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DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO UNRESTRICTED GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

DANVILLE, PA – The Danville Area Community Foundation has announced changes to its unrestricted grant program. The changes will affect grants made from the Foundation’s unrestricted funds.

Beginning with the 2007 grant cycle, organizations seeking grant funding through the Foundation’s competitive grant application process should provide a Letter of Intent outlining the grant proposal, prior to submitting a grant application.

Prospective applicants should submit a Letter of Intent that addresses a list of questions found in the Foundation’s Letter of Intent instruction packet. Instruction packets are available through the Foundation’s offices, or from the Foundation’s website, www.fcfpa.org. The instructions ask applicants to provide information such as a description of the proposed project, the amount being requested from the Foundation, and a description of how the community will benefit from the project. The deadline for prospective applicants to submit a Letter of Intent is June 1, 2007 for consideration of a grant award in 2007.

The Foundation’s Grant Committee will review the Letters of Intent, and notify agencies of whether they will be invited to submit a full grant application, or whether their proposal has been denied, by July 1, 2007. Organizations invited to submit a grant application will be given one month to complete the official application, and will be notified of the Foundation’s funding decisions by October 30, 2007.

Candy Bower, Manager of Program & Scholarship Services, commented, “Initial feedback from representatives of local nonprofit organizations has indicated that the changes to the unrestricted grant application process are going to be well-received. Previously, all grant applicants were required to submit multiple copies of the completed grant application and all supporting documentation with submission of the initial proposal. The new process is intended to eliminate some of the up-front paperwork for organizations seeking grants.”

Questions about the new deadline and grant application process may be directed to Candy Bower at the Foundation's toll free telephone number, (866) 901-2372.

"The Foundation continually evaluates its grant application procedures. We developed the new process through feedback from members of the Danville Area Community Foundation's Advisory Board, research on best practices followed by other community foundations across the country, and input from the organizations the Foundation serves," said Frank J. Concino Jr., President & CEO of the Foundation.

"The Danville Area Community Foundation considered the application process, and we found that the Foundation could make improvements to help alleviate some of the administrative burdens for the nonprofits we serve," Concino continued.

The Danville Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. Created by a group of area residents in 1999, the Foundation has a community-based Advisory Board that guides the focus and direction of the organization. The Foundation helps donors build endowed funds to benefit the community. Income from the endowed funds provides scholarships for students and grant awards to nonprofit charitable organizations to aid them in their work.

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, investment partners, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office toll free at (866) 901-2372, or visit the website at www.fcfpa.org.

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