

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### **Creation of a Community Grant Fund**

Athens Federal Community Bank has a rich history of community involvement in McMinn, Monroe, Bradley, and Meigs counties, as well as surrounding communities. This commitment was recently strengthened with the establishment of Athens Federal Foundation, a Charitable Foundation created to provide funding to support charitable causes within Athens Federal Community Bank's market area.

We are keenly interested in funding community development via affordable housing, job training, and programs that assist the economically disadvantaged. We believe that education of our youth is our future and special emphasis will be given to educational efforts. Programs providing continued good health care and supportive human service programs are also a priority. We will also support local cultural groups and institutions knowing these grants will broaden access to cultural and arts activities and will enhance the quality of life in the communities in which Athens Federal Community Bank operates.

Athens Federal Foundation Grants will support programs or projects occurring thru 12-01-2011 and 12-01-2012. We are providing you with these guidelines to assist you as you prepare your proposal.

## GRANT GUIDELINES

### **Eligibility**

The Foundation's primary target areas are the communities in which Athens Federal Community Bank operates. Non-profit organizations in Bradley, Monroe, McMinn, Meigs and Polk counties that are tax-exempt under Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to apply. Unfortunately, we anticipate receiving more requests for support than we can approve but we encourage all applicants, whether they receive a grant or not, to keep us informed of their activities. This will be helpful for future reviews and considerations for Athens Federal Foundation grants.

### **Restrictions**

Political organizations, fraternal organizations nor individuals are eligible to receive grant funds.

### **Awards**

\$5,000 is the maximum amount that will be awarded. Grant proposals for less than \$5,000 are welcome.

### **Application Deadline**

Completed applications and attachments must be submitted to Athens Federal Foundation by end of business day on or before August 1, 2011. Awards will be announced in late October.

### **Payment**

A partial payment may be made to grantees upon approval, with remaining grant funds paid after completion of the project and submission of a final report.

### **Questions**

For questions, contact Jeff Cunningham or Veniece Revis at 423-745-1111.