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Foundation Invites 2024 Grant Applications

RHI Legacy Foundation is accepting grant applications beginning on Tuesday, April 16 through Wednesday, July 31 at 5:00 PM. Current focus areas are chronic disease, 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 <u>www.RHILegacyFoundation.com</u>. RHI Legacy Foundation welcomes grant applications from organizations that serve people in Rutherford County. Exempt governmental units, religious institutions, and non-profit entities may apply.

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 2024 focus areas. Agencies selected for approval will receive funds in October of 2024. Subsequent reports will be required for partners that receive grant funding.

Agencies with questions about eligibility or who need assistance with the application process are encouraged to call Jill Miracle, the Foundation's community impact director, at 828-202-4630. Miracle states, "We are available to discuss 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 \$15,500,000 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. During 2024-2025, the Foundation will contribute much of the funding for a new \$17.4 million dollar soccer complex located in Forest City.

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