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## **Bromelkamp Company Implements Creative Solution for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation**

**Minneapolis, MN; April 28, 2016:** Grand Rapids Community Foundation boasts a rich history of grantmaking in West Michigan. Beginning with its first gift of \$25 in 1922 through present day with assets totaling more than \$327 million, the Foundation works steadily to improve the lives of its community through endowment building, collaboration, and grantmaking. Of the over \$9 million in grants made last fiscal year, \$3,240,944 were education-related grants and scholarships. Recently, the foundation set out to improve the scholarship program application and approval process through innovation and technology.

Grand Rapids Community Foundation began by implementing Bromelkamp Company's eGrant.net with Reviewer. eGrant.net is an online application tool and eGrant.net Reviewer is an online review tool. After two scholarship seasons, the team at Grand Rapids Community Foundation collaborated with Bromelkamp's staff to further improve their process. In order to provide an enhanced



***Ann Puckett, IT Manager at Grand Rapids  
Community Foundation***

review process with additional functionality, a customized system was designed and implemented, bridging their eGrant.net scholarship applications with First Akoya.net for review. First Akoya.net is most commonly used as an integrated database for CRM and grant and scholarship management among private and corporate foundations, though in this situation it was adapted to be used as a robust online review and scoring tool. Through its seamless integration with eGrant.net, powerful reporting capabilities, and capacity for unlimited customizations, First Akoya.net provided a custom solution that met all the needs of the scholarship team and greatly enhanced the efficiency of their review process.

At Bromelkamp Company not only do the employees have countless years of experience in technology, they have 78 years of experience in non-profit management, foundations, and grants management. When these two attributes are combined, your success is insured. Because of the flexibility offered with all Bromelkamp Company products, most everything can be customized. This ability combined with Bromelkamp Company's experience leads to creative solutions. When asked about her satisfaction with

the customized Akoya.net with eGrant.net, Ann Puckett, IT Manager said, "Scholarships have been going smoothly, and it's been painless for the staff. Tell everyone thanks for coming up with a solution!"

#### **About the Grand Rapids Community Foundation**

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation's mission is to build and manage our community's permanent endowment and lead the community to strengthen the lives of its people.

They envision a magnetic and interconnected West Michigan community. See more at:

<http://www.grfoundation.org/missionvalues#sthash.1Y55ncxT.dpuf>

#### **About First Akoya.net**

First Akoya.net is a dynamic tool that meets the grants management needs of corporate, family and private foundations, as well as government agencies. Users praise its flexible, web-based CRM and grants management and note that it can be easily customized to match their unique processes. Users can access information from a computer, tablet or mobile device, anywhere, at any time, even offline! It requires minimal or no IT staff and no server because it is a cloud based solution hosted by Bromelkamp Company. This is the new generation of grants management. Learn more at

<http://bromelkamp.com/solutions/first-akoya.net>.

#### **About eGrant.net**

eGrant.net is Bromelkamp Company's flexible and efficient online applicant portal. With eGrant.net, organizations are able to eliminate paper waste, streamline their application process, and ensure data accuracy. Like all of Bromelkamp Company's products there are no contracts, free updates for life, and unparalleled support. To read more visit our product page: <http://bromelkamp.com/solutions/egrant-net>.

#### **About Bromelkamp Company LLC**

Bromelkamp Company LLC's mission is to foster the work of grant makers through technology and advice that enables effectiveness and innovation. Our vision is that our clients are free to focus on the mission of their own organizations because of us. At Bromelkamp Company we are deliver outstanding service and provide personalized customer support. Your needs are where we start, and we are committed to your ongoing success. Learn more about Bromelkamp Company LLC and our software solutions at <http://www.bromelkamp.com/>.

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