

## **THE WEATHERWAX FOUNDATION**

In 1981 Kenneth A. Weatherwax and his son, Peter A. Weatherwax, established the Weatherwax Foundation in Jackson, Michigan. Longtime area industrialists, the Weatherwaxes owned and managed Acme Industries and Paka Plaza along with other business enterprises. Upon the death of his father in 1988, Peter Weatherwax undertook sole management of the Foundation and expanded its reach in philanthropic works. Under his direction, the Foundation's major emphases included education, community programs and institutions promoting the arts.

The Weatherwax family legacy strengthens schools, both private and public, from primary to university grade levels. Activities in music, culture and social service are recipients of Foundation support. In addition, projects helping children and families receive aid and encouragement from Weatherwax Foundation grants.

Today, the Weatherwax Foundation carries on the spirit and interests of Kenneth and Peter Weatherwax. Their vision of business and community success remains a force for good and brings life-enhancing opportunities to everyone served by the Weatherwax Foundation.

### ***Guidelines & Application Procedures for Grant Seekers***

The Weatherwax Foundation funds projects promoting and supporting education, community programs, culture, science and the arts in the greater Jackson area and, to a lesser extent, in Hillsdale and Lenawee counties. Grant requests seeking funding for individuals or ongoing operational expenses are discouraged.

Requests must follow the format outlined below and may be submitted at any time. Granting decisions are generally made in 8-12 weeks. Grant requests without the information required, or an adequate explanation of its absence from the proposal, are not considered. It is the grant seeker's responsibility to provide complete applications.

#### ***Please submit three copies and include in your request:***

1. An explanation of the organization or program and amount requested, not to exceed two pages in length. Please note other funding sources from which you seek or have received funding;
2. Objective criteria to be used to measure the success of the project outcome,
3. Letter from the IRS confirming tax-exempt status,
4. Audited financial statements for the most recent two years,

5. Budget of the organization for the current and most recent two years,
6. Budget for the project and
7. A listing of the organization's board of directors and executive and project managers with brief statements of qualification.

#### ***Some questions we suggest you address in your proposal include:***

1. How will the project improve the life of our community?
2. What is the objective, data-driven need for the project?
3. Can the project sustain itself after the grant is completed? Is it a one time expenditure?
4. Are the needs expressed in the project being met by other organizations?
5. What are the organization's requirements and budget for professional and staff development?
6. Are financial projections demonstrated to be reasonable and economical?

***Grant requests may be mailed to:***

***Weatherwax Foundation  
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