**ACMS Foundation Stated Purposes (from its Articles of Incorporation)**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to sponsor and collaborate with other organizations in sponsoring and expanding education programs for the public, physicians and other health care professions in the community served by ACMS and to promote and serve the community’s health care needs and services.

**Grant Funding Priorities**

In 2010, the ACMS Foundation was created to improve public health, promote physician leadership and well-being, and expand medical education in Idaho. Priority will be given to applications:

* Which promote physician well-being, work-life balance and leadership
* Which provide direct health services and/or health education to Idahoans
* Which advance Idaho health professions education

**Criteria for Awarding Grants**

The guidelines below will be considered in awarding ACMS Foundation grants:

1. Charitable tax-exempt status: Only organizations designated as a 501c3 tax-exempt organization (under IRS Code Section 170), government agency, or public education institutions qualify.
2. Governance: Organizations must operate under a board governed by written articles of incorporation and bylaws that define the applicant’s purpose, membership, management, and operation.
3. Locally Based Services: Organizations must maintain a physical presence located in Idaho, with preference given to those operating in Ada and Elmore Counties. Organizations must provide direct health services, screening or education to residents of Idaho.
4. ACMS Member Involvement: Applications for funding must by sponsored by an Idaho licensed physician currently involved in the program as a volunteer, medical director or staff, and this physician must be an active dues-payingmember of Ada County Medical Society.
5. Program Performance: Organizations must demonstrate effective program performance, financial responsibility, and accountability. Successful grantees will report program accomplishments to the Foundation within 12 months of funding. Failure to update the foundation may result in the loss of opportunity to apply for future funding.

Grant recipients may submit an **open format request** including the information above at least 2 months in advance of funding need for proper Foundation consideration. Send applications (and follow-up reports) to the address above.

Each year the foundation will also allow its chosen Physician of the Year to designate an organization which meets the above criteria. At this time, based on Foundation assets, an appropriate request should be in the range of a couple hundred up to $2000.