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**Subject: Community Foundation of the Lake receives \$10,000 Rural Ozarks Health Initiative Grant**



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The Community Foundation of the Ozarks and Missouri Foundation for Health have awarded a \$10,000 grant to Community Foundation of the Lake through the Rural Ozarks Health Initiative to address health issues in communities in the CFO's rural service area. CFL will use the grant to help fund the community-wide "Stop the Bleed" effort.

"The Community Foundation of the Lake is very happy to receive the \$10,000 Rural Ozarks Health Initiative grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and Missouri Foundation for Health," said Jane Wright, Grants Chair for CFL. "This grant will allow CFL to partner with Lake Regional Health System and local school districts to install Bleeding Control Stations in the schools, and to train the general public how to respond to a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives."

For the second year, the CFO has awarded \$10,000 grants to 10 affiliate foundations to support community health programs and grantmaking. The grants are part of the Rural Ozarks Health Initiative, a program to address health issues in communities or regions served by the CFO's affiliates. Other recipients for 2019 include affiliate foundations serving Alton, the Aurora area, Dade County, Dent County, the Marshfield area, the Meramec region, Nixa, the Ozark Foothills region and West Plains.

This grant program was developed by Missouri Foundation for Health and the CFO because of a disparity in health indicators between urban and rural areas of Missouri and the scarcity of grant resources available for rural issues in general.

"These \$10,000 grants reinforce our firm belief that local people know how to best address local needs," said CFO President Brian Fogle. "While there are disparities between rural and urban community health, every small town or county has its own unique challenges. We trust these affiliate foundations will make the best decisions for their communities."

A third grant round will be awarded in 2020. When complete, \$750,000 in grant funding will be distributed to more than 30 communities served by CFO affiliate foundations. More information about ROHI is available at: [www.cfozarks.org/rohi](http://www.cfozarks.org/rohi).

***About Missouri Foundation for Health:*** *As a catalyst for change, MFH improves the health of Missourians through partnership, experience, knowledge and funding. The Foundation takes a multifaceted approach to health issues, understanding that programs, policy and collaboration all play a role in creating lasting impact.*

***About the Community Foundation of the Ozarks:*** *The CFO is a regional public charitable foundation established in 1973 that provides asset and resource development, grantmaking and public leadership through a network of donors, 49 affiliate foundations and some 600 nonprofit partners across central and southern Missouri. Information about the affiliate network is available at: [www.cfozarks.org/affiliates](http://www.cfozarks.org/affiliates).*

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