

# B.E.S.T.

## Community Empowerment Grants

*B.E.S.T. Community Empowerment Grants are designed as mini-grants for community groups, student groups, non-profit organizations, and/or individuals who have an activity, event, program, etc. which enriches the lives of youth, families and/or the community and incorporates the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!*

### Instructions

- Fill out the application and answer all the questions.
- Three neatly printed/typed applications will be needed. Please send applications to:

Community Church of Round Lake  
Attention: Anne Lyons – BEST  
217 N. Goodnow Bl.  
Round Lake, Il. 60073

- Attach a detail budget showing how funds will be used.
- Completed applications are due September 30, 2009 and winners will be notified by October 16, 2009.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Proof of liability insurance and proof of non-profit agency needs to be attached to grant. If you are not a registered non-profit organization, you must have a fiscal agent that is a registered non-profit agency.
- If you have questions about how the BEST Community Empowerment grant, please go to [www.rlabest.org](http://www.rlabest.org) and using the Contact BEST tab, leave a message for Kathy Myers
- Grant Winners will be asked to supply articles and pictures to BEST to be used on the BEST website to highlight the winning programs.

# Grant Application

Name of program/project \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the target population?

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth  
\_\_\_\_\_ Families  
\_\_\_\_\_ Seniors  
\_\_\_\_\_ Community  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is the organization currently doing this project? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how long has the service been provided? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered non-profit organization?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (Attach copy of documentation of non-profit status)

\_\_\_\_\_ No (Attach letter signed by fiscal agent with their name, address, and proof of non-profit status)

Amount of Request from Round Lake Area BEST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Budget for program/project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

## Questions

1. Describe your organization including your mission and vision statement.
2. Describe your project/program.
3. Define the challenge/s addressed by this project.
4. Who do you expect to help?  
(Include the number of people likely to benefit and any restrictions placed on who benefits or can/can not participate in this project. Be sure to include the geographic area that is being targeted and the socioeconomic demographics of the participants in this project.)
5. Describe how CHARACTER COUNTS! will be incorporated in this project? The six pillars of character are Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship.
6. List three goals/results you would like to achieve. Please describe how results will be documented.
7. Please attachment a detailed budget statement as to how the funds will be spent. Please include all funding sources.