

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS

RECORD \$89,188 IN GRANTS

Grantmaking to support local nonprofits highest in 22 years

(February 13, 2007) – A record \$89,188 has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations in the most recent cycle of community grants for 2007 by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The level of grants exceeds all previous amounts for any community grants cycle in over 22 years since the Foundation was established in 1984.

“We are grateful for the faith and trust so many people in the region have expressed in the Community Foundation through their generous donations over the years. This support has made it possible to steadily increase our discretionary grantmaking to local nonprofits,” said Art Cooley, Foundation Board Chair.

Foundation President Spicer Bell added, “As our area continues to grow, so do the needs of the nonprofit organizations that serve Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore. “To help meet the growing needs of so many throughout Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, we are pleased and excited to be able to help fund these worthwhile programs.”

The current series of grants totaling \$89,188 was awarded through four separate grant programs. Following is a listing of the current grant awards:

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

A total of \$63,890 in Community Needs grants has been awarded to 15 nonprofit and government organizations in Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties. These grants offer the most flexibility to the Community Foundation to meet changing needs and are awarded through a competitive grant process.

Organizations receiving Community Needs Grants include:

- MAC, Inc. (Wicomico) – Awarded \$4,950 to fund the acupuncture component of pain management program.
- Crime Solvers (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$6,500 to support a major advertising campaign.
- Coastal Hospice, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$800 to support a one-day bereavement event combining equine-assisted growth and learning with grief counseling.
- Somerset County Health Department, (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$7,500 to support a program to train first responders on the dangers of methamphetamine in the tri-county area.

- Salisbury Zoo Commission, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$7,500 for the purchase of 3 notebook computers and Microsoft Office Suites software to upgrade Zoo animal medical records.
- Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$3,200 to design the Family Friendly Business recognition award, develop marketing materials, public relations templates, and educational brochures.
- John Quinton Foundation, Inc. (Wicomico) – Awarded \$4,000 for the purchase of materials and supplies for construction of a ramp at the Rosenwald school in San Domingo to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion, Inc. (Wicomico) – Awarded \$5,000 to support paint analysis and research by a historic paint contractor.
- Furnace Town, (Worcester) – Awarded \$2,500 to provide historic preservation for the Nassawango Iron Furnace.
- Moseley Gallery, Department of Fine Arts, UMES, (Somerset) – Awarded \$4,300 to support revolving exhibitions, lectures and arts & crafts demonstrations for students, faculty, and the community.
- Historically Black Colleges/Universities, UMES Choral Festival, (Somerset) – Awarded \$2,390 to provide support for transportation meal costs for Choral Festival participants.
- The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, (Lower Eastern Shore) – Awarded \$4,350 to provide transportation for elementary school children in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties for two class trips to the Ward Museum during the 2007 academic year.
- McCready Foundation, Inc. (Somerset) – Awarded \$4,900 to help fund the Diabetes Education Program.
- Wicomico Public Library, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$4,500 to purchase signage and furnishings for a new children's area at the Centre at Salisbury.
- Friends of Worcester County Commission for Women, (Worcester) – Awarded \$4,000 to purchase and distribute books to Worcester County public school children to maintain grade level reading skills through summer break.

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

A total of \$14,070 has been awarded through four of the Community Foundation's Field of Interest funds. These funds provide grants to a particular geographic or program area of interest.

The four funds generating donations include the Jim Barrett Worcester County Fund, the Bobbi Biron Wicomico County Fund, the Albert Bailey Wicomico County Fund, and the Handy Crisfield Improvement Fund. Organizations receiving Field of Interest include:

Barrett Worcester County Fund

- Worcester Development Center – Awarded \$1,500 to provide support for maintenance expenses in the kitchen that provides daily lunches to the participants in the Worcester County Development Center’s Day Program.
- Mar-Va Theater – Awarded \$5,000 to provide support for the completion of restoration efforts at the historic Mar-Va Theater, originally constructed in 1927.

Bobbi Biron Wicomico County Fund

- Wicomico Board of Education – Awarded \$2,670 to provide support for the program, Simply Signing with Young Children, a six week series that will work with families of young deaf children to teach functional signs to allow for communication at the child’s level.

Albert Bailey Wicomico County Fund

- Salvation Army – Awarded \$3,400 to provide support for the after-school tutoring for children participating in sports programs at the Salvation Army.

Handy Crisfield Improvement Fund

- McCready Memorial Hospital Foundation – Awarded \$1,000 to support the matching funds required to purchase a resident transport minibus to support the Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home.

VFW Post 194 Fund

- Wicomico High School – Awarded \$500 to support a field trip to Washington, DC for the special education class at Wicomico High.

TECHNICAL MINI GRANTS

A total of \$9,828 in Technical Mini Grants has been awarded to 11 local nonprofit organizations. Technical Mini Grants are designed to provide up to \$1,000 for individual nonprofit agencies to purchase equipment, advance training opportunities, and for other resources that may enhance their respective missions.

Organizations receiving Technical Mini Grants include:

- Agape Project, (Worcester) – Awarded \$1,000 for a new copier/printer and computer networking.
- Art League of Ocean City, (Worcester) – Awarded \$203 to support the cost of a computer monitor.
- Crisfield Heritage Foundation, (Somerset) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the purchase of a computer to catalogue the museum’s collection.
- Easter Seals, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$645 to support the costs associated with staff training for “Yoga for the Child with Disabilities.”
- Green Gate Farm, (Somerset) – Awarded \$1,000 to support costs associated with staff training at the “Stepping Up and Out with Our 12-Step EAP Workshop for Addictions.”
- Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the purchase of 5 Microsoft Windows XP software packages used to upgrade databases.
- LESSON, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the purchase of a computer for use by volunteers, staff, and board members.
- Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the purchase of a Dell Notebook, Pledgemaker fundraising software, and consultant fees.
- Maple Shade Youth and Family Services, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$980 to support costs associated with computer training for the 16 member management team.
- Mar-Va Theater, (Worcester) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the costs associated with the board president’s attendance at the League of Historic American Theaters Seminar.
- Worcester G.O.L.D., (Worcester) – Awarded \$1,000 to support the purchase of a color printer to support community outreach.

CHAIRMAN’S FUND GRANTS

Grants from the Chairman’s Fund are made at the discretion of the CFES Board Chairman and President in response to urgent, but modest financial needs.

Organizations receiving Chairman’s Fund Grants include:

- St. Mary’s Missionary Baptist Church Little Soup Kitchen, (Somerset) – Awarded \$400 to support the purchase of a freezer to use in storing donated, perishable items.
- Wicomico County Council of PTA’s, (Wicomico) – Awarded \$500 to support informational meetings to increase involvement and participation of parents in the

following schools: Beaver Run, Chipman, East Salisbury, Glen Avenue, Prince Street, and West Salisbury.

- Ocean Pines Players, (Worcester) – Awarded \$500 to provide support for upcoming productions of “Satchmo and Hoagy,” a musical based on the lives of Louis Armstrong and Hoagy Carmichael.

The deadline for qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for the next cycle of Community Needs Grants is April 1, 2007. The next Technical Mini Grant deadline is July 20, 2007.

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. For more information about the Community Foundation, please continue browsing this website, or phone 410-742-9911.