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HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Supported by the Harry A. Miller Masonic Memorial Endowment

Brother Chairman:

Our lodge wishes to participate in the **HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM**

Our fund-raiser was: _____

It was held on: _____

Gross Proceeds: \$ _____

Expenses incurred: \$ _____

Net Proceeds: \$ _____

Our lodge will use \$_____ This amount must be at least as much as the sum of the net proceeds and the **HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM grant** for the following charitable purpose.

Please make the check to: _____

Please mail the check to: _____

Lodge Name & Number

Worshipful Master

Foundation Chairman's Signature

Date

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**NORTH DAKOTA MASONIC FOUNDATION
HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM**

PURPOSE:

Because of the need for constituted lodges of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to become more visible on a local level and because Masonry in North Dakota needs to continue its broad support of charitable and benevolent activities, this **HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM** has been established.

GUIDELINES:

- 1.) A Lodge must be in good standing with the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of North Dakota to be eligible for grant(s).
- 2.) The **HOMETOWN GRANT PROGRAM** will award each participating lodge, whose application is approved, a maximum of \$300.00 per ND Foundation fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) to help support their local charitable project or program. The number of grant applications per lodge is unlimited, **BUT** only a maximum of \$300.00 will be matched in the fiscal year and is also based on availability with budget for Hometown Grants. For every \$1.00 a lodge raises, the ND Masonic Foundation will match it with a \$1.00 to the maximum amount.
- 3.) A fund-raising event must be conducted during the fiscal year, July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010.
- 4.) Promote the fund-raising event and the intended program by whatever means are available and deemed suitable.
- 5.) Submit to the ND Masonic Foundation, via the Grand Secretary, this application, which must include copies of the publicity (news articles, posters, display ads, etc.) This must be done in same fiscal year as fund-raiser.
- 6.) The Gross Proceeds minus expenses and the money granted by the ND Masonic Foundation must be used for the program or project intended. **NO MONEY CAN BE HELD OVER!!!**
- 7.) All Net Proceeds and Grant Money must be used for a local need, it cannot go into a state or national charitable program; i.e. United Way, American Cancer Fund, Shrine Hospitals, etc. and cannot go directly to an individual.
- 8.) Some examples of usage are: Student Scholarships, expenses to transport a child to a Shriners Hospital, or therapy expenses, prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Student Education, the Close-up Program, a picnic shelter in your park, Food Pantry support or some other area of community support. The selection is up to each lodge.
- 9.) The North Dakota Masonic Foundation will make their selections based on a review of the need and or merits of the program or project that the local lodge is supporting.
- 10.) The ND Masonic Foundation Committee reserves the right to make exception(s) to the guidelines & distribution for an application based on special circumstances.

DISTRIBUTIONS:

- 1.) Because local needs and areas of support will become evident at indeterminate times during the year, the awarding of **HOMETOWN GRANTS** will be done at each regular quarterly meeting of the North Dakota Masonic Foundation.
- 2.) When grants are awarded, checks will be issued immediately at the start of the following quarter and payable to the Charity designated in the application and **will not be issued to individual lodges or individuals.**
- 3.) However, if this program is used to support Student Scholarships, the selected lodges, prior to the start of the selected school term, must send a check made out to the school with the recipient student name and student ID # on the memo line to the Grand Treasurer, he in turn will issue a similar check and forward both checks to the school.
- 4.) The grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis and as funding allows.