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Please see below for 2018 FSACF Grant Cycle information and the FSACF Newsletter.

FSACF Grant applications are now being accepted through August 28, 2018.

*What is the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation?
Click [here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions.*

2018 FSACF Grant Cycle Now Open

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation is thrilled to announce that the amount of grants available for the upcoming 2018/2019 cycle totals \$32,000, exceeding last year's total by \$2,000 and \$11,000 more than the previous year. Thanks to the generosity of all who contributed to the FSACF general fund, the interest accrued will allow the grant committee more opportunities to benefit the 501c3 applicants who meet the qualifications.

Monies granted to the 18 beneficiaries from last year's cycle were

used for a variety of causes, including helping to purchase medals for Special Olympics' Bourbon County participants, providing benefits to cancer patients, assisting the Beacon to meet family needs, funding classes for CASA volunteers and purchasing lights for the local pickle ball courts. A full listing of the 2017 grantees may be found [here](#).

The FSACF 2018 Grant Applications was released on Wednesday, August 1, and is now available on the FSACF website, www.fsacf.com, or may be picked up in person at the Chamber of Commerce, 231 E. Wall St. Nonprofits such as churches, governmental entities, or organizations with a 501c3 status are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due by Tuesday, August 28. Acceptance and declination letters will be mailed on Tuesday, October 16. Grants will be awarded at the Foundation's Chamber Coffee held in the Landmark Bank lobby at Third and Main at 8 A.M. on Thursday, November 1.

You may click [here](#) for the 2018 Grant Application.

You may click [here](#) for the FSACF website and to learn more about YOUR Community Foundation.

FSACF Welcomes new board members:

*Craig Campbell, Sheryl Bloomfield,
Travis Shelton, and Janet Braun.*

Departing board members:

Blake Hudson, Lindsay Madison, Dr. Randy Nichols, Dave Martin, and Steve Buerge served their terms with much dedication to our community.

Ask any current or former FSACF board members about the "Good Works" of this foundation, there's much to share.



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FSACF Helps Save the Steinway

A 2017 grant recipient, the Friends of USD234: "Restoration of the Steinway grand piano," has become "a work in progress" worth following. The project was one of eighteen projects funded by the Fort Scott Area Community Foundation last year.

The History: The Steinway has been a part of Fort Scott music-making for over 40 years and fondly remembered by many music teachers and students alike at FSHS. Originally, the Steinway was donated to Winfield Scott Elementary School by a Fort Scott community member in the 1970's.

When the stage at Winfield Scott was torn down in a remodel process, the piano was moved to the high school. The Steinway was built in 1925, which is considered the "Golden Decade" of Steinway and Sons piano production. At 5'10.5" it is considered a Model L, or "Living Room" model, conducive to smaller spaces, while still boasting the iconic warmth of the Steinway sound. While in this day and age something built in 1925 seems a relic, in piano terms, this instrument remains a priceless gem.

The Need: The piano in the music classroom is the microscope in the science class, basketball in PE, camera in photography, or literature book in English. Without these imperative instructional tools, students cannot receive a quality education. Furthermore, it is important that these tools are of the utmost quality. Science students need the

most up-to-date lab equipment. Web-design students need the most current computer applications. Choir students need a quality piano in order to perform at the highest level.

"A good piano enhances the performance of any soloist or ensemble in more ways than even the performer realizes. When restored, this instrument will make every performance better. It will delight the ear of every listener. Great students deserve great accompaniment." -Pat Harry

The piano lives at the heart of the choral instructional process. FSHS's tradition of musical excellence was built on high quality musical instruction using top-tier instruments. By restoring and protecting the piano, they can continue to uphold the tradition of musical excellence at Fort Scott High School.

Project Update: *Along with USD234 School District's commitment and a community effort including a FSACF 2017 Grant, the fully-funded restoration for the interior of the piano became a reality. The Steinway piano was sent off this past February to the repair shop in Nixa, Missouri, where was taken apart and parts were ordered. The first major component was taking a template of the sound board, so that the specifications could be sent off to the sound board builder.*

The soundboard and bridges have been delivered to the maker in Utah. The plate has been stripped down and removed from the cabinet. Currently, the new pin block is being prepared for drilling new tuning pin holes. The hammers and action parts are in boxes waiting to be installed as soon as the soundboard is finished.

"Restoring the FSHS Steinway grand piano has truly been a dream fulfilled. The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation helped set this dream in motion from the start. We are so

grateful for the immense outpouring of support from our community." - Meredith Reid, 6-12 Choir Director, USD234 School District

Notes of Interest: *There is a signature from Charles Steinway himself on the plate inside the piano. This will be preserved, as the plate is refinished. Also, piano tuners would write in pencil on the bottom of the piano the date of the last tuning. This piano has markings and dates from tunings in the 1930's!*

Future: *Students and music educators are looking forward to receiving back their beautifully restored piano sometime around Christmas; plans for a "Thank You, Donors" concert will take place in the spring semester.*







***Donations to the Community Foundation
are welcome year-round!***

Online donations may be made [here](#).

*Or, click [here](#) to download donation form and mail a
check to the address provided on the form.*

Watch the funds grow!

The larger the FSACF endowed funds, the more money (interest) is available to benefit the community in granting each year in perpetuity!

Endowed fund balances* as of June 30, 2018

Board Controlled General Fund: \$755,337.15

Donor Advised/Controlled Funds: \$6,798,250.37

Total funds: \$7,553,587.52

****Board Controlled funds are funds when donated from the general public, memorials, or trusts are not designated to benefit a certain organization, scholarship, or purpose.***

These are the funds that the Board is able to grant interest from annually.

****Donor-Advised/Controlled funds are funds established by donors or trusts to benefit specific organizations, scholarships, or purposes. The interest from these funds is distributed annually among those particular beneficiaries.***

The Fort Scott Area Community Foundation was established in 2007 and is a tremendous asset to Fort Scott and Bourbon County. The current and future principal in these funds will be in place forever; the interest will grow as the funds grow and will annually benefit the local area into the long-term future.

See the links above to make a donation today!

Contact 2018-19 Board Chair Stephanie Witt for questions or more information.

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Thank you!



