

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SPRING 2006 TECHNICAL MINI-GRANT AWARDS



Friends of Teackle Mansion, a historical preservation organization in Somerset County, has received a \$1,000 Technical Mini Grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The grant will be used to purchase a computer to maintain the nonprofit organization's records. Pictured are: Gail Yerges, President of Friends of Teackle Mansion, and Spicer Bell, President of the Community Foundation.

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(April 4, 2006) – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently awarded \$12,400 in Technical Mini Grants to local nonprofit organizations through the Foundation's Nonprofit Support Program.

The purpose of Technical Mini Grants is to provide grants up to \$1,000 for individual nonprofit agencies in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties for the purchase of equipment, attendance at training opportunities, or for other resources necessary to enhance their respective missions.

Nonprofit organizations awarded Technical Mini Grants by the Community Foundation during the current grant cycle were:

- Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council – Wicomico, awarded \$733 to purchase computer bookkeeping software.
- Kids of Honor – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 to purchase a laptop computer for staff presentation and use in helping to establish programs at partner sites.
- Wellness Community – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 to upgrade and expand the office computer network through the purchase of a computer, server upgrade and DVD burner.
- Habitat for Humanity – Wicomico, awarded \$745 to purchase a digital camera, printer, tripod and accessories.

- CLJ Baskets with Love, Inc. – Worcester, awarded \$850 to purchase a computer for the maintenance of records.
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation – Wicomico, awarded \$970 to purchase two water quality measurement meters for staff/volunteers use.
- Wicomico County Humane Society – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 to purchase a computer, printer and networking equipment.
- Friends of Teackle Mansion – Somerset, awarded \$1,000 to purchase a computer to maintain organizational records.
- Maryland Food Bank – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 to purchase new telephone equipment for the office and warehouse.
- Junior Achievement – Wicomico, awarded \$800 to purchase a new printer and a new copier.
- MAC, Inc. – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 for CPR and First Aid Training for staff.
- Women Supporting Women – Somerset, awarded \$300 to purchase a copier/scanner/printer/fax machine for Crisfield office.
- Diakonia – Worcester, awarded \$1,000 for the purchase of computer equipment for staff use.
- Telamon Corporation – Wicomico, awarded \$1,000 for the purchase of assessment tools and staff training for English in the Workplace Program.

Training Workshops for Nonprofits

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's (CFES) Nonprofit Support Program is also hosting two skill-building workshops for local nonprofit organizations, in partnership with the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, focusing on nonprofit leadership in April and May.

Both training programs are designed for nonprofit staff and board members. Sessions for the two remaining workshops will be on media relations and fundraising awareness. The media relations program will look at ways to develop an effective media plan and the fundraising workshop will discuss a number of successful tactics for raising money.

Registration is necessary in advance for the sessions. Lunch is provided and spaces are limited. The cost of each workshop is \$20 and schedules are as follows:

- Media Relations – Thurs., April 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Trainer: Susan O'Brien, of Susan O'Brien Public Relations.
- Fundraising – Thurs., May 4, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Trainer: Trudy Jacobson, Director of Development, Marketing and Communications of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations.

All sessions will be held at the offices of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore

located at 200 W. Main Street, Salisbury.

Scholarships for Nonprofits Offered

Local nonprofit groups may also apply for scholarships for select continuing education courses at Wor-Wic Community College for the spring semester. The Community Foundation has granted over 100 scholarships to local nonprofits in just the past two years. Applications should be received by the Foundation at least 10 days prior to the start of any class offered for the spring semester.

For more information on the training workshops or continuing education scholarships, or any of the Community Foundation's other nonprofit support programs, contact Erica Joseph, Program Officer, at 410-742-9911 or [click here](#).

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable public foundation serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties by building endowments, advising donors, making effective grants and providing leadership to address community needs.

More information about the Foundation's endowment funds and other services to nonprofit organizations and charitable giving opportunities may be found on this website or by calling the Foundation office at (410) 742-9911.

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