



Northern New York Community Foundation

George R. Davis Fund for Lowville

(A charitable fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation)

Introduction: The George R. 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.

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.

Mr. Davis was 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.

Mr. Davis 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.

Mr. Davis 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 was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was ordained an Elder in 1964 and served as a Trustee.

GEORGE R. DAVIS COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION

Targeted Population – The Village and Town of Lowville community, its organizations and citizens

General Eligibility and Purposes – Not-for-Profit Organizations or individuals who collaborate with a Not-for-Profit or a government entity may apply in support of one or more of the following community needs:

Focus Areas -

1. Human/Social Needs
2. Cultural Activities
3. Historical Preservation and Related Activities
4. Community Building/Special Events
5. Recreational Needs/Activities
6. Youth Development Activities
7. General Quality of Life Activities/Projects
8. Educational Programs for the Community
9. Other

Projects will have a maximum of a one year time period to finish the work.
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Application Process – Please complete this application and attach any supporting documents that will help the selection committee make their decision.

Name of Organization(s) or Individual _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

If an individual, please identify a sponsoring group who will support/work with you _____

Community Improvement Idea/Concept – Describe the project you are planning to accomplish and how this will benefit the citizens of the Village and Town of Lowville. Include when this would occur and any other pertinent information. _____

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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) _____

Deadline – Grant proposals must be received or postmarked to the Northern New York Community Foundation by no later than **April 24, 2020**. No requests will be considered beyond this date.

Grant Award and Review – All applicants will be notified by the Northern New York Community Foundation of the status of their grant by the end of June 2020.

Selection Committee – In Mr. Davis’s will, he named the following to the selection committee: Court Attorney/Clerk for the Lewis County Judge, Superintendent of Lowville Academy, Mayor of the Village of Lowville.

The fund committee will evaluate each grant request on its merits using the “greatest positive impact on the community” as the guiding criteria in making the award(s). Projects may be large or small up to a total of \$15,000 for 2020. The committee will make its final recommendations to the Northern New York Community Foundation’s Board of Directors in June 2020.

Grant Report – It is a requirement that grant recipients submit a grant report provided by the Northern New York Community Foundation by the completion of your project. An incomplete report may affect future funding requests.

How to Submit a Proposal – Please send completed grant proposals to the Northern New York Community Foundation, Attn: Max DelSignore, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Proposals may also be submitted via email to max@nnycf.org.

Questions/Clarification – Please contact the Northern New York Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110, or via email at max@nnycf.org.