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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:13 PM
To: 'nelsonm@ccf-mn.org'
Subject: FW: [Library Directors] MN Public Library Grant // Request for Letters of Inquiry DUE: FRI. MAR. 25.

Meg;

Please know the Grand Rapids Area Library has a strong interest in Catholic Community Foundation grant opportunity. Currently, we have an infrastructure need where a grant of between \$3,000 - \$15,000 would be especially helpful. Our outside book return is in a state of disrepair and requires a skilled mason to repair it. This is an unanticipated expense on our part and a timely repair would help the Library to meet the needs of Library users in outstate Minnesota.

Thank you,

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From: **Meg Payne Nelson** <nelsonm@ccf-mn.org>
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Subject: MN Public Library Grant // Request for Letters of Inquiry DUE: FRI. MAR. 25.
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Dear Jim,

The Catholic Community Foundation of MN (CCF) stewards many funds, including one founded by a woman who was a librarian. Among other things, her endowment supports libraries in Catholic Schools, but the largest distribution is directed for "Grants to public libraries in the state of Minnesota for capital improvements and other brick and mortar needs, including infrastructure needs associated with technology improvements."

CCF has been administering the yearly grant from this fund for a few years. Finding a good fit for the purpose of the fund has proven difficult with our limited line of sight on the library field. It has been a steep learning curve. We are amazed at the variety of funding and governance models for public libraries.

This year we are trying something new. We are sending this email to you, the Administrators of the Regional Public Library Systems, hoping that you can either 1) **forward this email** to the individual libraries in your system, or 2) use your own knowledge of the libraries to **nominate a library** with brick and mortar or IT needs from whom we could invite an application.

We do not know whether we will receive 1,000 inquiries or only one, but there is a total of \$15,600 available. We will evaluate inquiries and select up to 5 to apply for the grant. There is no form to fill out for the inquiry, we are only seeking an email with a brief description of the individual library and how they would use a grant of between \$3,000 - \$15,000.

Thank you for your help!



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