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First National Bank of Omaha Now Accepting Community Development Grant Applications for Second Grant Cycle of 2017

Focus is on Programs to Support Educated Workforce Initiatives

OMAHA, Neb. June 5, 2017. – First National Bank of Omaha, which also operates as First National Bank Fremont and First National Bank North Platte, is now accepting applications for its upcoming community development grant cycle which is focused on programs related to educated workforce initiatives, announced Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility.

"At First National Bank, we focus our giving on eight interconnected elements of a successful community and utilize our community development grant program to specifically support organizations who are working to strengthen the workforce, create strong local economies, increase access to stable and affordable housing and develop safe and vibrant neighborhoods," said Gorynski. "We award grants during two annual grant cycles which are dedicated to these community elements."

The bank's second grant cycle opens on June 5 for educated workforce programs, aimed at strengthening individual core competencies that will improve personal economic self-sufficiency, including adult basic education and vocational and employability training. Programs must be implemented for the benefit of low- or moderate income individuals, families and/or communities within the First National Bank footprint. The bank operates in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

First National Bank will accept applications from eligible nonprofit community organizations for educated workforce initiatives from June 5 to July 3, 2017. For more information and to apply, visit: www.firstnational.com/community and click on Request Support.

In the first grant cycle of 2017, First National Bank awarded \$834,000 to 47 organizations in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas and South Dakota. The grants supported programs focused on stable housing, vibrant neighborhoods and strong local economies.

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