



Keno Community Betterment Grant Application

Grant Information: This grant has been established with special contributions totaling \$216,000 to the Lottery Trust Fund to be distributed for Community Betterment Purposes as Keno Community Betterment Grants (Grants). The Grants shall be disbursed to private or public not-for-profit organizations located within the City of Kearney and the organizations shall use the Grants only for Community Betterment Purposes as defined in Section 9-604 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. Priority will be given to projects which demonstrate a significant impact to the community and are for one-time capital purchases or to support programming needs.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by 11:00 a.m. on October 31, 2025 (Applications will **NOT** be considered if received after the deadline)

Notification of Awards: November 2025

Disbursement of Awarded Funds: December 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

APPLICANT SUMMARY COVER PAGE

Date: _____

1. **Applicant Name:** _____

2. **Mailing Address:** _____

3. **Business Location/Years in Business:** _____

4. **Type of Organization:** (Check one) *Private, not-for profit* *Public, not-for-profit*
(Attach copy of IRS Determination Letter.)

5. **Contact Person:** _____

6. **Telephone Number:** _____

7. **Email Address:** _____

8. **Name of Proposed Project:** _____

9. **Target Population to be Served:** _____

10. **Project Start Date:** _____ **Project Completion Date:** _____

11. **Amount Requested (not to exceed \$25,000.00):** _____

6) **Community Betterment Purpose** (Check the Community Betterment Purpose(s) listed below that this application meets. Explain how this application satisfies the selected Community Betterment Purpose(s).)

- a) _____ **Enhancing a person's opportunity for educational advancement** - examples include contributing to the operation of a school or establishing or contributing to a scholarship fund.
- b) _____ **Relieving or protecting individuals from disease, suffering, or distress** - examples include purchasing food or clothing for the needy or helping to provide medical care for individuals in need.
- c) _____ **Contributing to the physical well-being of individuals** - examples include donations to foster athletic activities; or to build, improve, or maintain parks or recreation facilities; or to sponsor amateur athletic leagues or programs.
- d) _____ **Assisting individuals in establishing themselves as worthy and useful citizens by providing educational or business opportunities** - examples include contributions to training programs designed to provide individuals with job skills or to aid handicapped people in making contributions to the community.
- e) _____ **Providing individuals with opportunities to contribute to the betterment of the community** - examples include initiating cleanup or beautification projects.
- f) _____ **Increasing the comprehension and devotion to the principles upon which this nation was founded** - examples include sponsoring civic events to make individuals more aware of the history of the United States, State of Nebraska, or other civic institutions or principles.
- g) _____ **Initiating, performing, or fostering worthy public works or enabling or furthering the erection or maintenance of public structures** - examples include contributing to a county, city, or village building fund or donations to fund parks or recreation areas.
- h) _____ **Lessening the burdens borne by government or voluntarily supporting, augmenting, or supplementing services which government would normally render to the people** - examples include paying for housing, food, or medical services for needy people or aiding elderly or contributing to the general fund of a county, city, or village.
- i) _____ **Providing tax relief for the community** - examples include using funds raised from county, city, or village lottery to fund any programs or needs which would normally be paid for by taxes imposed upon the community.

The applicant hereby assumes that the organization intends to provide services according to the information contained in this request if selected and funded to do so.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Typed name of certifying official

Return completed form with attachments to:

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