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### **Foundation Invites 2023 Grant Proposals**

RHI Legacy Foundation is accepting project proposal summaries for 2023 grant funding through 5:00 PM on Friday, May 12. Current focus areas are healthy eating and active living. A thorough description of each of the focus areas and eligibility requirements appears in the grants section of their website at [www.RHILegacyFoundation.com](http://www.RHILegacyFoundation.com). RHI Legacy Foundation welcomes proposal summaries from organizations that serve people in Rutherford County. Exempt governmental units, religious institutions, and non-profit entities may submit a proposal.

The proposal summary is a simple questionnaire found on the Foundation's website. It allows the agency to describe an idea and the impact on the health of the people in our county. After review of the proposal summaries in mid-June, organizations identified as candidates for grant funding will be invited to complete an application for a potential award.

Agencies that are invited will then submit a more in-depth grant application through the Foundation's website, where examples of past grants and answers to frequently asked questions are available. The deadline for applications is 5:00 PM on Monday, July 31. Grant applications will not be considered if the proposal summary was not approved in advance or if a deadline is missed.

Grants will be evaluated based on the measurable impact of the project, the consistency with the mission of the Foundation, the requestor's ability to sustain the project beyond grant funding, and the project's adherence to the 2023 focus areas. Agencies selected for approval will receive funds in October of 2023. Subsequent reports will be required for partners that receive grant funding.

Agencies with questions about eligibility or who need assistance with the proposal and subsequent application process are encouraged to call Jill Miracle, the Foundation's community impact director, at 828-202-4630 or (828) 289-2564. Miracle states, "We are available to discuss proposals and grant applications at any time during the process. It is our desire to deepen relationships with organizations to learn more about their work and to assist them as they complete their requests."

Since 2014, RHI Legacy Foundation has awarded more than \$14,000,000 to create or expand health-related services in Rutherford County, to increase organizational capacity for local agencies, and to provide access to healthy foods and recreational activities.

Rutherford County residents are invited to follow RHI Legacy Foundation on FaceBook for health-related information throughout the year.