

CFWNC Recession Response Fund Grants – June 2009
51 Grants totaling \$211,367

BLACK MOUNTAIN

Community High School - \$4,000 for Farm to Table: A Hunger and Employment Initiative. The grant will pay the supervisor of teen workers in this summer's garden program. Produce will be donated to families in need in the Swannanoa Valley through referrals from Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry and The Welcome Table in Black Mountain.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$5,000 for the Crisis Utility (Power and Water) Fund. Coupled with what the Ministry can supplement, approximately 25 additional families will benefit, enabling about 100 people – to include 35 youth and 10 elderly or disabled – to continue to have power and/or water in their homes.

Town of Black Mountain - \$1,000 for The Welcome Table to establish a food pantry. The Welcome Table is also extending its reach to those individuals in need of financial counseling, blood pressure testing and providing fresh produce from the Black Mountain Community Garden at the Community High School.

BUNCOMBE

Big Ivy Community Development Club - \$3,000 to complete the purchase and installation of two commercial size freezers and refrigerators to increase food storage capacity and access to better quality food such as dairy, meat and produce.

Catholic Social Services Diocese of Charlotte Western Regional Office - \$5,000 for Emergency Financial Assistance funds for food, utilities, rent and mortgage payments.

Children First of Buncombe County - \$5,000 for operating support to the Family Resource Center at Emma.

Helpmate - \$5,000 for operating support for the Crisis Stabilization Program for survivors of domestic violence.

Homeward Bound - \$5,000 for operating support for the A HOPE Center Homeless Project.

Jewish Community Center of Asheville, Inc - \$5,000 for operating support for the Employment and Career Coaching Service.

Loving Food Resources - \$5,000 to increase the quantity and quality of their food distribution through the purchase of a commercial grade freezer, support of a new garden and purchase of high protein and complex carbohydrate food.

Mountain Area Child and Family Center - \$5,000 to start the Rainbow in My Tummy food assistance program, which will provide high quality nutritional food to low-income families through bi-monthly socials that teach food preparation and nutrition.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$25,000 to provide legal aid for families in crisis due to the 29% increase in cases caused by the recession. Pisgah Legal serves Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Rutherford and Yancey counties.

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - \$4,000 to expand the case management program particularly in the areas supporting job readiness, job development and employment for 42 men.

BURKE

Burke United Christian Ministries - \$5,000 to support crisis assistance for rent and utility payments to help people stay in their homes.

The Outreach Center - \$5,000 to expand freezer capacity in order to increase distribution of nutritious food items through the federal TEFAP program.

CASHIERS

Hampton Preschool and Early Learning Center - \$5,000 toward its emergency tuition fund to assist families facing financial hardship with continuation of early child care.

Jackson County Department on Aging - \$5,000 to support the Cashiers Senior Nutrition Site.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$1,668 for operating expenses including pharmacy and medical supplies for the free clinic providing health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Cashiers and Highlands communities.

United Christian Ministries of Jackson County - \$1,600 toward rent and utility assistance to help families in the Cashiers area remain in their homes.

HAYWOOD

The Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - \$3,000 toward operating expenses including medical supplies and staffing to continue to provide free medical services to uninsured adults.

Pigeon Community Development Center - \$3,000 for refrigeration equipment to increase their capacity to distribute more nutritious food items through the federal TEFAP program.

The Salvation Army of Western North Carolina (Waynesville) - \$3,000 toward food supplies for the emergency assistance and summer day camp programs for working families.

HENDERSON

Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry - \$5,000 toward refrigeration equipment to increase capacity of distributing nutritious food items through the federal TEFAP program.

Mainstay - \$5,000 toward a new summer/fall youth gardening project by My Place to provide fresh produce for their youth shelters and educate youth about nutritious eating and self reliance.

HIGHLANDS

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$5,000 for operating expenses including pharmacy and medical supplies for the free clinic providing health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Highlands and Cashiers communities.

