



the community foundation
of western north carolina

Funders and Other Resources for Western North Carolina Nonprofits

This list includes foundations and corporate funding sources that have recently supported nonprofit organizations within Western North Carolina. It also includes resources of interest that provide other types of support such as workshops or training. These organizations have agreed to be listed and the information contained is updated annually. Please note that although we update this list, material is subject to change. We advise contacting the organizations directly to confirm address, deadlines and other details.

FUNDERS AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR WNC NONPROFITS

A.J. Fletcher

909 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27605

Website: <http://ajf.org/>

Interest Areas: Education, elderly, mass communications, some arts, public recreation.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Letter of Inquiry. Go to website to learn criteria and process.

Allegra Marketing-Print Mail

Initial Contact: Dave Campbell

88 Roberts Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-236-0076 Email: Dave@AllegraAsheville.com

Fax: 828-236-0079 Website: www.AllegraAsheville.com

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Non-grant opportunities: Allegra Asheville FootPrint Fund, Posters with Purpose; 50 free 11x17 posters (restrictions do apply).

Asheville Area Arts Council

207 Coxe Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-258-0710 Email: info@ashevillearts.com

Fax: n/a Website: www.ashevillearts.com

Interest areas: Regional Artist Project Grant: Individual artist career development. Grassroots Arts: Program support for arts organizations. Art Builds Community Grant: For artists and groups in Buncombe County that funds innovative, arts-based ideas that inspire diverse groups of participants to be more active, involved, and civically engaged by creating together.

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Grant Process: Call to request an application or download from www.ashevillearts.com.

Deadlines: Check website for details.

Other non-grant opportunities: The website provides other arts in the community resources.

Bi-Lo Charities

PO Box 5000
Mauldin, SC 29662-5000

Website: <http://www.bi-locharities.org/giving-and-grants/>

Interest Areas: Children's Charities, Education (for adults as well as children), and Hunger Relief Agencies.

Geographic Focus: Communities where there are Bi-Lo stores

Deadline: June 30

Grant Process: see website

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BJH Foundation for Senior Services

Initial Contact: Wendee Cutler
P.O. Box 10383
Greensboro, NC 27404

Phone: 336-854-8400 E-mail: wcutler@bjhfoundation.org
Website: <http://www.bjhfoundation.org/>

Interest Area: to enhance the lives of Jewish seniors

Geographic Focus: North and South Carolina

Grant Process: visit website for guidelines, application process and deadlines

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

Initial Contact: Michael Gay
P.O. Box 2291
Durham, NC 27702

Phone: 919-765-7347 Email: michael.gay@bcbsncfoundation.org
Fax: 919-765-4243 Website: www.bcbsncfoundation.org

Interest Areas: Health Care, Healthy Living

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Visit web site for guidelines, application process and deadlines.

Deadlines: see website

Buncombe County Aging Services Program

Initial Contact: Katie Swanson, Social Work Program Administrator
Buncombe County Department of Social Services
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-250-5307 Email: katie.swanson@buncombecounty.org
Fax: 828-250-6235 Website: www.buncombecounty.org

Interest areas: Home and Community Care Block Grants (HCCBG). Support for programs that enable older adults to remain active and independent in their own homes.

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Grant Process: Call for application by December 10

Deadlines: January 15

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The Cannon Foundation, Inc.

Initial Contact: Review website or send email to info@cannonfoundation.org

52 Spring Street, NW
Concord, NC 28025

Phone: 704-786-8216

Email: info@cannonfoundation.org

Fax: 704-782-2812

Website: www.cannonfoundation.org

Interest areas: Grants are made for capital improvements and equipment. Healthcare, higher education, and human services are the primary fields of interest, receiving about 90% of the Foundation's funding. Other more limited areas of interest are arts, culture, historic preservation and the environment.

Geographic Focus: Grants are made throughout North Carolina, especially in rural areas.

Grant Process: Grant seekers are encouraged to carefully review the website for FAQ's and the Eligibility Assessment. The electronic form to request a grant application is also on the Foundation's website.

Deadlines: There are four (4) grant cycles per year. Deadlines for RFA's are December 28, March 28, June 28 and September 28 and corresponding grant submission deadlines are January 5, April 5, July 5 and October 5. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on these dates or on the next business day following the deadline when these dates fall on weekends or holidays.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Initial Contact: Mary Jane Bruton

Catholic Social Services
1123 South Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28203-4003

Phone: 704-370-3234

E-mail: ccdoc@charlottediocese.org

Fax: 704-370-3377

Website: www.cssnc.org/justicepeace

Interest areas: CCHD seeks to affect the root causes of poverty in target communities.

Geographic Focus: Poor communities in the U.S.

Grant Process: see website for information

Deadline: February 15, 2011

CFWNC

Initial Contact: Diane Crisp, Grants Manager

4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300
Asheville, NC 28803

Phone: 828-367-9904

Email: crisp@cfwnc.org

Fax: 828-251-2258

Website: www.cfwnc.org

CFWNC GRANT PROGRAMS

Check website for grant program updates and deadlines.

Asheville Merchants Fund Deadline: Letter of Intent due early March 2019

Grants provide \$15,000 to \$25,000 of support each year for two years. This fund seeks to improve the quality of life in Buncombe County by supporting innovative projects that strengthen the community and spur economic growth, particularly in certain areas of youth success in school, quality jobs and workforce, innovative economic approaches, and social infrastructure.

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Biltmore Lake Charitable Fund Deadline: April 1

Grants up to \$15,000 to improve the quality of life in the Enka - Candler communities by supporting education, economic development, health care and other programs that promote community development.

Capacity Grants Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to \$7,500 to help nonprofits address prioritized areas of improvement so they can become more resilient and effective at serving the community. By invitation only.

People in Need Grants Deadline for Letter of Intent: early August

Grants of up to \$20,000 for outstanding human service projects that address the basic needs of disadvantaged populations and promise significant impact in our mountain communities.

Sudden and Urgent Needs (SUN) Grants Deadline: Rolling

Grants up to \$10,000 to assist human service nonprofit organizations experiencing an unforeseen crisis that impacts their ability to continue providing critical services.

Learning Links Deadline: Last Friday in September

Grants of up to \$800 for public schools in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Rutherford, Polk and Swain counties to fund hands-on learning activities in or outside the classroom.

Melvin R. Lane Fund Deadline: Every 3 years (Next deadline: Fall 2018)

Grants up to \$150,000 over 3 years to increase the capacity of organizations that provide supportive services for the needy, youth, elderly and mentally and/or physically-challenged people.

Pigeon River Fund Deadlines: September 15 and March 15

Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$35,000 and are made to nonprofits in Haywood, Madison and Buncombe counties that are working to improve water quality.

Ramble Charitable Fund Deadline: April 1

Grants up to \$7,500 to improve the quality of life in designated Buncombe County communities by supporting education, economic development, health care and other programs that promote community development.

Women For Women Deadline for Letter of Intent: early November

Grants of \$15,000 to \$100,000 to promote the Facilitation of Safe Living Environments for Women and Girls: Addressing issues of violence against women and girls in Western North Carolina.

Affiliate Grant Programs:

Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Deadline: March 1

Grants up to \$10,000 for health and wellness, education, cultural and natural resources, and people in need programs that benefit the Swannanoa Valley communities.

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Cashiers Community Fund Deadline: July 6, 2018

Grants up to \$10,000 to improve the quality of life in the greater Cashiers community by supporting projects that benefit the broad community and its residents.

Rutherford County Endowment Deadline: March 1

Grants up to \$10,000 for charitable programs that benefit people living in Rutherford County.

The Yancey Fund Deadline: March 1

Grants between \$2,500-\$10,000 for charitable purposes, including programmatic and capital needs, as well as equipment and technology, that benefit people living in Yancey County.

Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Initial Contact: P.O. Box 504

71 John Crowe Hill Road
Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: 828-497-5550 Email: info@cpfdn.org

Fax: 828-497-8929 Website: www.cpfdn.org

Interest areas: Environmental Preservation, Economic Development, Employment Opportunities, and Cultural Preservation

Geographic Focus: Near tribal lands in Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Clay, Graham & Cherokee counties, or any other county where tribal lands may be acquired.

Grant Process: Check website, or call the aforementioned contacts to discuss eligibility.

Deadlines: Two funding cycles: Spring and Fall. Check website for specific dates.

City of Asheville

Initial Contact: Heather Dillashaw

P.O. Box 7148
Asheville, NC 28802

Phone: 828-259-5851 Email: hdillashaw@ashevillenc.gov

Website: http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/community/community_development/default.htm

Interest areas: City allocates federal funds for affordable housing and community development. The City also allocates limited general funds to City non-profit organizations whose activities directly meet stated City Council Strategic Goals through the Strategic Partnership Fund.

Geographic Focus: 1) City of Asheville, for Community Development Block Grant, Strategic Partnership Fund and Housing Trust Fund programs; 2) Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties, for HOME program

Grant Process: Please call for program eligibility. Additional information is available on the City of Asheville's Community Development webpage.

Deadlines: Early February for CDBG, HOME, and Strategic Partnership Fund; December for Housing Trust Fund.

Other non-grant opportunities: The City of Asheville makes loans for Affordable Housing from its Housing Trust Fund.

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Clean Water Management Trust Fund

Initial Contact: Eastern Field Representative Justin Mercer, justin.mercer@ncdcr.gov
Western Field Representative Damon Hearne, damon.hearne@ncdcr.gov
1651 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1651

Phone: 919-707-9120 Email: General inquiries - sydney.mcdaniel@ncdcr.gov

Website: www.cwmtf.net

Interest Areas: Land conservation, stream restoration, innovative stormwater, planning that (1) enhance or restore degraded waters, (2) protect unpolluted waters, (3) contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits, (4) provide buffers around military bases, (5) acquire land that represents the ecological diversity of North Carolina, and (6) acquire land that contributes to the development of a balanced State program of historic properties.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines on our annual competitive grant cycle. A state agency, a local government, or a nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's natural and cultural resources is eligible to apply. Potential applicants must register in advance with state grants management system. Sign up for email notifications on the Fund's website.

Deadlines: Applications due early February, decisions in early September. See website for specific dates.

Community Foundation of Burke County

Initial Contact: Nancy Taylor
P.O. Box 1156
Morganton, NC 28680

Phone: 828-437-7105 Email: nwtaylor@cfburkecounty.org

Fax: 828-437-0433 Website: www.cfburkecounty.org

Interest areas: Community Grant Cycle - Arts & Culture, Civic and Community, Conservation, Human Services, Health and Education; Burke Women's Fund - Women and their families; and Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists - Issues impacting youth

Geographic Focus: Burke County

Grant Process: Call the above-mentioned contact person to discuss eligibility

Deadlines: Community Grant Cycle - Late July; Burke Women's Fund - Late January; and Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists - Late Spring

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Community Foundation of Henderson County

Initial Contact: Ms. Lee Henderson-Hill, Senior Program Officer
PO Box 1108
Hendersonville, NC 28793

Phone: 828-697-6224 Email: Lhenderson-hill@CFHCforever.org

Fax: 828-696-4026 Website: www.CFHCforever.org

Interest areas: Arts & Culture, Civic & Community, Conservation, Education, Human Services, and Health

Geographic Focus: Henderson County area

Grant Process: It is recommended that prospective applicants contact the program office well in advance of the deadline to discuss their request prior to submitting the application.

Deadlines: March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1

Other non-grant opportunities: Grant Resource Center which includes directories for grantseekers and other fundraising resource materials; Nonprofit Center at Blue Ridge Community College which offers online access to the Foundation Center database providing access to grant opportunities throughout the US; host quarterly nonprofit forum gatherings at Blue Ridge Community College in the Patton Building Room 150 from 8:30-10:00 am; host nonprofit CEO forums on a quarterly basis; offer periodic workshops to nonprofits on a variety of topics.

The Duke Endowment

800 East Morehead Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Phone: 704-376-0291

Website: www.dukeendowment.org

Interest areas: The Duke Endowment supports selected programs in higher education, health care, children's welfare and rural United Methodist churches. For more information, please visit the Endowment's website.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina and South Carolina

Grant Process: See Website

Duke Energy Foundation

Initial Contact: Dominique Harris
526 S. Church St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

Email: CommunityAffairs@duke-energy.com

Website: www.duke-energy.com/foundation

Interest areas: K-Career (STEM, Early Childhood Literacy, and Workforce Development); Community Impact (Arts & Culture and Non-profit Capacity Building); Environment

Geographic Focus: Duke Energy service area. Please see the county map under Grant Funding on the Foundation's website.

Grant Process: The Duke Energy Foundation receives grant requests for funding during specific request for proposal (RFP) cycles for each investment priority, which are published on the website and in the online grant application.

Deadlines: K-Career (Feb 28), Community Impact (May 31), Environment (August 31)

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Duke Nonprofit Management Program

Initial Contact: Debbie Haeger
WNC Nonprofit Pathways
P.O. Box 7667
Asheville, NC 28802

Phone: 828-242-9028 Email: debbie@nonprofitpathways.org

Website: www.learnmore.duke.edu/nonprofit

Geographic Focus: Statewide program with WNC offerings

Other non-grant opportunities: Affordable, practical, and accessible courses on all aspects of nonprofit management. Scholarships available.

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation

Initial Contact: Joseph O'Connor
1735 Market Street
Suite 3420
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: 215-979-3221 E-mail: admin@carpenterfoundation.us

Fax: 215-979-3229 Website: <http://erlbcarpenterfoundation.org/>

Interest areas: The Foundation will consider requests from public charities in support of graduate theological education. The Foundation will consider requests from museums which are public charities and have a permanent collection for the purchase, restoration and conservation of Asian art and relating to education in Asian art. Grants are made for specific projects or programs and are not made to individuals. The Foundation will consider funding public charities' projects (e.g. programs, conferences, resources, etc.) offering support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered persons of faith, or endeavoring to insure faith communities' understanding, affirmation, and inclusion of such persons.

Grant Process: Please see website for details.

Grant Deadlines: Spring and Fall grant cycles. Please see website for deadlines.

Evergreen Foundation

28 A Oak St.
Waynesville, NC 28786

E-mail: dcoleman@evergreennc.org

Website: www.evergreenfoundationnc.org

Interest Areas: Mental Health, Substance Use and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain counties

Grant Process: Four award cycles. Visit website for criteria, application process and deadlines.

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The Fund for Southern Communities

Initial Contact: Alice Jenkins
4153-C Flat Shoals Parkway
Suite 314
Decatur, GA 30034

Phone: 404-371-8404 E-mail: alice@fundforsouth.org

Fax: 404-371-8496 Website: www.fundforsouth.org

Interest areas: Anti-racism, Arts & Culture, Community Organizing, Disability Rights, Economic Justice, Government Accountability & Civil Liberties, Health, Hurricane Relief, Immigrants Rights, International Issues, LGBT Rights, Media Justice, Native American Rights, Peace & Disarmament, Women Rights, Workers Rights.

Geographic Focus: Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina

Grant Process: First, make a phone appointment with program officer. Second, submit full proposal by deadline. There is generally a fall deadline with some intermittent special initiative cycles. Please see website for deadlines and more information.

Gannett Foundation

Initial Contact: Asheville Citizen-Times
14 O'Henry Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-232-5841 Email: foundation@gannett.com

Fax: 828-252-5887 Website: www.gannettfoundation.org

Interest areas: Education/neighborhood improvement, youth, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, and cultural enrichment.

Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina

Grant Process: Proposals accepted two times per year.

Deadlines: see website

The Glass Foundation

Two Town Square Blvd.
Suite 310
Asheville, NC 28803

Website: www.glassfoundation.org

Interest areas: environmental education and preservation; developmental and educational opportunities for children and youth; preservation of historic sites.

Geographic Focus: western North Carolina

Grant Process: Grantseekers should first visit website and review guidelines to determine if their approach and funding needs are consistent with the Foundation's interests. Organizations are encouraged to contact the Foundation prior to submitting a proposal to discuss their ideas if there is a question of compatibility.

Deadlines: Open grants cycle--see website for details.

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Golden LEAF Foundation

Initial Contact: Ted Lord

301 North Winstead Ave.

Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Phone: 252-442-7474 or 888-684-8404 (toll-free) Email: tlord@goldenleaf.org

Fax: 252-442-7404 Website: www.goldenleaf.org

Interest areas: Economic development, agriculture, workforce training, and education

Geographic Focus: Rural, economically distressed, and tobacco dependent areas of NC.

Grant Process: Application guidelines and forms available at website. Foundation has open door policy.

Deadlines: Vary by grant program – see website for details.

Huffman-Cornwell Foundation

Initial Contact: Jan Stephanides

211 West Park Drive

Morganton, NC 28653

Phone: 828-433-1051

Email: huffmancornwellfoundation@gmail.com

Website: www.huffmancornwell.org

Interest areas: Our mission is to provide support to those who are working to improve the quality of life in Burke County primarily through support of education, arts and cultural activities, faith-based activities and those supporting health and human services.

Geographic Focus: Burke County

Grant Deadline: September 1

Ingles Market – Community Giving

Initial Contact: Ingles Markets - Corporate Giving Committee

PO Box 6676

Asheville, NC 28816

Website: <http://www.ingles-markets.com/donations.php>

Interest Area: Education of Children; Eliminating Hunger; Meeting specific community needs

Geographic Focus: Communities with Ingles Stores

Grant Process: Submit requests on organization letterhead to the address above

IBM

Website: http://www.ibm.com/ibm/responsibility/initiatives/grant_programs.shtml

Interest Areas: Technology support

Grant Process: Go to website to learn about grant programs and process.

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Jubilee Community Church Inc.

Initial Contact: Don Fortuna
46 Wall Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-252-5335 Email: donf@jubileecommunity.org

Fax: 828-252-1509 Website: www.jubileecommunity.org

Interest areas: Programs assisting homeless, hungry, young, elderly, and poor. Recipients must be a nonprofit organization.

Geographic Focus: Primarily in Buncombe, Henderson & Madison counties.

Grant Process: Applications may be requested by calling or writing Jubilee! Recipients will have the opportunity of attending a Jubilee! Celebration on a Sunday morning to personally accept the check and make a 1-2 minute presentation about their organization and how the funds will be used.

Grant Deadline: "One-time Grants" may be awarded at year's end depending on the availability of funds. The deadline to apply is December 1st.

Junior League of Asheville

Initial Contact: President
P.O. Box 7315
Asheville, NC 28802

Phone: 828-254-5608 Email: juniorleagueofasheville@gmail.com

Fax: 828-254-5355 Website: www.juniorleagueasheville.org

Interest areas: Using the assistance of trained volunteers to impact women, children or education.

Geographic Focus: Asheville

Grant Process: Contact headquarters for additional information.

Deadlines: June 1 for community projects; January 1 and August 1 for community assistance

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Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

Initial Contact: Alison Elster, Program Coordinator
128 Reynolda Village
Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5123

Phone: 336-397-5521

E-mail: alison@kbr.org

Fax: 336-723-7765

Website: www.kbr.org

Interest areas: The Health Improvement in North Carolina program area responds to funding requests proposing work in our four funding interests: Access to Primary Care, Community-Centered Prevention, Diabetes, and Behavioral Health. To learn more about these areas of interest, please visit <http://kbr.org/content/program-areas-overview>.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Each funding cycle (two annually) begins with the funding announcement, released in November or May, that details what the Trust is interested in funding in the upcoming cycle. For an initial conversation about proposals, we ask that all interested parties contact our program coordinator. Depending on fit with our issues, interests, and strategies, the program coordinator may then schedule an advance consultation for you with your regional program officer. Applications are available online, but an advance consultation is required before the submission of a proposal. Please call 336-397-5521 to speak with our program coordinator.

Deadlines: The second Tuesday in February and the second Tuesday in August. Please contact the program coordinator to schedule a call well in advance of these deadlines.

Comments: The Trust is committed to accelerating positive movement on critical community issues and effecting enduring systemic change. We are particularly interested in working in rural, Tier One counties and our investments target programs and organizations that primarily benefit financially disadvantaged participants/clients.

Other non-grant opportunities: Other opportunities are generally by invitation-only, but information is posted on our website regarding these capacity building and planning options.

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Land-of-Sky Regional Council

Initial Contact: Justin Hembree

339 New Leicester Hwy. Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806

Phone: 828-251-6622

Email: info@landofsky.org

Fax: 828-251-6353

Website: www.landofsky.org

Geographic Focus: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties

Other non-grant opportunities: Serves as the region's lead economic development organization for both the US Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. General Grant Information - periodic opportunities to meet funding representatives and learn about grant opportunities related to human services, economic development, community development and workforce development. Area Agency on Aging Programs - annual assessments of organizations serving older adults receiving Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding, works with 4 county advisory committees that make recommendations to County Commissioners relative to HCCBG services funded; technical assistance to support & improve service delivery. Economic and Community Development Programs – performs regional economic and community development planning; offers training workshops on urban stormwater, erosion control, brownfields, housing and other topics of regional relevance; provides a variety of technical assistance services to member governments; provides grant writing services. Workforce Development Programs – serves as the administrative agency and home for the Mountain Area Workforce Develop Board and its programs and operations; provides policy, planning, oversight and funding for local workforce development programs and address workforce issues as they emerge within the region. Volunteer Services Programs – Connects adults 55 and older with citizens and organizations that need volunteer assistance; assist volunteers in serving as mentors and companions or in contributing their professional experience and knowledge to community projects. Transportation and Transit Programs – coordinates the region's transportation planning efforts through the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rural Planning Organization; through contract, serves as administrative home for Mountain Mobility; operates Non-Emergency Medicaid Transit Call Center for Buncombe County citizens.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Initial Contact: Kelly Persons

Lowe's Companies, Inc.
1000 Lowe's Blvd. NB5RP
Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: 704-758-3531

Fax: 704-757-0685

Website: www.lowes.com/socialresponsibility

Interest areas: Community Improvement & K-12 public education

Geographic Focus: Across U.S., Canada and Mexico

Grant Process: online applications only - must visit www.lowes.com/socialresponsibility

Deadlines: Grantees will not receive e-mail notification until at least 90 days after submission.

