has far reaching effects in our community and affects some things we do here at Marion Community Foundation.

The Stephen J. Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund at MCF made grants to MCHS for tuition assistance for its worthy students. Fortunately, the creators of the Fund and MCF provided for this recent development. The Fund will now make its grants to St. Mary Grade School for tuition assistance for its students.

The David K. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Fund at MCF awards college scholarships for seniors at MCHS. Again fortunately, David’s family and MCF made provisions. Starting next year, the Fund will award college scholarships to seniors attending a Marion County high school with special consideration given to active members of St. Mary Church.

However, what happens if we don’t have a backup plan written into a fund? After all, our endowed funds last forever and a lot can happen in….well…forever. What if one of our funds can’t do what was originally planned? MCF has the authority to apply what is referred to as its Variance Power.

I don’t mean to get legally geeky on you, but this allows MCF’s Board of Trustees to change the terms of a fund when it becomes impossible, impractical, or illegal to carry out a purpose of the fund. The Board would investigate and consider how the fund could be changed to address a similar or related charitable cause. Without court action, the Board adapts the fund and, thus, makes sure it continues to do good things. In the law, it’s known as cy pres, but because we have the Variance Power, no court action is needed.

Unfortunately, MCHS will soon be gone, but the charitable causes that sought to support it won’t be…they’ll simply be appropriately repurposed.

Bradley C. Bebout, an attorney since 1980, is President/CEO of Marion Community Foundation.
Eight Grants Awarded

At the May meeting of Marion Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees, the following eight new grant awards were approved:

From the Marion County Bar Association Endowment Fund:
-- $500 to Marion County Family Court for the Dependency Treatment Program;
-- $500 to Marion County Family Court for the Juvenile Reentry Program;
-- $750 to Boys & Girls Club for its new Clubhouse; and,
-- $500 to Marion Matters, Inc. for the Marion Correctional Institution’s Getting Ahead Program.

From the Mary H. Hollaway Non-Endowed Fund:
-- $500 to Prairie Parks Foundation for the purchase of helmets on Bicycle Safety Day;
-- $2,500 to Ohio State Marion to support the Harding Symposium in July; and,
-- $2,000 to Mid-Ohio Fine Arts Society to support the MOFAS Spring Fling Art Show.

From the Marion Historical Site Visit Non-Endowed Fund:
-- $2,700 to the Harding Home for the Hometown History on Wheels Program.

Board Officers

The Board of Trustees recently met and elected the following new officers:

Susie Brown  Chair
Dr. Charles Garvin  Vice Chair
Nicole Workman  Secretary
Megan Queen  Treasurer

It is the custom of Marion Community Foundation to elect board members to the position of Treasurer and annually move up in position toward chairperson, in order to facilitate experience among the officers.

In the Next Issue...

The Summer issue of the Legacy newsletter will include:

◆ profiles of several new funds;
◆ an update on the Succession Committee;
◆ results of the competitive grants program.

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Vera O. McCannel Senior Citizens Transportation Fund – Grants are available to support and fund programs that provide for the transportation needs of senior citizens residing in Marion County.

Grants from the following funds are available for projects, programs, and organizations that support any worthy charitable cause in Marion County, as determined by MCF’s Board of Trustees:

A. Merle Hamilton Fund – A fund created by the estate of well-known, local philanthropist Merle Hamilton.

“C” Fund – A fund created by an anonymous donor with a gift of stock;

Founders’ Fund – A fund created by MCF’s staff and Board of Trustees, with other members of the community later adding to the fund;

Chester & Mildred Roberts Fund – A fund created by the sons of Chester and Mildred Roberts to honor the memory of their parents, prominent figures in Marion history;

Conway Family Charitable Fund – A fund created by a gift of the James Conway family; and,

Kenny Martin Charitable Fund – A fund created from the estate of the late Kenny Martin, a long-time employee of the City of Marion and an avid model railroader.

Over the past 13 years, MCF has awarded more than $5 million in grants and scholarships. Its funds address the Marion area’s needs in healthcare, the arts, environment, education and economic development.

Additional information is available by calling 387-9704.