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5/2 - Talked to Marilyn Rolfsmeyer  
Told her the grant request would  
be considered at next foundation  
meeting. *gl*

**GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Date: April 30, 2012

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501-c-3 designation): Pecatonica Educational Charitable Foundation, Inc. (PEC Foundation)

Address: PO Box 95

City, State, Zip: Hollandale, WI 53544

Phone: 608-967-2322

Person Responsible for the Grant: Marilyn Rolfsmeyer

Position in the Organization: Board President

Organization's Purpose: The PEC Foundation owns and operates Grandview, a National Register eligible historic site and regional learning center in the town of Moscow, Iowa County. The organization's objectives are to operate historic Grandview and keep it available to the community, expand learning opportunities by building partnerships, and affirm the work of lifelong learning by conducting workshops and educational programs.

This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status.

Grant Request \$1,500

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

Grandview is open to the public free of charge because we are operated by volunteers and keep expenses down. Coordinating scores of volunteers annually for myriad tasks is itself a huge endeavor, so the board hopes to establish two part-time volunteer coordinator positions: one oriented to procuring volunteers for host positions, maintenance positions and education program helpers and the other assist in maintaining the site's exquisite flower gardens, part of Grandview's history for over 80 years.

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Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of the grant

We are requesting a grant to help support two part-time volunteer coordinator positions. These are enabling positions – they recruit, train and coordinate the many volunteers that make things happen.

2. Time schedule

June through October 2012

3. Other sources of funding

For this project, a portion of a grant from the Kohler Foundation (which is also supporting 2012 educational programs), and cash donations made by visitors.

4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.

Visitor and programs participant demand is outstripping the board's ability to grow a proportionate volunteer capability, so if we postpone the request we won't be able to recruit, train and utilize as many volunteers as needed in 2012. Volunteers fill the following positions, all of which are necessary to operate the site and its programs:

- Hosts
- Flower gardeners
- Publicity (web, print materials, Facebook)
- Building maintenance and repair (carpentry, electric, HVAC and plumbing)
- Art repair and conservation
- Special events
- Educational programs on site and at school districts
- Board and committees (governance, resource development)

5. Describe who, when, how and where the effects of this grant will be felt.

Volunteers enable all we do, so the grant effects will truly be seen in the following ways:

- The many gardens will be fully planted and well maintained, thereby complementing the historic outdoor art display
- We'll have enough teacher aides to conduct approximately 24 summer workshops and afterschool art programs in the Pecatonica and Argyle school districts
- We have enough hosts to keep the museum open 6 hours a day, four days a week
- The grounds, buildings and facilities remain open for free and are clean, attractive and safe.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

The PEC Foundation owns and operates Nick Engelbert's Grandview, an historic art environment and museum in Iowa County near the village of Hollandale. Grandview is a National Register of Historic Places eligible site and the grounds and museum are open to the public free of charge. In the context of Frank Lloyd Wright and Alex Jordan, Mr. Engelbert was an immigrant from Austria and was one of Iowa County's lesser-known creative treasures.

The organization also conducts a wide array educational programming for youth and adults, most from the region's small, rural communities. Some classes are for teachers and academic credit is available through the Office of Continuing Education at UW-Platteville. Classes draw participants from the Madison on the east to the Mississippi River to the west.

The PEC Foundation charges a nominal fee for workshops (\$2 per Summer Academy Workshop). Our goal is provide fun art activities to everyone, including young people, families and older folks. Because we are in a relatively low-income area and serve many disadvantaged families, the fee is kept low and is waived for those unable to pay. We are able to do this because of grants and donations.

The Foundation acquired Grandview in 1997 and began conducting educational programs for the community in 1998. The organization's charitable purposes include: recreation and family activities, historic preservation, and education.

Coordination and collaboration are critical to small organizations and the Foundation enjoys a long-standing relationship with the Office of Continuing Education at UW-P and other organizations as well. Curriculum development is done with Edgewood College and John Michael Kohler Art center staff. We work with the Wisconsin Arts Board and Arts Wisconsin and many non-profit organizations and have a working relationship with the Art Institute of Chicago. On the tourist side if things, we collaborate with local Chambers and tourism groups, regional organizations and the Wisc. Department of Tourism.

Current programming includes the Grandview Summer Academy, after-school art programs for two school districts, Wandering Wisconsin tours and a 2012 plein air art competition (with 8 other art environments, including the Dickeyville Grotto), the Artist Within (a two-credit course taught by a doctoral candidate from Northern Ill. University).

The PEC Foundation is a proud recipient of the Governor's Award in Support of the Arts (2002), Standing Up for Rural Communities Award (State Supt. Libby Burmaster), Top Rural Development Initiative (Gov. Tommy Thompson) and Community Development Organization of the Year (Wisc. Community Dev. Society).