

**COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION
APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

1. Organization Name: Big Bluestem Ranch Horse Show/Natl Versatility Ranch Horse Assn
2. Address: 564 F Ave Alta Vista Kansas 66834
Street City State Zip
3. Organization's Officers: Volunteers-Shawn & Nicky Tiffany, Matt & Heidi Lange, Dan & Lisa Wainwright
NVRHA coordinators- Jay Henson and Channing Hawks-Hugoton, KS
4. Contact Person, Title, Phone: Heidi Lange 785-466-0188
5. Is this a tax-exempt organization? yes If so, date tax exempt status received: Fed ID # 26-1120430
6. Title of Project and Brief Description:

Big Bluestem Ranch Horse Show is in its 2nd year in Council Grove. We offer a horse show for youth, amateurs, and open riders to compete in Ranch Conformation, cowhorse, cutting, ranch riding, and ranch trail. It is open to the public and open to members of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association and is a pointed show for their year end awards. Costs of the show include prizes and equipment and cattle costs. We are trying to spark interest in the community for participation as well as spectators. We have participants that come from 4 states.

7. Geographic Area to be served: Eastern and Central KS-Morris County
8. What group will be benefited: City of Council Grove businesses/NVRHA Size of Group: 25-50
9. Anticipated Project Period: September- October 2018
10. Is this a request for Capital, Operating Support, or a Special Project? Operating Support
11. Total Project Cost: \$ \$2000
12. Amount Requested from Foundation: \$ \$1-500 Any help is appreciated.
13. Amount and Source of Pledges or Commitments to Date:
Morris County Youth Rodeo Association has let us use the arena free of cost in the past year. We are hoping to continue this in 2018. Matt and Heidi will pay for restroom facilities at arena. Tiffany's will provide meat for concessions, Jason Fillmore providing the cattle for the event.
14. Other Grant Applications or Funding Requests made for this project:

We will be asking Local and regional business for support or donations for prizes &/or concession supplies.

15. What action has been taken on the other applications or requests?

A few personal affiliates in the planning of this event have pledged donations for prizes.

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

Gives something for the local ranching community to showcase their talents with their horses. NVRHA conducts clinics on the day before show day to help youth and amateurs learn the events and work with their horses with professional people in the business. Hoping to provide some income for the city of Council Grove in hotel and meals. In 2017, we rented the Hays House basement for a Saturday night supper.

17. What are the problems this project will attempt to solve?

More opportunities for ranching youth in this community to get involved in. Would also like to offer opportunities for other youth not horseback to help at concessions.

18. How will this project be implemented?

Our small group of volunteers putting together their time and effort and resources to have a nice show. We want people to come back to our community and to be known for a really nice place to get together. We plan to have our show in September or October annually.

19. What local support is there for this project?

We have had support from the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association and Tri-County Telephone for donations. Also, Rock Creek Outfitters, Farmers & Drovers, Alexander Artworks, Tiffany Cattle Company, Salty Cow Mercantile and MORE.

20. Who else in the community is working on this problem?

We would fall into the same category as 4-H and FFA groups, Jr Rodeo Associations, and Beef Fest competitions

21. How will you coordinate with others working on this problem?

We would like to offer the opportunity for anyone interested in getting involved to come and volunteer their time to get this show organized.

22. If awarded, how will the grant you are requesting be used?

To purchase awards for each event .

23. Is there any additional information you would like to be considered in our determining whether to make this grant?

We aren't a "traditional" grant application, but we are an event in it's infancy and would like to reach out to find funding in order to keep this event an annual draw to Council Grove in the fall. We are just several volunteers looking to host something fun and exciting close to home. In the horse show world, the more you can give back to your participants, the more likely you will have them come back in the following year. We are not looking to make any money off this event. We just want something to offer the community to do horseback and benefit the local economy by doing it.

Signature

Heidi Ceyz

Date

4/30/18