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**Subject: NEW GRANT CYCLE OFFERED FOR SENIOR SERVICES**

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The Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Tax Fund Board are partnering to create an \$80,000 grant pool to fund projects or programs that will improve the health, nutrition and quality of life for Greene County residents ages 60 and above.

The grant cycle is open to agencies with 501(c)3 or equivalent non-profit status, such as faith-based or government organizations. Applications may be made for any amount up to the full amount of the grant pool. Grant applications will be considered each quarter with the first deadline at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2012. The grants will be awarded on Monday, March 26.

The Greene County Senior Services Fund Board was created after county voters in 2005 approved a levy of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation to provide services to residents aged 60 and over. The Tax Board is using \$40,000 of its overall revenue to partner on this grant round. The CFO is matching those funds with \$40,000 in private charitable dollars designated by donors for similar grantmaking goals for seniors.

The application form and instructions are available at: [http://www.greencountymo.org/senior\\_fund](http://www.greencountymo.org/senior_fund).

This grant cycle represents a new partnership between the two organizations. Preference will be given to proposals for innovative projects to improve the well-being of seniors in Greene County, said Denny Pilant, vice-chair of the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Tax Fund Board. The seven-member Tax Fund Board, which is appointed by the Greene County Commission, will consider the proposals each quarter as long as funding remains available.

"The senior tax board is pleased to work with the CFO to provide additional revenue to organizations that provide services for our seniors in Greene County," Pilant said.

CFO President Brian Fogle said the partnership reflects the CFO's commitment to collaborating with other grant funders to reduce duplication of services and maximize available grant funds.

"By working together, we can both leverage our funding and expertise to help those charged with looking out for the best interests of Greene County's senior citizens," Fogle said.

(Note: The web address - [http://www.greenecountymo.org/senior\\_fund](http://www.greenecountymo.org/senior_fund) - includes an underscore between senior and fund.)

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