

CFWNC Recession Response Fund Grants – April 2009
52 Grants totaling \$297,448

BLACK MOUNTAIN

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center - \$2,500 for administrative and counseling support for clients unable to pay.

Hand in Hand of the Swannanoa Valley - \$2,500 for the all-volunteer program *Valley Churches helping Valley Students* that enables school teachers and counselors to address the critical financial needs of the students of the Swannanoa Valley.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$5,000 for the Crisis Mortgage and Rental Fund for clients experiencing imminent threat of eviction or foreclosure due to the recession.

Town of Black Mountain - \$2,500 to upgrade the kitchen facility with commercial grade equipment for the *Black Mountain Welcome Table*, expanding capacity from one lunch a week to possibly five lunches, one dinner and one breakfast.

BUNCOMBE

Big Ivy Community Club - \$5,000 for a commercial grade freezer to expand the capacity to distribute food in the Big Ivy Community.

Bountiful Cities Project - \$5,000 to support new neighborhood community gardens in low-income neighborhoods in Asheville.

Catholic Social Services Diocese of Charlotte - \$2,500 to provide increased food and financial assistance for rent and utilities to the local community including a number of clients who speak English as a second language.

Children First of Buncombe County - \$5,000 for food and emergency rent and utility assistance for families at the Family Resource Center in the Emma neighborhood.

Helpmate - \$5,000 for the Crisis Stabilization Program that combines emergency shelter, counseling case management and advocacy to support victims seeking safety from violent and sometimes lethal living situations.

Homeward Bound - \$5,000 for operating support for A HOPE Center. A HOPE is a day center that serves homeless people with case management and support services to assist them in securing permanent housing.

Meals on Wheels of Buncombe County - \$5,000 to buy food to address the significant increase in requests for service (7,055 more meals in 08 over 07 with requests increasing in 09).

Three Streams Family Health Care Center - \$5,000 to expand staff hours and provide 24 more patient appointments per week.

Western Carolina Rescue Ministries - \$5,000 to address the rising demand for food and shelter and to continue to offer job placement assistance for homeless men and women.

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - \$5,000 to expand case management services, particularly with food and employment, for 100 clients in the *Women at Risk* program.

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BURKE

Burke United Christian Ministries - \$5,000 to support crisis services including the food pantry and soup kitchen and preventing homelessness by providing rental and utility assistance for people who are income qualified.

Good Samaritan Clinic, Inc. - Morganton - \$2,500 for general operating expenses including staffing, medical supplies and prescription drugs to provide quality medical care for uninsured families.

Outreach Center - \$5,000 toward food distribution by regional community food banks and job readiness assistance services in Burke County.

HAYWOOD

Bethel Rural Community Organization - \$1,350 for the *Benevolence Program* providing food and utility assistance to families through local community center.

Good Samaritan Clinic - \$3,500 toward mental health services integrated with health clinic services.

Haywood Christian Ministry - \$1,350 for utility assistance to help keep people in safe housing.

Mountain Projects Community Action - \$3,500 to address recession-related needs including utility disconnects and emergency rental or foreclosure assistance to help stabilize housing situations for families.

Pigeon Community Development Center - \$1,350 for the multi-cultural *Food Pantry/Supplemental Food Distribution* program.

HENDERSON

Interfaith Assistance Ministry - \$5,000 to purchase supplementary foods for the IAM Food Pantry that provided emergency food to 11,752 individuals in 2008.

MADISON

Community Housing Coalition - \$5,000 for the urgent repair program to make critical repairs and provide safe housing for families in need.

Mars Hill Baptist Church - \$8,000 for the *Fields of Hope* community garden, which will grow produce for distribution by food pantries in Madison, Buncombe and Yancey counties and through MANNA FoodBank. Last year the community garden produced 21 tons of vegetables contributing to 168,000 meals. This year they are seeking to double the production.

MCDOWELL

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$2,000 for client transportation for employment and mental health services.

Grace Community Church - \$2,000 for emergency rent and utility assistance for families who have lost jobs due to the recession.

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$5,000 for the *Food Pantry and Garden Initiative*. The DSS provides emergency food boxes for families who are waiting the five to seven days for food and nutrition benefits to begin. Additionally, able-bodied recipients of food assistance benefits are invited to work in the community garden to fulfill their federal guidelines on participation in work or education activities.

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McDowell County Dread Disease Association - \$2,500 for medication assistance for families facing medical emergencies.

