

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE EASTERN SHORE, INC.
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Field of Interest Grant Program Guidelines

Field of Interest Funds are established by donors to support a particular area of interest. Within that subject area, the Foundation makes grants to the most appropriate organizations and projects serving that interest. Selection is guided by the Foundation's Community Initiative Committee.

Active Field of Interest Funds currently held by the Community Foundation:

The Bailey Wicomico County Fund	The Lower Shore Endowment for the Arts
The Barrett Worcester County Fund	The Quota Women and Children's Fund
The Biron Fund for Wicomico County Needs	The Somerset County Fund
The Handy Crisfield Improvement Fund	The VFW Post #194 Fund

Through this grant program, the Foundation identifies high priority needs and seeks opportunities where a relatively modest amount of grant money can make a significant difference in our community. Monetary grants are awarded to a wide range of tax exempt organizations in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

Most awards are in the \$500 - \$1,500 range, although consideration may be given to larger requests.

Eligibility Criteria and Exclusions. Grants through this program are made to charitable organizations, not individuals. The eligibility requirements will vary depending on the specific fund criteria, but Field of Interest Funds will not provide grants for:

Endowment Funds	Sectarian Religious Programs	Operational Deficits
General Operating Expenses	Playground Equipment	Debt Retirement
Fundraising Campaigns	Building Campaigns	Capital Requests
		Political/Lobbying Programs

Application Procedure.

All applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry including the following information:

- Organization Name
- Project Description
- Project Budget/Amount Requested
- Implementation Timeframe
- Evaluation Strategy
- Other Funding Sources for the Project/Need

The Letter of Inquiry should be typed (12 point font), submitted on organizational letterhead, and should not exceed two pages.

Following an initial review, eligible projects will be encouraged to submit a full application (format will be provided). All Letters of Inquiry will receive a written response. Thank you for your interest in our grant program. If you have any questions or comments please contact the Program Officer at the Community Foundation.