

FOUNDATION GRANTS \$58,593 FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Nonprofit organizations in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester receive funds

(February 13, 2006) – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc., has awarded a series of Community Needs grants totaling \$58,593 which are being distributed this month to government and nonprofit organizations in the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The grants will benefit – either directly or indirectly – the residents of the region and were awarded during the first of three grant cycles planned in fiscal 2006 from the Foundation's Community Needs Funds.

A total of \$173,400 in Community Needs Grants were awarded by the Foundation through a competitive evaluation process during the past 12 months. The deadline for qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for the third round of community needs grants from the Foundation during the current fiscal year is April 1st.

“As the population of our area continues to grow, so do the needs of the nonprofit organizations serving our region,” said Spicer Bell, the Foundation's President. “To help meet needs throughout Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, we are pleased and excited to be able to help fund these worthwhile programs,” he added.

Grants in this cycle were awarded to the following nonprofits:

- Delaware Library Association (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$3,544 to support the Delmarva Discussions program.
- Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay (Somerset/Worcester) – Awarded \$5,580 to support Girl Scout programs for underserved girls in Somerset and Worcester counties.
- Kids of Honor (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$7,431 to provide funding to implement leadership development programs for youth and families as part of the Kids of Honor Connection Club.
- Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$7,500 to fund the updating and expansion of the African American history education program.
- Pocomoke Marketing Partnership (Worcester) – Awarded \$5,042 for the development of marketing materials for the new Delmarva Discovery Center.
- Salisbury University Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (Wicomico County) – Awarded \$5,680 to support the Civic and Governmental Leadership Academy.
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Somerset) – Awarded \$2,566 to support senior citizen computer workshops at the Frederick Douglas Library.
- Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art (Wicomico) – Awarded \$5,600 to support leadership training and workshops.
- Wicomico County Library (Wicomico) – Awarded \$7,500 to provide funding for a comprehensive facility needs assessment.

· Worcester County Judy Center (Worcester) – Awarded \$5,650 to support a conference for early childhood educators.

· Wor-Wic Community College (Wicomico) – Awarded \$2,500 to support the expansion of the Healthy Lifestyles Activity Stations Program on campus through the purchase of 4 additional activity stations.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties by building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants to nonprofit organizations and providing leadership in addressing community needs.

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