



Imperial Community Foundation (ICF) board members received word of a successful grant application when \$20,000 in Peter Kiewit emergency relief funds were directed to the community to be used for food and energy for those in need.

“It’s a tremendous benefit to our area in these economic times,” said ICF Treasurer Doug Gaswick, who did the majority of the work in making the application.

In meeting criteria for application, ICF requested \$15,000 for the Southwest Nebraska Ministerial Association and \$5,000 for the Imperial Community Center, both creditable established programs which met the qualifications.

Accepting the grants also requires acceptance of responsibilities by the organizations in tracking what the funds are used for, the number of individuals and families benefited and a general accounting of the effectiveness of the gift.

“We see this as an opportunity to help people,” said Todd Burpo from the Ministerial Association, understanding that there will be a need for planning and coordination for proper distribution.

Becky Berry, director of the Imperial Community Center, expressed gratitude that the center was considered as a recipient.

Typically 30-32 daily meals are served at the center each weekday. Berry looks forward to reaching out to more people who could benefit from the nutritional meals. In addition to the food, a positive sense of fellowship is enjoyed by those attending through a variety of activities as well as other provided services.

Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, executive director of the Peter Kiewit Foundation, stated in a letter to ICF, “The Peter Kiewit Foundation is pleased to extend this helping hand to fellow Nebraskans who are in need during these difficult economic times. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to facilitate this grant in your local area.”