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Community Foundation announces \$50,000 in grants for Ashland County villages

ASHLAND – In celebration of Ashland County Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary, the foundation is offering each of Ashland County's villages a strategic grant.

Ashland County Community Foundation Executive Director James Cutright and Chief Program Officer Kristin Aspin announced the grant opportunity Saturday in a special presentation to the mayors of each village.

The grants demonstrate ACCF's commitment to serving all four corners of Ashland County, Cutright said.

Grant amounts are proportional to the population of each village and are listed in the table below.

Village	Mayor's Name	Population	Grant Amount
Loudonville	Steve Stricklen	2,641	\$25,000
Perrysville	Heather Mullinnex	735	\$5,000
Jeromesville	Randy Spade	562	\$5,000
Hayesville	Bob Vinsack	448	\$4,000
Savannah	Tom Kruse	413	\$3,500
Bailey Lakes	John Benshoff	371	\$3,500
Polk	Don Foster	336	\$3,000
Mifflin	Vickie Shultz	137	\$1,000
			Total \$50,000

Municipalities may use grant dollars for any program or project that benefits their community and its residents. Grant money may not be used for ongoing operating expenses or debt reduction.

“These are what we call strategic grants, and we try to be really strategic in thinking about how we award these dollars,” Cutright told the mayors. “We hope that you’ll be just as strategic in how you use these dollars, and it’s our hope that we can improve our county by improving each of our communities, a little bit at a time.”

To receive a grant, village leaders must determine a proposed use for the grant dollars and submit a grant application for approval by ACCF’s grants committee.

About ACCF’s Silver Anniversary: The strategic grants for municipalities are just eight of the many “Silver Anniversary Grants” Ashland County Community Foundation is making this year in celebration of ACCF’s 25th Anniversary.

The foundation kicked off the special grant-making season by awarding three \$5,000 Founding Agency Partner Grants to Ashland County Cancer Association, Ashland YMCA and Hospice of North Central Ohio.

Then, ACCF offered an agency challenge grant opportunity, which allows non-profits to receive a \$5,000 matching grant if they contribute or raise \$5,000 for endowment. Eight local non-profits are participating in the challenge.

Additional grants will be announced in the coming months. The Silver Anniversary season will culminate in a Silver Anniversary Celebration Dinner August 20.

About Ashland County Community Foundation: Ashland County Community Foundation advances philanthropy and improves the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities, providing and administering planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of scholarship, as well as individual and organizational funds for specific charities.

ACCF has over \$55 million in invested assets and has awarded over \$15.3 million in scholarships, grants and distributions.

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