

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: All Tax-Free Charitable Organizations and Governmental Agencies in Friends Creek and Whitmore Townships, Macon County, Illinois, and to all Members and Citizens Interested Therein

The Gerber State Bank, with offices in the Village of Argenta, Illinois, is Trustee of "The Phyllis Madeleine Winings Trust," pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Grace Beckham Winings, Deceased.

Said Testamentary Trust provides in Part:

"The Trustee shall annually distribute all of the net income of the trust.

"In making distribution of the annual net income to tax-free charitable organizations or governmental agencies, the Trustee annually shall consider the needs and best interest of the community and use its sole discretion to determine community priorities and distribute accordingly."

"In the absence of a determination of special community need in any year (emphasis added), the net income shall be distributed as directed in the Last Will and Testament of Grace Beckham Winings.

THEREFORE, all requests as to Special Community Needs should be submitted in writing before June 30, 2026 for consideration in making distribution of the income of said Trust for year 2026. Requests should be submitted to the address as follows:

The Gerber State Bank
Attn: Trust Department
P. O. Box 410
Argenta, IL 62501

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, SUCH WRITTEN REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The official and legal name of the tax-free charitable organization and/or governmental agency (or both) and supply documentation of tax-free charitable status. (copies of your most recent verification of non-profit tax-free status from the IRS. This may include a tax-exempt letter from the IRS and your Federal Employer Identification Number)
2. In detail, the nature and urgency of the Special Community Need.
3. Tentative dates of the proposed commencement and completion of the Special Community Need or project. (The project must be completed by **May 31, 2027 with evidence submitted** to the bank's trust department prior to May 31, 2027) Failure to submit this evidence could result in future applications being rejected or denied.
4. The total costs of the need or project including (a) amount of funds on hand; (b) amount of funds available; (c) specific amount requested of the Trust; and (d) **at least two written bids on projects** . Failure to submit the required two written bids will cause the application to be rejected.
5. Briefly, how the need or project will be of special benefit to residents of **Friends Creek and/or Whitmore Township**, or both.

Failure to comply with all of the above five requirements will void your application.

**THE GERBER STATE BANK, As Trustee of
"The Phyllis Madeleine Winings Trust"**

By: 

Trust Officer