The Donors Forum of Wisconsin is a statewide association of grantmakers advancing philanthropy. Its members include community foundations, corporate foundations/giving programs, family foundations, independent foundations, individuals, and federated funds.

The Donors Forum mission is to: Support and Promote philanthropy

Services Include:

Networking: peer exchange, focus groups, and listservs;

Education: national and regional trends in philanthropy, emerging needs in the community, site visits, and a statewide conference;

Research: statewide and local charitable analysis, monitoring capital and endowment activity in the state, analysis of foundation activity, customized research on the nonprofit sector, and information and referral;

Promotion: newsletter, advocate for philanthropy, convene collaborations within/out the nonprofit sector, and speakers bureau;

Technical Assistance: tool kit on charitable giving, workshops on foundation management and grantmaking basics, technology media relations, trustee and board development, the Common Grant Application.

The Donors Forum sponsors: Breakfast with Grantmakers, proposal writing and outcomes workshops, and Common Grant Application technical assistance. The Forum does not establish a mechanism for the evaluation of specific proposals, instruct grantseekers on effective fundraising or recommend any proposal to its members.

The Donors Forum of Wisconsin Common Grant Application is available in the following ways:

- DFW’s Web site: www.dfwonline.org
- DFW’s office: 414/270-1978
- Marquette University: www.marquette.edu/library/fic
- Funding Information Center: print and electronic format (bring IBM formatted 3.5 floppy disc)

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