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EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR EQUIPMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS

December 6, 2017 – The Chris Walker Education Fund Board of Trustees is now accepting grant applications. Applications will be accepted through December 22nd. The fund will award a total of \$15,000 in grants to be distributed in December.

Funds available through the Chris Walker Educational Fund can be used for any project or need that furthers the general education of leasing professionals - either for individual use based on need or for another project that helps the leasing industry's educational platform as a whole.

The award will be split up into two types of designations with \$8500 in grants being awarded to institutions, foundations, or associations; and \$6,500 being dispersed for individual grants. This balance of grant disbursements may change depending on the number of grant requests from both groups. Individual grants are intended to support individual industry members' educational initiatives. This includes grants for industry education, certifications such as the Certified Lease and Finance Professionals (CLFP) designation or development of content for NEFA's Online Learning Center or other educational initiatives. Individual grants can be requested up to \$1,000, or an amount equal to the cost of qualified industry related education.

Grant requests can be sent via email to Nancy Geary, CPA with ECS Financial Services or US Mail (see below), and must include specific details as to how the grant would be utilized. Each grant request will be reviewed by The Chris Walker Education Fund Board of Trustees.

For More Information: http://www.nefassociation.org/donations/fund.asp?id=10120

Grant requests should be mailed to:

NEFA's Chris Walker Education Fund PO Box 69 Northbrook, IL 60065

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