

FOUNDATION GRANTS \$55,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

Next Deadline for Community Needs Grant Applications: April 1st

(March 11, 2005) - The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc., has announced a series of community needs grants totaling \$55,000 which have been awarded 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 second of three grant cycles from the Foundation's unrestricted Fund for Community Needs planned in fiscal 2005. The deadline for application to this program is April 1, 2005.

"Needs are great throughout this region and we are pleased and excited to be able to help fund these worthwhile programs," said Spicer Bell, the Foundation's President.

Grants were awarded to:

Epilepsy Association of the Eastern Shore, Inc., Salisbury, to expand the organization's Emergency Assistance Program to provide services for additional clients in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester County.

Salisbury Zoological Park, Salisbury, to purchase new technical equipment to enhance the Education Department's ability to provide volunteer training programs and interpretive programs for the public.

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury, to support Family Fun Days to educate local residents on wildfowl and to provide enrichment programs for at-risk students in Somerset County through the after-school program Voyage to Excellence.

Wicomico Mentoring Project, Salisbury, to invigorate two programs, Youth Career Tours and a Positive Impact Seminar, and sustain the annual Friendship Picnic.

Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Salisbury, to fund the outreach and promotional campaign for a new project call the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Project Sisterhood, Salisbury, to fund the winter reading program, a pregnancy prevention strategy.

Camp Charity Foundation, Salisbury, to provide support for field trips associated with this new program created to provide quality after-school experiences and exposure to the arts.

Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin, challenge grant to purchase two specialty beds to expand the hospital's Safe Care and Restraint Free (SCARF) Program.

Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center at Salisbury University, to provide a day-long conference for regional child-care and early childhood educators.

Somerset County Local Management Board, Princess Anne, to conduct a county-wide needs assessment to assist in the creation and support of programs to benefit children and families.

Salisbury Urban Ministries, Salisbury, to provide support for a dance troupe, drum ensemble, and mentoring program.

Corporation for Healthy Homes and Economic Development, Salisbury, to provide support for an education and outreach program to inform residents in the tri-county region of potential household environmental hazards such as lead paint and harmful molds.

Furnace Town Foundation, Snow Hill, to provide funding to expand the Artisan Interpretive Program.

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 and providing leadership in addressing community needs.

The next deadline for application to the Community Needs Grants Program is April 1, 2005.

For more information, visit the [grants pages of this website](#) or call the Foundation at 410-742-9911.