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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **Annual Competitive Grant Round Announced**

Whatcom Community Foundation (Foundation) announces a request for proposals. The Foundation serves as a funding partner to area nonprofits engaged in community-building programs in Whatcom County. Last year the Foundation funded 26 outstanding projects totaling \$103,409. Annual funding is made possible from community donations and the Foundation's endowed funds set up to address a variety emerging issues and needs.

According to Joyce Pedlow, Foundation Board Chair, "We look forward to reviewing another year of the County's important community building projects. We are filled with gratitude to our donors who have contributed to these awards since the Foundation opened in 1996. As our community and its needs change and grow, our objective is to continue support creative and innovative solutions."

Local, nonprofit organizations are encouraged read the Foundation's mission and grant principles and policies on the "how to apply" section of the website, www.whatcomcf.org. Applications must be submitted online by January 30, 2012. Awards will be announced by April 19, 2012.

The Foundation invites contributions of all sizes to the annual grant round to help fund local nonprofits. Donations may be made by check, through the Foundation's website www.whatcomcf.org or via telephone.

The Foundation's mission is to enhance philanthropy in Whatcom County by connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information see www.whatcomcf.org or call the Foundation at (360) 671-6463.

Whatcom Community Foundation can only make grants to qualified 501c3 organizations or government agencies

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