



The McDowell Foundation
An Affiliate of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Grant Recipient History
Spring 1995 – Fall 2009

Fall 2009

First Baptist Church of Marion - \$10,000 to cover start up expenses for the new Good Samaritan Clinic of McDowell County.

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$4,940 for emergency utility assistance.

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$5,000 for heating assistance to 20-30 families.

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$4,926 for the Food Pantry and Community Garden Project

Spring 2009

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$4,990 to purchase two commercial refrigeration units, increasing the capacity of two locations to accept perishable food items from Manna Food Bank, such as milk, cheese, eggs, yogurt, juice and produce.

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$2,518 to continue the Community Garden Project

McDowell County Schools - \$2,361 to provide food assistance to families in McDowell County in conjunction with the Family Resource Centers located in Old Fort, North Cove and Glenwood elementary schools. Parents will also participate in the Circle of Parents program that provides comprehensive, self-help services.

Winter 2008

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$2,000 for client transportation

Grace Community Church - \$2,000 for the Benevolence Ministry, such as rent and utility assistance.

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$5,000 for the Food Pantry and Garden Initiative

McDowell County Dread Disease Association - \$2,500 for medication assistance

McDowell County Public Library - \$500 for unemployment and job search resources

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$5,000 for utility and rent assistance

Old Fort Crisis Ministries - \$3,000 to the Old Fort Recession Relief Fund for utility, rent and medication assistance

Fall 2008

Community Health Council of Rutherford - \$1,828 for equipment, educational materials and testing supplies for this organization's work in McDowell County in Judicial District 29A.

Davidson's Fort Historic Park - \$7,000 to upgrade the fort's website for better marketing and promotions.

Spring 2008

Magical Moments Therapeutic Riding Center - \$4,000 to purchase equipment and provide therapeutic riding lessons to individuals with mild to moderate disabilities.

McDowell County Senior Center - \$25,000 to purchase food-preparation equipment for the A.C. Bud Hogan Community Building, a new center that will serve as a nutrition site for seniors in Old Fort.

KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum - \$25,000 for continued support of work to bring a traveling planetarium and science-programs to elementary school students in six WNC counties.

The McDowell Hospital - \$3,400 to purchase two new microscopes, tools that will assist in making accurate diagnoses and determining appropriate treatment options for patients.

Fall 2007

Davidson's Fort Historic Park - \$7,000 toward development of a fort, museum and park, part of Old Fort's plan for heritage education and economic revitalization.

Spring 2007

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina, Inc. - \$25,000 to initiate a working forest land conservation program that would provide homeowners in McDowell and Rutherford Counties with an economically viable alternative to the sale of large tracts of land for intensive residential development.

KidSenses, Inc. - \$25,000 to purchase a full dome theater/planetarium for a science-based educational outreach program targeted to elementary schools in McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, Buncombe and Burke Counties.

Grace Community Church - \$7,000 to assist in funding an afterschool program for children at Old Fort Elementary School whose unstable home lives put them in jeopardy of dropping out.

Fall 2006

Altapass Foundation (The Orchard at Altapass) - \$7,000 to evaluate and purchase database software that supports their efforts to build a membership constituency and become self-sustaining.

Spring 2006

Hospice of McDowell County - \$25,000 to establish a children's grief and loss program and help furnish rooms to offer these services.

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$25,000 for increased staff during a facility reorganization designed to provide more jobs through manufacturing operations.

Repay - \$25,000 to replicate an effective offender reentry program in Rutherford and McDowell counties.

Historic Carson House - \$3,500 to enhance and expand this McDowell County genealogical library and museum.

Old Fort Elementary School - \$2,600 to use the school's nature trail as a tool to teach science programs.

Fall 2005

McDowell Arts and Crafts Association - \$1,500 to support "Music in the Mountains," a new, one week course in mountain blues music for adults.

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$7,000 to purchase a thermo sealer and water chiller, which will allow the organization to reduce the cost of outsourcing and allow them to expand into new product lines.

Fall 2004

NC Cooperative Extension Service McDowell County Center - \$6,560 for “Families Under Construction,” a series of parenting classes and seminars for parents and their school-age children to help them cope with issues such as discipline, communication, blended families and self-esteem.

McPals (Endowment Fund of the Public Schools of McDowell County) - \$7,000 to expand “Parent and Child Konnection” (PACK), a collaborative prevention and parent involvement program in Old Fort designed to address alcohol and drug abuse, violence, delinquency, and school dropouts.

Fall 2003

McPals (Endowment Fund of the Public Schools of McDowell County) - \$11,346 toward a family literacy project for Latino families at Eastfield Elementary School.

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$15,000 for a marketing director to increase support of employment and training programs for adults with disabilities.

Foothills Community Theatre - \$6,000 to start a performing arts school for teenage youth.

Spring 2003

Keep McDowell Beautiful - \$10,000 to staff the “Eco Van” and provide environmental education activities to local elementary school students.

McDowell County United Way - \$10,000 to begin a 2-1-1 calling service for McDowell County, providing improved access to non-emergency health and human service information as well as volunteer opportunities.

Fall 2002

McDowell County Health Department -- \$10,000 to support a character building curriculum to be used in the “Let’s Talk” program for teenagers and their parents.

Spring 2002

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina -- \$10,500 to complete a biological inventory and conduct outreach to private landowners as a strategy for preserving important natural areas in southern McDowell and western Burke counties.

McDowell County Partnership for Children and Families -- \$12,855 to offer the Positive Parenting programs for families referred by the courts and social service agencies.

McDowell County Schools -- \$7,000 for the start-up of a summer and after-school program for youth at Nebo Elementary School.

Spring 2001

KEY Players --\$6,654 for this children’s theater company to teach young school audiences in eleven WNC counties to practice respectful behaviors while attending arts events.

East McDowell Junior High School -- \$7,429 to purchase equipment and create a video production unit for teachers and students.

Fall 2000

NC Mental Health Association -- \$3,000 for planning and start-up of a daytime drop-in center for people with mental illness in McDowell County.

Spring 2000

MANNA Food Bank -- \$15,000 to extend services to rural counties providing them access to food, support services and education.

McDowell Arts and Crafts Association -- \$2,300 to refurbish a façade at this local arts organization located on Main Street in Marion.

Old Fort Elementary School -- \$2,700 to fund its summer enrichment program entitled, “Walking Through an Old Fort Century.”

Spring 1999

McDowell County Habitat for Humanity— \$2,000 for appliances for a newly built home designated for low-income residents.

Spring 1998

Carson Home Restoration -- \$4,650 for repairs and restoration of porches at this historic house museum in McDowell County.

Hospice of McDowell County -- \$679 for a bereavement counseling program in the McDowell public schools.

Fall 1997

Institute of Marine & Agricultural Research -- \$1,500 to undertake a public awareness program and outreach to school children at its McDowell County wetlands research site.

McDowell Agricultural Center -- \$1,000 to make exhibit space more functional for educational programs serving McDowell County.

Southern Environmental Law Center -- \$10,000 to support the Black Mountains Project of the Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition, which seeks to protect the national forest and educate local citizens about the value of their natural resources.

Spring 1997

McDowell County Schools -- \$1,500 toward the purchase of a Wings Library of educational games and exercises for children with mental, physical and/or emotional handicaps.

Spring 1996

Hospice of McDowell County -- \$1,500 to support hospice education.

Spring 1995

Hospice of McDowell County -- \$3,500 for the organization’s start-up phase.