

P.I.C.K. Information

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The Colorado State Grange P.I.C.K foundation was established to----improve Colorado communities and kids. The 501(c)3 status gives the opportunity to pursue grants and other tax deductible funding otherwise not available to us.

Funds are used to improve our communities through education, leadership training, advancement of creative and performing arts and giving of time and talents.

Through this program, the Grange has the potential to greatly improve communities and kids through existing programs: Mandy Project, Community Improvement, Youth and Junior Grange, Emergency Relief, Creative and Performing Arts and Women's Resources.

PICK is registered in the **Vehicle for Charities** program. Please contact Dave McCord 303-388-1259 dmccord60@earthlink.net if you have a vehicle to donate to the program.

Silent Auction – Each year at the State Grange convention PICK will sponsor a silent auction. Items for the auctions are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the State Convention. Fund raised will be split between the categories established and the general fund to cover expenses.

Mandy Project – in conjunction with the State Grange we have a separate fund for the Mandy project which insures individuals donations to be tax exempt. Send donations to the Secretary/treasurer, Cindy Greer. Applications are reviewed by the Mandy project committee and fund are awarded to service providers.

Youth – needing assistance to attend the National Grange convention or other leadership training opportunities are encouraged to contact PICK for financial assistance.

Creative and Performing Arts

Donations are accepted to help send one Talent to the National Grange Convention. Donations can be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Greer.

SPECIAL GRANTS focusing on Women, Children or Youth

How can we help women, children or youth in our communities? If a Grange member, a Grange, or an organization the Grange wants to work with has an idea that they want to implement and need a little financial assistance PICK has decided to accept grant applications.

The group applying (Grange member or Grange) must know exactly what they want to do and share detailed information with PICK when applying.

- Your specific plans
- Date
- location
- budget for the project
- The current financial status of the Grange and any organization the Grange is working with must be submitted.
- A budget for the Grange must be submitted. All funds must be disclosed
 - current amount in checking,
 - current amount in savings,
 - current amount in invested funds
 - and information on availability of those funds will be helpful to the board reviewing the application.

These grants will be small grants. Foundations very seldom give full funding for a project. If a project is worth doing then those planning it should be willing to fund it as much as possible.

If you receive a grant from PICK you will be required to complete the project within one year and a report on the project will need be sent within one month following the date of the project.

The Grange must be committed to the project in planning, execution and provide the majority of the funding.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – People Improving Communities and Kids (PICK) realizes that many Granges need financial assistance to do some of their capital improvement projects. PICK is willing to pursue capital improvement grants, but we need your help.

Any Grange that has capital improvement plans and is willing to meet the requirements of a grant, are eligible to apply. (Grant requirement vary and depend on what the foundation giving the funds requires.) PICK will seek capital improvement grants only for projects submitted. We expect the process to take six months to one year and do not currently have the funding.

Granges applying need to submit the following information.

1. Name of Grange
2. Name and address of Grange contact
3. Telephone number of contact (e-mail addresses are also appreciated)
4. Description of community
5. Explanation of planned improvement
6. Picture of work needing to be done
7. Cost of potential project
8. Time needed to complete the project
9. Portion of cost you are willing to raise
10. Current totals of all finances available – checking, savings, CD's, etc.
11. Detailed calendar of events at the Grange Hall over the last six months
12. Other helpful information