

COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 137, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Information

Organization Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Please list your 3 of organizations officers below:

Name

Title

Phone Number

Name

Title

Phone Number

Name

Title

Phone Number

Is your organization a tax-exempt?

Date of tax exemptions status granted:

Is your organization a nonprofit 501(c)(3)?

Date status granted:

Tell us about your organization.

Project Information

Name of project: _____

What geographic area will be served: _____

Who will benefit: _____

Anticipated Project Start Date

Anticipated Project Completion Date

What is the purpose of this project; what specifically will it accomplish?

What problem is this project attempting to solve?

Who else in the community is working on this issue? Please list all other groups and/or committees.

How will the project be implemented and how will you coordinate with others working on this issue?

What local support is there for this project?

Financial Information

Total Project Cost

Amount Requested from CGAF

Please list the amount and source of pledge or commitments to date:

Please list any additional funding requests that will be made:

Print Name

Title

Signature

Today's Date

Please send your application to: Council Grove Area Foundation
C/O Grant Application
P.O. BOX 137
Council Grove, KS. 66846

STATE OF KANSAS



OFFICE OF THE MORRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY

February 28, 2018

CASA of the 8th Judicial District
Eliza Gentile
801 N. Washington Street, Suite C
Junction City, KS 66441

RE: Letter of Support for CASA of the 8th Judicial District

Dear To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to take this opportunity to send a letter of support for the CASA program in the 8th Judicial District as I have in the past.

As the Morris County Attorney, I have had the continued privilege of working with many CASA volunteers, all of which have continued to be very helpful in the cases. CASA volunteers are a very vital part of the ongoing CINC cases here in Morris County. The volunteers provide a CASA report before the hearing and there is a CASA volunteer present in the courtroom.

I was very pleased to see an office open here in Morris County a couple of years ago. I will continue to offer my support for the CASA program and hope that it will continue to be around for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura E. Allen".

Laura E. Allen
County Attorney



**MARGARET F WHITE
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**MORRIS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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February 26, 2018

Dawn Rouse
Office of Judicial Administration
Kansas Judicial Center
301 SW 10th Street Room B2
Topeka, Kansas 66602-1507

Dear Ms. Rouse:

I am the District Magistrate Judge for the 8th Judicial District based out of Morris County. I am writing you because I support our CASA organization. I hear Child in Need of Care matters and often appoint a CASA as they are able to provide information to the Court that might otherwise be unavailable. For example, in truancy cases where the children and parents are not complying with the order of the court, they have been very helpful. Since there usually is no other agency involved in that type of case, the CASA is able to provide information that may pinpoint another reason for the truancy of the child, which many times can be the case.

The CASA is usually more involved with the children than is the Guardian ad litem. Although the GAL does meet with the children, the CASA has the ability to meet more often with them and can provide helpful information as to what is going on in the child's life. A child may be more willing to open up to the CASA volunteer than to the GAL as they develop a trusting relationship with the child.

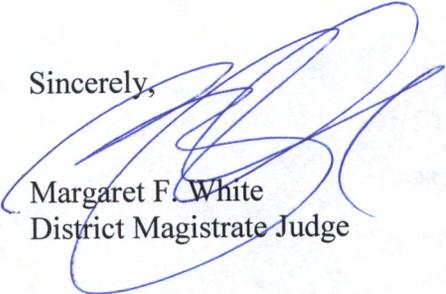
The CASA can also obtain information from the child's school as I often will order grade reports, not just in truancy cases, but also other CINC cases where the child is of school age. With our foster care agencies, I may not receive any reports from the school on the child's attendance and grades until the day of court. Many times the CASA will have this information prior to the day of court so that all attorneys, as well as the court, can review prior to the hearing.

Our CASA's provide very extensive and complete reports for every hearing and do so in a timely manner. They often will provide an addendum if any problem arises after their initial report.

This organization, which operates entirely completely with the help of volunteers, has been extremely helpful in my decisions on the outcomes of cases. If there was ever a loss of this program, it would be a detriment not only in the cases I hear, but to the community as a whole as they help protect the children from harm and are their voice when the GAL is not able to talk to them.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Margaret F. White
District Magistrate Judge