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Deadlines for Dollars!

(Grants available for Community Enhancement)

Dollars for Iowa community and neighborhood enhancement projects are again available to charitable entities. Three different programs supported by KIB provide opportunities for improving the appearance of the community where you live and work. These three programs have made improvements to dozens of projects and communities throughout Iowa over the past years through the allocation of tens of thousands of dollars. The three programs are:

- Iowa State Income Tax "Keep Iowa Beautiful Check-off Grants" – Due December 31st of this year.
- Paint Iowa Beautiful grants supported by Diamond Vogel Paints – due February 28, 2009.
- Litter Enforcement Award for recognition of enforcement officers that are active in litter prevention efforts – due December 31st of this year.

Keep Iowa Beautiful Income Tax Check-off:

Applications are available on www.sysplan.dot.state.ia.us/keepiabeautiful.htm or www.keepiowabeautiful under "Grants & Awards." Funds up to \$5,000 are available on a non-repayable grant basis. Applications are made to the Office of Systems Planning, Iowa Department of Transportation. Grants are available for:

- Litter removal,
- Litter prevention / education / public awareness,
- Beautification,
- Waste management or recycling,
- Illegal dumping abatement, or
- Public nuisance abatement.

Grant requests are reviewed by a committee that considers the project itself and the degree of matching dollars for the project. The more local match that there is, the higher the rating. Check the web pages for more details.

Paint Iowa Beautiful Awards

This program is supported by Diamond Vogel Paint Company of Orange City. This company has been a good friend to communities and to Keep Iowa Beautiful in providing paint for facility improvements. Grant requests for charitable and public projects normally do not exceed 30 gallons. Bonus points are received for volunteer efforts involving youth. Interior painting projects are generally not considered. Applications are made to Keep Iowa Beautiful and program details are available on our web page www.KeepIowaBeautiful.com under “Grants & Awards.” Successful grant recipients must purchase the paint from a local Diamond Vogel dealer (visit www.diamondvogel.com for locations). Upon project completion, invoices are submitted (along with before and after photo’s) to Keep Iowa Beautiful for reimbursement.

Deadline for applications is February 28th, 2009 with award made by mid-April of 2009.

Litter Enforcement Awards

KIB Board Member, John Schneller and his wife, Judy, of West Des Moines sponsor a law enforcement recognition program to help bring attention to the issue of littering and to support positive litter prevention efforts. Each year two \$1,000 awards are made to nominated officers. The officers each receive a recognition certificate and the right to designate a local community enhancement project to receive the \$1,000 cash payment. This approach reinforces the idea of “community policing” by supporting local efforts in area betterment.

Letters of nomination need to clearly identify officer accomplishments in terms of litter prevention efforts and why they deserve the award. Nomination deadline is December 31, 2008 with awards made in January.

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