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GRANT FUNDING & BEYOND: FREE NONPROFIT TRAINING SESSION ANNOUNCED

March 5, 2026 – Door County, Wisconsin – Nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers are invited to a free training session focused on grant writing and funder research on Thursday, April 2 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Björklunden, 7590 Boynton Ln, Baileys Harbor. Registration and a light breakfast will take place from 9 – 9:30 a.m., followed by the training and a brief question and answer session with local funders.

The morning will feature a practical and engaging training session designed to strengthen local nonprofits' grant-seeking efforts. Participants will explore what a grant is and is not, and when pursuing grant funding makes sense for their organization. Attendees will receive guidance on every phase of the grant life cycle, from prospect identification through proposal writing and reporting. The session will also cover how to identify potential funding sources, evaluate alignment and fit, conduct deeper research on top prospects, and craft compelling, competitive proposals tailored effectively to each funder. A 30-minute question and answer session with local funders will conclude the morning.

The training session will be led by two experienced grants professionals from Lawrence University.

Anna Beno, Director of Corporate, Foundation and Sponsored Research Support, has submitted more than 300 proposals to approximately 130 funders, raising over \$9 million for initiatives ranging from scholarships and athletics to research and sustainability projects. She leads the full grants cycle at Lawrence, from prospect identification through reporting, and brings more than a decade of experience in higher education fundraising.

Alex Baldschun, Assistant Director of Corporate, Foundation, and Sponsored Research Support, assists faculty and staff with grant-seeking efforts from local and national funders. Since joining the grants office in 2024, he has submitted more than 30 proposals and raised over \$150,000. His background includes roles in development operations and prospect research within university advancement.

This training session is offered free of charge thanks to a partnership between the Door Community Nonprofit Group, Door County Community Foundation, Raibrook Foundation, and United Way of Door County.

Seating is limited. To learn more or register by March 27, please visit givedoorcounty.org/training/.

The Door County Community Foundation, Inc. is a collection of separate charitable funds set up by individuals, families, non-profit organizations, private foundations and businesses that are managed, invested and disbursed for the current and future good of Door County. The Community Foundation was launched in 1999, currently administers more than \$65 million in assets, and distributes more than \$7 million to charities every year.

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