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

Whatcom Community Foundation (Foundation) announces a request for proposals. Thanks to community donations and income from pooled charitable funds, the Foundation anticipates awarding more than \$100,000 for the second consecutive year to support the work of local nonprofits. According to Joyce Pedlow, Foundation Board chair, “We strive to provide a way for local people to invest in the health and vitality of our community. Thanks to our donors we are able to fund valuable programs and services as well as provide the long-term vision, resources and expertise to solve problems and enhance an already wonderful community. The Foundation is unique because we offer financial support and technical assistance to nonprofits serving *all* facets of our community.”

The Foundation invites contributions to support the annual grant round, establish donor advised funds and special projects such as the new Ferndale Public Library. The organization’s mission is to increase local philanthropy by connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information, specific funding criteria, and application materials see [www.whatcomcf.org](http://www.whatcomcf.org) or call the Foundation at (360) 671-6463. Letters of Interest are due by February 4, 2011. Nonprofit organizations selected to complete a full grant application will be notified by February 18, 2011.

Pedlow added, “We can increase the amount of funding available if individuals, families and businesses make donations to the grants program. In fact, one of our donors has offered to match the first \$10,000 in unrestricted gifts.” Donations may be made by check, through the Foundation’s website [www.whatcomcf.org](http://www.whatcomcf.org) or via telephone.

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