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## **Community Foundation of West Georgia Announces Important Update to Church Improvement Grant Application Process**

Carrollton, GA — As preparations begin for the upcoming Church Improvement Grant cycle, the Community Foundation of West Georgia is announcing a new step in the application process designed to help churches submit their proposals.

Starting this year, all applicants will be required to complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) through the Foundation's Grant portal before submitting a full grant application. This additional step will help ensure a clear understanding of each project's scope and support the development of realistic budgets.

Key Dates to Remember:

- LOI Submission Deadline: February 1
- Site Visits: Scheduled throughout February
- Grant Application Opens: March 15

How the Process Works:

Beginning January 1, churches interested in applying will log into the grant portal to complete their LOI online. The portal can be accessed here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfwg>.

Following LOI submission and review, the Community Foundation will schedule site visits during February to learn more about the proposed projects. Churches deemed eligible after the site visit will be invited to submit a full grant application when the application period opens on March 15.

This enhanced process is designed to support churches in preparing strong applications that reflect thoughtful planning and realistic goals for improving their facilities and communities.

For questions or assistance with the grant portal, applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Foundation directly.

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**About the Lurleen V. Holland Church Improvement Grant:**

Originally established in honor of Lurleen V. Holland, the Church Improvement Grant has always celebrated her selfless spirit and significant contributions to our community. In keeping with her wishes, her name graces this initiative posthumously, ensuring her legacy of kindness and generosity lives on to inspire future generations. The purpose of the Church Improvement Fund (CIF) is to provide grants for capital improvements to predominately African American churches in Carroll County, Georgia. Priority will be given to churches that have limited ability to raise funds above normal operating costs.