



## **MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM**

### PROGRAM GOALS & AREAS OF INTEREST

The Lawton Community Foundation was started in 1999 to improve the quality of life in the Lawton area. The Trustees adopted a grant program to support endowment funds in the Lawton area. Matching grants will be awarded to qualified nonprofit organizations that have nonprofit endowment funds with the Lawton Community Foundation or would like to start a nonprofit endowment fund with the Lawton Community Foundation. The organization will be required to raise \$5,000 to receive a matching grant of anywhere between \$2,500-\$5,000. The money raised and the matching dollars will go into the organization's endowment fund at the Lawton Community Foundation. The amount awarded will depend on the demand each year. 50% of the contributions must come from individual donors. Each organization must provide a plan on how the \$2,500 from individuals will be raised.

### PROGRAM CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

The grant program will be limited to organizations in the Lawton area, providing programs primarily for the citizens of the Lawton area. All requesting organizations must be Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) organizations that are public charities or which are subsidiaries of state or local governments. No grants can be made to private foundations or economic development organizations. All requesting organizations may only submit one application for each deadline.