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All,

I plan to attend the Commissioners Court meeting on Dec. 27th to provide an update for the community. I recently found out that Bluebonnet RC&D can apply for funds which are available to do a tire cleanup event in Johnson County. I plan to put in a request for funding to hold a free tire disposal at the City of Cleburne Transfer Station next spring. If any of the County Precincts have the ability to station a Tire Recycling Trailer at their location (within a fenced area) where staff/volunteers can oversee the site I can include additional locations within the funding request.

In addition, Bluebonnet just announced our annual community improvement grant program. I have attached the grant application and a press release about the program. Please feel free to forward this to any non-profits, community groups or schools, within your areas.

I hope to see you next week.



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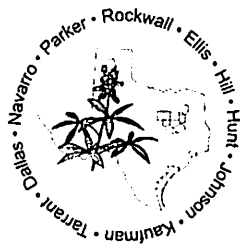
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Bluebonnet R C & D, Inc.
2023 Community Improvement Grant Application

Project Applicant: _____ Application Date: _____
Primary Contact Person: _____
Applicant Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
How do you prefer to be contacted? _____
How did you hear about us? _____

The Bluebonnet R C & D is pleased to announce the availability of the 2023 Community Improvement Grants. This year, we have a total of \$1,000 available for at least two grants of up to \$500 each in matching funds.

The purpose of the Community Improvement Grant is to provide matching grants for projects which benefit local communities, non-profit organizations, and schools. These grants must be matched at least 1:1 with local dollars.

Acceptable projects include but are not limited to those that will provide community improvements such as environmental resource conservation education, illegal dumping cleanup, gardening classes for growing food, community gardens, street signage, recreational equipment, improvement or creation of parks or community buildings.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Project will provide positive learning opportunities
- Project will improve knowledge and understanding of our natural resources
- Project will provide benefits to citizens in the community
- Project budget is appropriate
- Project should improve the community or conserve natural resources
- Project has a clear outcome that can be measured
- Project will create or retain jobs within the community
- Project will provide job skills training
- Project will reduce solid waste or prevent pollution
- Project will promote recycling in the community.

Project Description (500 words maximum). Continue on back of page, if necessary:

Itemized Project Budget (Please describe use of community dollars and grant dollars. Source of matching funds?):

Project Completion Date: _____

(All projects must be completed by August 31, 2023 and receipts must be submitted to Bluebonnet at the address below by September 14, 2023).

Total Project Cost: _____

Other partners involved in project and contributions:

Please submit the application by Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to:

A) Bluebonnet RC&D
220 S. Ridgeway Dr.
Cleburne, Texas 76033

B) OR via e-mail to: bluebonnetrcd@live.com

ANY APPLICATIONS SENT TO ANY OTHER LOCATION WILL NOT BE SCORED.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL KAREN SIDDALL AT 469-371-8484.

NEWS RELEASE

**CONTACT: Karen Siddall, Bluebonnet Resource Conservation and Development,
karensiddall@outlook.com or 469-371-8484**

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DALLAS, ELLIS, HILL, HUNT, JOHNSON, KAUFMAN, NAVARRO, PARKER, ROCKWALL, AND TARRANT COUNTIES - Bluebonnet Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. is issuing its 2023 Community Improvement Grants Application. Initially incorporated in 1993 as a non-profit organization, Bluebonnet RC&D provides assistance to a ten-county area, including Dallas, Ellis, Hill, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, and Tarrant counties.

Local communities, non-profit organizations, and schools in these ten counties are encouraged to apply for one of the two available "matching" grants of up to \$500 each. A matching grant is one in which the applicant will provide a 1:1 cash match for the funds that they are requesting.

Eligible grant projects may include, but are not limited to, those that will provide community improvements such as; environmental resource conservation education, illegal dumping cleanup, gardening classes for growing food, community gardens, street signage, recreational equipment, improvement or creation of parks and community buildings.

Obtain the application for the 2023 Community Improvement Grant at <http://bluebonnetrcd.org/grant-opportunities/2023-bluebonnet-rcd-community-improvement-grant-application>

or by emailing bluebonnetrcd@live.com.

The deadline for applications is February 28, 2023, with awards being announced and recipients contacted by March 31. Projects must be completed by August 30, 2023. Please contact Karen Siddall (contact information above) for more information.