McDowell County Public Library - \$500 for unemployment and job search resources to meet increased demand from citizens seeking assistance in finding employment.

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$5,000 for utility and rent assistance for people applying for assistance for the first time due to layoffs.

Old Fort Crisis Ministries - \$3,000 to the Old Fort Recession Relief Fund for utility, rent and medication assistance for individuals and families facing crisis due to the recession.

MITCHELL

Mitchell County Health Partnership - \$5,000 to purchase food from MANNA FoodBank to stock food distribution centers established by the Mitchell County Health Partnership at the Bakersville Baptist Church and Tipton Hill Methodist Church.

MULTIPLE COUNTIES

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation - \$5,000 for Toe River Project Access (TRPA) serving Mitchell, Yancey and Avery counties. The *Emergency Prescription Program* is designed to keep diabetic patients stabilized by providing insulin and supplies for TRPA diabetic clients while they are waiting to enroll in the pharmaceutical assistance programs.

Hickory Nut Gorge Community Church Outreach - \$2,000 to provide emergency food, rent and utility assistance to families in the rural corner of Henderson, Polk, Buncombe and Rutherford counties.

Mountain BizWorks - \$50,000 for the *Small Business Recovery Project* serving Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Clay, Cherokee, Macon, Swain and Graham counties.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$10,000 to help 40 families with children cope with financial and other crises exacerbated by the recession. Pisgah Legal serves Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Rutherford and Yancey counties.

Service Center for Latinos - \$6,000 to provide emergency food, utility and medical assistance to families facing economic crisis in Mitchell and Yancey counties.

W.A.M.Y. Community Action - \$5,000 to provide garden vouchers and emergency assistance funds for families facing economic crisis in Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Western North Carolina AIDS Project - \$5,000 for emergency financial assistance to 33 AIDS patients who are working with case managers.

POLK

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry - \$5,000 to purchase nutritious food for their *Feed-a Kid* backpack program.

RUTHERFORD

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,400 for food supplies for the Mission evening meal.

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Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$2,400 for the Emergency Home Repair Program.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$2,400 to supplement funding for emergency food, utilities and medical assistance.

TRANSYLVANIA

Bread of Life - \$3,000 for the *Angel Food Self-Help Project*.

God's Way Fellowship - \$2,500 for the food pantry that serves rural areas.

Meals on Wheels of Brevard - \$1,000 for operating expenses to maintain services.

SAFE of Transylvania County - \$1,000 for shelter services including emergency assistance in food, clothing and living expenses for clients.

Transylvania Christian Ministry - \$4,500 for food and shelter crisis assistance.

Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine - \$4,500 for a free clinic and community pharmacy staffing.

YANCEY

Centro de Enlace - \$4,198 for the program *Equal Access/Equal Success* that provides interpretation, advocacy and crisis support to Latino immigrants trying to navigate life in the U.S.

Southern Reconciliation Ministries - \$5,000 for emergency assistance for low-income families, particularly those who have been impacted by layoffs.

The following Recession Response Grants were awarded and funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation:

CHEROKEE

Family Resources of Cherokee County - \$3,500 toward emergency assistance including utility or rent payments and food and household supplies for families.

Task Force on Family Violence/REACH - \$5,000 toward shelter operations including utilities and food for victims and their children seeking shelter due to domestic violence.

CLAY

Clay County Food Pantry - \$4,500 to purchase food for food pantry distribution.

HAYWOOD

Salvation Army of WNC (Waynesville) - \$4,000 to supplement the emergency assistance program that provides rental, utility assistance and food boxes to individuals and families experiencing personal crisis.

JACKSON

Community Table - \$3,000 to cover operating expenses related to providing nutritious meals in a restaurant-style soup kitchen.

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REACH of Jackson County - \$5,000 for food, utilities and consumable supplies to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

MACON

REACH of Macon County - \$5,000 toward shelter operations including utilities and food for victims and their children seeking shelter due to domestic violence.

MULTIPLE COUNTIES

Hinton Rural Life Center - \$5,000 to purchase building supplies for the *Volunteer in Mission* home repair program serving Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

Hulbert-Johnson Friendship House - \$5,000 to provide emergency shelter and food to homeless individuals from Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties.

Mountain Youth Resources - \$5,000 toward utilities and food at the Hawthorn Heights Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter serving seven western counties and the Qualla Boundary.

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Swain/Qualla SAFE - \$5,000 toward shelter operations including utilities and food for victims and their children seeking shelter due to domestic violence.

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