



July 1, 2019

Alliance of Illinois Community Foundation (AICF) Colleagues:

At a regular meeting of the AICF on March 12, 2010, those in attendance voted to establish **membership dues** for qualifying Community Foundations. The dues are intended to be used to fund **general operating needs** of the AICF (i.e. website maintenance) as well as **periodic special projects** consistent with the exempt purpose of the AICF, “to strengthen and promote organized philanthropy in the State of Illinois; to assist and educate its members in order to promote and facilitate effective grant making; and to provide a forum for the exchange of information on philanthropic programs and issues.” Expenses must be approved in advance by the President of the AICF and will be paid through the Treasurer of the AICF.

Dues payments will be held in a pass thru agency fund called the “Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations Fund” with the Community Foundation of Macon County in Decatur. Dues are **\$200 paid annually** for a July to June fiscal year and are required/requested only for “members” of the Alliance. From the By-Laws of the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations, **members are defined as:**

“tax-exempt, not-for-profit, publicly-supported, philanthropic institution organized and operated primarily as a permanent collection of component funds for the long-term benefit of a defined geographic area within the State of Illinois.”

“Each member must:

- 1) Be officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3);
- 2) Meet the public support test under Section 170(b) (1) (A) (vi) as modified by Treas. Reg. 1.170A9(e) (10);
- 3) Operate primarily as a grantmaking institution but which may also provide direct charitable services;
- 4) Administer grant programs for the benefit of diverse grantees that are neither limited collectively by field of interest nor to serving only parts of the population; and
- 5) Be structured primarily as a permanent collection of component funds that carry out the diverse charitable purposes specified by the governing body and donors.”

Please help us maintain our records as to your status within the Alliance of Community Foundations. If you do not qualify as a member of the AICF based on the definition above, you are still welcome to attend meetings and may contribute to the AICF to help cover costs of operation and special projects.

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Please respond appropriately to the following questions:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

- Yes, based on the definition above, we are a Community Foundation eligible for membership status with the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations
- No, based on the definition above, we are not a Community Foundation eligible for membership status with the Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations

DUES / CONTRIBUTIONS

- Enclosed is our \$200 dues payment for AICF Membership for 7/1/19 to 6/30/20. Make checks out to AICF with "Dues" in the memo.
- We are not eligible for membership in the AICF, but please accept the voluntary contribution to the AICF enclosed. Make checks out to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, with 'AICF Fund' in the memo line.
- No contribution enclosed.

AICF ROSTER INFORMATION

- Please take us off the roster of the AICF. We are not interested in communications from the AICF and do not intend to attend future meetings.
- Please keep us on the roster of the AICF.

The bylaws require that each member shall appoint one representative who shall be authorized to represent the interest of the member in the corporation.

REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION):

Name:

Position:

Community Foundation:

Address:

Phone:

Website:

Email:

Please return this completed form (and dues/contribution if applicable) to:

AICF c/o Community Foundation of Macon County
101 South Main Street
Decatur, IL 62523

Thank you for your cooperation! Please feel free to contact me at 217-433-2153 or mgr.aicf@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wegi Stewart, Manager
Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations