

FOUNDATION AWARDS \$10,882

IN TECHNICAL MINI GRANTS

Lower Shore nonprofits use grants to enhance their missions

(August 14, 2007) – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore recently awarded \$10,882 in Technical Mini Grants to 11 local nonprofit organizations through the Foundation’s Nonprofit Support Program.

The purpose of awarding Technical Mini Grants is to provide 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:

- Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council - awarded \$1,000 to develop a new website that will serve as a “one-stop shop” for local artists.
- Atlantic General Hospital – awarded \$1,000 to purchase two security cameras and monitor to enhance the safety of employees and patients in the emergency department.
- 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program - awarded \$1,000 to purchase and LCD projector to enhance outreach and communications efforts for the organization.
- Coastal Hospice – awarded \$1,000 to support training for the Development Director to attend a planned giving conference at the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University.
- Humane Society of Somerset County – awarded \$1,000 for volunteers to attend “The Fix-It Forum” offered by PetSmart Charities that will provide information on effectively managing and implementing spay/neuter clinics.
- Kids of Honor – awarded \$1,000 to purchase a laptop computer to serve as the workstation for a new full-time staff person.
- Holly Community – awarded \$1,000 to support staff training to implement new web-based data collection software and for staff attendance at the Governor’s Grants Conference.
- Shore Up! – awarded \$1,000 to support a Professional Day Workshop for Shore Up staff members.

- McCready Foundation – awarded \$1,000 to purchase equipment that will provide the capacity for the organization to complete a full backup for all electronic files within the organization’s computer network.
- Worcester County Developmental Center – awarded \$956.46 for a technology upgrade to enable the WCDC staff to be fully integrated into the organization’s network and provide for back up of the system.
- Somerset County Historical Society – awarded \$926 to purchase a laptop computer and laminating machine.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable public foundation serving the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland by building charitable funds, advising donors, making effective grants and providing leadership to address community needs.