



News Release

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Subject: Preparedness grant awarded to Community Foundation of the Lake

A \$6,000 grant to develop a Certified Emergency Responders Training program in the Lake of the Ozarks area was awarded to the Community Foundation of the Lake.

The CFL applied for a special grant program available through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. The funding will support the Camden County Emergency Management Agency with materials, training and recruitment efforts to start this local program. CERT volunteers are trained to assist first responders after natural disasters when additional support is needed to help residents.

Funding for the grant is made possible through The Fundations' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities. The CFO is a member of the Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency, and Emergency Partnership, a TFN project to support a disaster preparedness, response, and recovery learning cohort among 20 community foundations in an eight-state Midwestern region of the United States.

With the grant, local emergency managers will recruit volunteers willing to enhance their own preparedness so they would be able to leave home after a natural disaster to assist in neighborhoods, church communities and nonprofits. The CERT volunteers also go through an annual retraining and refresher course to stay current on local disaster-response plans.

The CFL is one of five CFO affiliate foundations to receive a total of \$45,000 in grant funding for community-based projects. The other recipients are in Cape Girardeau, Hermann, Joplin, and Poplar Bluff.

The CFL, one of 49 CFO affiliate foundations, was created in 2009 and holds assets of \$1.36 million as of June 30. Since its founding, CFO has distributed more than \$1.34 million back to the community.

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