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LOCAL FUNDS OFFERING COMMUNITY GRANTS

Two local charitable organizations, the Blanchardville/Hollandale Area Fund and the Pecatonica Excellence in Education Fund, are now accepting grant applications.

The Blanchardville/Hollandale Area Fund (BHAF) is accepting applications for projects that serve the greater area. Projects may include enhancement of parks and public spaces, historic and cultural preservation, youth activities and facilities, education, the arts, and health and human services. Applications are accepted from non-profit organizations only. Requests from individuals for personal projects or needs are not allowed under the federal tax laws.

The Pecatonica Excellence in Education Fund supports educational programs of the Pecatonica Area School District not covered by the school operating budget. Applications are accepted from school district personnel only.

Applications for both funds must be received by 4 p.m. on April 2, 2012.

Both funds are components of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

To access the application forms for both funds, visit the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin website at www.cfsw.org and click on the "Open Grant Applications" page.

Applications for both funds should be mailed to the Blanchardville/Hollandale Area Fund, P.O. Box 733, Monroe, WI 53566.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-May. Grantees must use their grant within one year of the award.

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