International Friendship Center - \$3,000 for the food pantry at the Peggy Crosby Center.

MADISON

Mars Hill Baptist Church - \$5,000 additional toward equipment for the *Fields of Hope* community garden project, which is growing produce for distribution by food pantries in Madison, Buncombe and Yancey counties through MANNA Food Bank. Equipment will help increase capacity to reach target of producing at least 40 tons of vegetables contributing to more than 300,000 meals.

MCDOWELL

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 three elementary schools. Parents will also participate in a program called Circle of Parents to provide comprehensive, self-help services to families.

McDowell Mission Ministry - \$4990 to fund two commercial refrigeration units, for two different locations, to increase the capacity to accept more nutritious food items such as dairy, eggs and produce.

MITCHELL

Mitchell Community Health Partnership - \$5,000 for Food Distribution in partnership with Bakersville Baptist Church and Tipton Hill Methodist Church.

POLK

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry - \$5,000 additional to purchase nutritious food for their Feed-A-Kid backpack program during the summer.

RUTHERFORD

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$2,510 toward a prescription voucher program that provides indigent patients with vital medications until they qualify for medical assistance programs through pharmaceutical companies.

The Salvation Army in Forest City - \$3,110 to support the distribution of food boxes to families affected by increased unemployment in the county.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$3,110 to provide emergency assistance for mortgage/rent, utilities, medications, clothing or food to families whose income has been reduced by layoffs during the past year.

TRANSYLVANIA

Gods Way Fellowship - \$1,900 to purchase food and goods for distribution to those in need in the Balsam Grove area.

Rosman United Methodist Church - \$500 toward support of food pantry serving 30 families monthly.

Transylvania Christian Ministries - \$1,100 for commercial refrigeration, increasing its capacity to accept more nutritious food items such as dairy, eggs and produce.

YANCEY

Graham Children's Health Services - \$5,000 for the Emergency Medication Assistance Project. The project will connect patients with prescription assistance through a partnership with My Meds and local school nurses.

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

CHEROKEE

Cherokee County Food Bank - \$2,500 for food bank support.

CLAY

Reach of Clay County - \$5,000 for essential domestic violence services.

GRAHAM

Church Mouse Ministries - \$5,000 for the Church Mouse Thrift Shop to support emergency assistance.

JACKSON

Community Table - \$2,000 to cover operating expenses related to providing nutritious meals in a restaurant-style soup kitchen.

MACON

Macon County Care Network - \$5,000 to purchase food for the pantry, soup café and backpack programs.

Latino Outreach Solidaridad - \$2,500 for the emergency relief program.

MULTIPLE COUNTIES

Cherokee County Sharing Center - \$5,000 for a food pantry service expansion that will reach Cherokee and Clay counties.

Christian Love Ministries - \$4,000 for the Weathering the Recession Shelter for substance abuse recovery serving Cherokee County and the southwestern North Carolina region.

Church of God – The Lord’s Warehouse - \$3,500 for food assistance for Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

Hinton Rural Life Center - \$5,000 for the Volunteer in Missions home repair program.

Hulbert-Johnson Friendship House - \$5,000 for the emergency homeless shelter.

Mountain Youth Resources - \$3,000 for the Hawthorn Heights Youth Shelter serving Jackson County and the southwestern North Carolina region.

Rock Table Outreach - \$2,500 for operating expenses for the Community Table serving Jackson and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SWAIN

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

CFWNC Recession Response Fund Impact Grants – January 2009

2 Grants totaling \$110,000

MANNA FoodBank - \$50,000 to enable the Food Sourcing Coordinator to devote time and resources to new food solicitations and offset costs in order to provide more than 100,000 pounds of food for elderly, children and families during February and March.

OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling - \$60,000 to add staff positions including a Mortgage Default & Delinquency Intake Specialist, a Housing/Financial Counselor and a seasonal Tax Preparation Specialist.

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