

11/12 Spoke to Susan Hopler and told her the request would be considered at next Board of Directors meeting.

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## CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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### GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates April 15<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

Date: 11-29-2012

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Restorative Justice of South West Wisconsin

Address 202 North Main St.

City, State, Zip Dodgeville, WI 53582

Phone 608-347-8600

Person Responsible for the Grant Susan Hopler

Position in the Organization Program Director

Organization's Purpose To provide victims of crime an alternative to the criminal justice system, as a means of achieving closure, justice and restitution. Community volunteers provide support and facilitate VOC process. Offenders benefit through experience/education + accountability

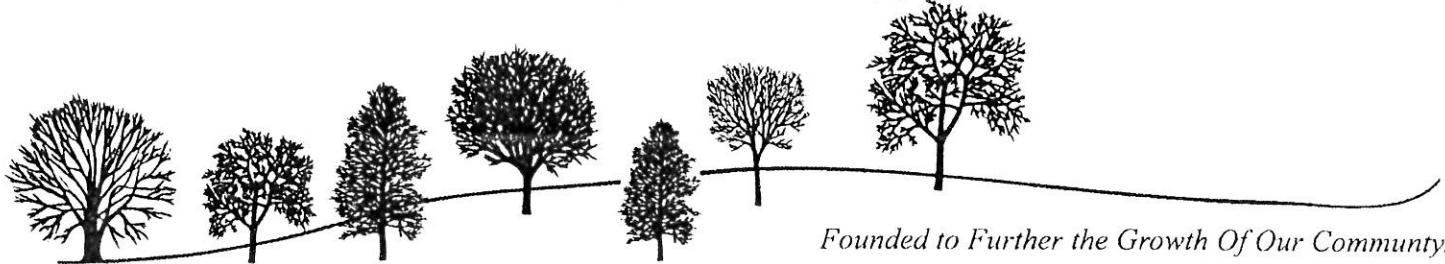
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 2,000

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

Please see Attached -

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Founded to Further the Growth Of Our Community.

The purpose, for which this organization was founded, was to offer an alternative to our community in addressing issues related to crime. We take on actual cases and use them as a means of education for the offender and a platform for the victim to have a voice. This allows offender accountability and the victim's ability to exercise their need for closure and in some cases restitution. We receive our referrals from local agencies of the Courts, Social Services and Probation and Parole in both Iowa and Lafayette Counties. We are looking to expand our outreach, and also work in Grant County.

For purposes of further explanation I would like to briefly explain an example of a case:

A juvenile being referred from the Department of Social Services, is involved in an incident of vandalism. A community member, who is trained in victim offender mediation (VOC), is assigned to the case. He/she will meet with both the victim and offender separately and explain the process and rules entailed in setting up a face-to-face meeting between them. If appropriate, and both are receptive to moving forward, a meeting is conducted by the mediator. These meetings take place in a public place and safety of all is always a consideration. In this example, a VOC did take place, and an agreement was reached. The juvenile was personally impacted, facing the person to whom he caused harm, and making him accountable for his actions. The juvenile read a letter of apology to the victim, and made full payment of his restitution. This offered the juvenile offender a valuable life lesson, while providing closure for the victim. Research shows that programs such as this reduce the rate of recidivism, therefore reduce crime.

The program would like to provide more education and develop programming in the surrounding area. We are currently networking with the University of Platteville to incorporate students to work with Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin. This would provide multiple learning experiences for students majoring in Psychology, Criminal Justice and Community Counseling. We believe the future of our community lies within our young people, whether that is training/education in restorative justice principles or juvenile/young adult's experience of participation in the program. The goal of RJSW is to recruit students and volunteers interested in restorative justice. To accomplish this would involve advertising and public speaking engagements on campus and the Grant County community. After such point, training would be offered to those interested in learning restorative justice principles and/or VOC training. This consists of twelve hours training, over a two or three session period. The time frame, by which the program would like to begin, is with the spring semester in January, although preparation involved would begin before.

Our program functions by the work of volunteers, however there are those additional incurred expenses to cover. The means by which we support our program is through grant writing, fundraising and individual and corporate donations. The funds we are requesting through this application would be utilized for advertising expenses, training materials and for mileage. The mileage would be for travel to/from Grant County to provide the training and recruitment, as well as reimbursement to students who are traveling to Iowa County to work with the program. For the program to be able to utilize students as volunteers, this means we have to work with the school schedule. The effect of postponing this project would mean if we can not establish this in the spring semester, we would need to wait until next fall. The long range goal is to establish itself as a regional program, and to have the ability to offer its services to the southwestern counties of Wisconsin. Although, we recognize the work and time this will take, we hope with your support, together, can provide that foundation to the future of Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin.

## **Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin**

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October 29, 2012

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Dear Foundation Board of Directors:

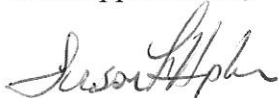
We thank you for this opportunity to submit our grant application for a request of funding. Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin is a non-profit organization working with members of our local community since 2008. The office of the program is located here in Dodgeville.

The purpose of Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin is to use restorative justice principles to prevent crime and repair harm caused by crime to those within our Iowa County community and the surrounding area.

I am enclosing our organization's brochure to further explain our mission and concepts, along with a list of our current twelve member board of directors. If you have questions about our organization or need any other further information, I would be happy to speak with you.

I thank you for your time in reviewing our application, and we hope you will find us worthy of your support.

With Appreciation,



Susan Hepler  
Program Director  
Restorative Justice of Southwest Wisconsin