

**GEORGE R. DAVIS COMMUNITY FUND
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
NORTHERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2015 APPLICATION**

Introduction: The Honorable George R. Davis passed away in February 2010 after living almost his entire life in Lowville, NY. Judge Davis, as he was known, served for 20 years as Lewis County Judge from 1962 to 1983. George was active in civic affairs throughout his lifetime with a particular interest in local history including the history of Lowville Academy where his father served as supervising principal for over 35 years. George's devotion to this community was extraordinary. One of George Davis' lasting legacies is this unique community fund.

An excerpt from the Watertown Daily Times obituary of February 9, 2010 identifies the deep love George Davis had for his community and its citizens.

“George Davis is a graduate of Lowville Academy (1935), Deerfield Academy (1936), Middlebury College (1940) and Syracuse Law School (1948). He enlisted in the Army and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II attaining the rank of Captain. He served as Lewis County District Attorney after his return to Lowville and was eventually elected County Judge in 1962.

He had a life-long love for Lowville and its history. Following his retirement from the bench, he continued to pursue his interest in local history. He was Town Historian for 18 years. He served on the Board of the Lewis County Historical Society for many years and later as President. He wrote numerous articles about local history over the years. He served on the Lowville Rural Cemetery Board and worked for many summers restoring old cemeteries and gravestones. He was active in the Lowville Academy Alumni and Friends Association and a member of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks. Mr. Davis became the Academy's historian and served in 2008 as honorary chairperson of the district's 200th anniversary.

In his final five years at home, he studied for and passed his Amateur Radio License joining the Black River Amateur Radio Club. During this time, he was the first recipient of the Lewis County Peace Prize and the last surviving member of the Lowville Band.

He was a member of the Lowville American Legion Post #162, Lowville Elks Lodge #1605, V.F.W. Lewis County Memorial Post #6912 and the Lowville Masonic Temple #134. He never missed marching and later riding in the Memorial Day Parade. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was ordained an Elder in 1964 and served as a Trustee.”

The Davis Community Fund was established to benefit the citizens of the Village and Town of Lowville. In the years ahead, this fund will help bring much needed resources to the community.

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Budget – Project budget through implementation – Please identify by major category/itemize any equipment, services, supplies you’ll purchase through the grant. _____

Total Amount Requested =

In-Kind Support – What in-kind services, direct financial support and/or labor will you and your organization contribute to this project beyond this grant? _____

Collaboration with Others – Will you partner with other organizations _____

Past Record of Success – Does your organization have a past record of successfully accomplishing a project(s) similar to this grant? Please identify any community projects that related to any of the focus areas (page 1) _____

Questions/Clarification – Please email any questions to max@nnycf.org

Final Submittal Date – April 17, 2015

Grant Submittal Process

Please mail or fax all documents to the Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc.

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Selection Committee – The Davis Community Fund Committee will evaluate each grant request on its merits using the “greatest positive impact on the community” as guiding criteria in making the award(s). Projects may be large or small up to a total of \$10,000 for 2015. The committee will make their final recommendations to the full Board of Directors of the NNYCF at the June Board meeting.

Community Members – In George Davis’ will, he named the following to the selection committee: Court Attorney/Clerk for the Lewis County Judge, Supervising Principal (Superintendent) of Lowville Academy, Mayor of the Village of Lowville

Grant Notification – All applicants will be notified by the NNYCF of the status of their grant application by the end of June 2015.

Thank you for applying and best wishes on behalf of the George R. Davis Community Fund Selection Committee.