

COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 137, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Information

Morris County Youth Rodeo Association (MCYRA)

Organization Name			
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Please list your 3 of organizations officers below:

Clay Wilson	President	785 466	1359
Name	Title	Phone Number	
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Name	Title	Phone Number	
Amy Allen	Treasurer	785 767	5867
Name	Title	Phone Number	

Is your organization a tax-exempt? **Yes**

Date of tax exemptions status granted: 1998

Is your organization a nonprofit 501(c)(3)? **Yes**

Date status granted: 1998

Tell us about your organization.

The Morris County Youth Rodeo Association (MCYRA) was incorporated in 1987 to host youth horse activities in Council Grove. Attracting participants from many surrounding counties, first there was an annual youth rodeo at the Fairgrounds Park Arena. The first ranch rodeo in the state was hosted by the MCYRA with competitors from throughout the Midwest and soon several additional horse events were hosted annually in the MCYRA arena. When a new arena, considered one of the best anywhere, was built in 1997 at the Morris County Fairgrounds, the MCYRA increased the number of activities hosting nationally acclaimed ranch rodeos, state renowned horse youth events and 4-H member shows. A dozen other horse groups annually rent the facilities for special shows and attractions considering there are none better anywhere and especially appreciating the services and congeniality of the community. All total MCYRA activities annually attract 10,000 people, contestants, family and spectators to Council Grove and the surrounding area patronizing hometown and area businesses.

Project Information

Name of project: Five electrical hookups at the Morris County Youth Rodeo Arena.

What geographic area will be served: The entire Midwestern United States coming to events.

Who will benefit: All of Council Grove, Morris County and surrounding area counties.

April 15, 2019
Anticipated Project Start Date

May 1, 2019
Anticipated Project Completion Date

What is the purpose of this project; what specifically will it accomplish?

It is to run five electrical lines and install electrical boxes for five truck-trailer hookups. This provides electrical power for truck-trailer rigs of participants in multiple day activities at the MCYRA Arena who want to stay on the grounds with their horses thus needing amenities for cooling, heating, lighting, cooking, etc., in their living quarters.

What problem is this project attempting to solve?

Prevent families from not having living quarters conveniences, or being forced to leave their horses alone unattended at the arena while the family must locate other amenity hookups in the area.

Who else in the community is working on this issue? Please list all other groups and/or committees.

This is a community service project of the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association. All of Council Grove, Morris County and the surrounding area benefit as rodeo, horseshow and equine activity participants travel from many Midwestern states to the area with certain events often attracting more than 1,500 people including overnight competitors, family and spectators.

How will the project be implemented and how will you coordinate with others working on this issue?

The MCYRA will cooperate with Morris County Highway crews in use of equipment and labor as well as the Council Grove Chamber of Commerce in making awareness of the availability of the hookups for non-horse groups staying overnight in the community.

What local support is there for this project?

The MCYRA arena is used by most all horse event enthusiasts and working ranchers in the Flint Hills throughout the year. The project becomes additionally useful and available to non-horse groups when no equine activities are scheduled.

Financial Information

\$7,500
Total Project Cost

\$2,500
Amount Requested from CGAF

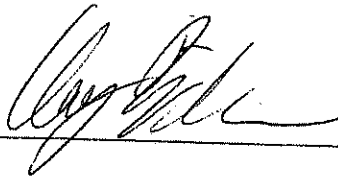
Please list the amount and source of pledge or commitments to date:
None

Please list any additional funding requests that will be made:

Bill B. Young Foundation, Oscar and Ina Nystrom Foundation, John E. Trembly Foundation, TCT Tri-County Telephone, Arthur and Ethel Hylton Trust

Clay Wilson
Print Name

President
Title


Signature

2-19-19
Today's Date

Please submit send your application to: Council Grove Area Foundation
C/O Grant Application
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