

PICK – People Improving Communities and Kids

The Heart of the Grange

Emergency Capital Improvement projects –

This is a temporary loan to help a Grange with an emergency that affects the availability of the use of the building in the community. For example if the water heater, heater or some other aspect needs repair or replacement and the Grange doesn't have enough funds to replace it for a period of time these funds can be applied for. Or if vandal's strike and windows or doors need replaced or fixed immediately funds can be applied for. There is no time limit on the loan and there will be no interest charged.

- The Grange must provide current information on balances in checking, savings and cd's or other invested funds when applying.
- The Grange must also provide a list or regular/monthly/periodical expenses that help prove that they are in need of assistance.
- Maximum amount available per incident is \$250.00.
- The Grange must provide quarterly reports on activities that prove their efforts to earn the funds to repay the loan.

Juniors/Youth project

Every Grange needs to connect with the youth in their community. Each Grange can connect with the youth and not have a specific Junior Grange or Youth program. We would like each Grange to promote participation in a special project.

Poster Contest

Theme: Agriculture Education (any topic that educates others about some aspect of agriculture, it can be in production, safety – farm equipment, animals, or food, etc.)

Size: Minimum size 8 ½ x 11 but not larger than 10 x 14.

Age groups: under 5, 5-8, 8-10, 11-14, 15-19

Prizes: First place \$15.00, second place 10.00, third place \$5.00

Agriculture Essay contest

Theme: Agriculture

Age: 15-19

Prizes: First Place 25.00, second place \$15.00, third place \$10.00

Entry deadline September 15.

Women's Resources

Educating the community about safe and proper methods of food preservation is quickly making a comeback. The Grange can be a leader in making sure men and women who are interested in food preservation are educated and well informed. We encourage each grange to sponsor a food preservation program using a reliable source to conduct the workshop. If funds are needed to obtain a reliable source and your Grange does not have funding you can apply for partial assistance. Proof of completion of the workshop is required. If funds are requested the following information must be included:

Grange Name and Number, Contact Person, Address, Date of workshop, name of workshop expert, qualifications of workshop expert. Thirty days following the workshops completion the Grange seeking funding must report the outcome of the workshop and provide one photo. This report can be sent via e-mail. We would like to know how many attended the workshop. Funding must be returned if the Grange fails to report within in 30 days.

Women's Health issues are unique and we encourage you to consider hosting an educational program on a health issue that is important to your community.

Inspirational Grange Recognition Award

To be a Grange that strives to be the center of their community should be one of the Goals each Grange has. Certificates of recognition will be given to Granges who achieve different levels of being the center of their community. In order to be considered for the certificate a Grange will need to complete the Inspirational Grange Report and sent it to PICK Secretary, Cindy Greer by September 15.

- Gold Inspirational Granges are those who complete 91-100% of the items on the report.
- Silver Inspirational Granges are those who complete 81-90% of the items on the report.
- Diamond Inspirational Granges are those who complete 71-80% of the items on the report.
- Ruby Inspirational Granges are those who complete at least 60-70% of the items on the report