Comments: Will not accept written requests.

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Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation

Initial Contact: Christine Mayers
2920 Reynolda Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Phone: 336-748-9222 Email: info@mrbf.org

Fax: 336-777-0095 Website: www.mrbf.org

Interest areas: Community building/organizational development with an emphasis on: children, youth and families; bridging fault lines of race and class; investment in human and natural resources over the long term; enterprise and asset development; and grassroots leadership development

Geographic Focus: Southeastern United States

Grant Process: see website

Deadlines: see website

Mebane Foundation

Initial Contact: Larry Colbourne
232 South Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028

Phone: 336-936-0041 Email: info@mebanefoundation.com

Website: <http://www.mebanefoundation.com/>

Interest Area: Education

Grant Process: see website

Mission Health Community Investment

Initial Contact: Cathryn Chandler, Coordinator, or Ashly Maag, Manager
1 Hospital Drive, Suite 2400
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-213-4199 or 828-213-4146 Email: communityinvestment@msj.org

Website: <http://www.mission-health.org/communityinvestment.php>

Interest Areas: Health Priorities identified through local Community Health Assessment process. Focus areas listed on website. Preference for collaborative projects with measurable results, using Results Based Accountability.

Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina

Grant process: see website for process and how to apply

Deadlines: see website for upcoming deadline – varies slightly each year

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N.C. State Trails Program

Initial Contact: Amanda Smithson
NC Division of Parks and Recreation
9872 NC Hwy 105 S, Suite 6
Banner Elk, NC 28604

Phone: 828-962-9522 Email: Amanda.smithson@ncparks.gov

Website: <https://www.ncparks.gov/more-about-us/about-parks-recreation/north-carolina-trails-program>

Interest areas: The State Trails Program helps citizens, non-profit organizations and agencies plan, fund & develop trails of all kinds---from greenways, hiking, biking and horse trails to river trails and off-highway vehicle trails. Grant funds are administered through the federal Recreational Trails Program.

Geographic Focus: Western 31 Counties

Grant Process: Call the above mentioned contact person.

Deadlines: late January

Other non-grant opportunities: Technical assistance for open space, trails, conservation and funding.

New Belgium Brewing Company

Initial Contact: Meghan Oleson
Philanthropy Coordinator
500 Linden
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Phone: 970-494-4112 Email: grants@newbelgium.com

Fax: 970-221-0535

Website: <http://www.newbelgium.com/Sustainability/Community/>

Interest areas: youth environmental education; sustainable agriculture; smart growth; bicycle advocacy, water conservation and restoration

Geographic Focus: states that sell their product

Grant Process: online grants – please see website

North Carolina Appalachian Regional Commission

Initial Contact: Olivia Collier, Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager
Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development
301 North Wilmington Street
4346 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4346

Phone: 919-814-4656 E-mail: ocollier@nccommerce.com

Website: www.nccommerce.com/arc

Interest areas: Grants are generally tied to job creation and infrastructure. Infrastructure grants must supplement another federal agency's grant for the same project. (Current funding cycle and priorities may be modified later in the federal fiscal year.) Appalachian grants are "last dollars" in project financing that fill the gap after all other funds have been acquired.

Geographic Focus: 29 Counties in WNC

Grant Process: Contact organization to determine eligibility.

Other non-grant opportunities: Annual conference and training conferences--subject areas vary by year. Also an Online Resource Center at www.arc.gov.

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North Carolina Center for Nonprofits

Initial Contact: Salima Thomas
1110 Navaho Drive, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27609-7322

Phone: 919-790-1555 ext. 114 Email: sthomas@ncnonprofits.org

Fax: 919-790-5307 Website: www.ncnonprofits.org

Interest Areas: All fields in which WNC nonprofits work

Geographic Focus: Statewide

Other non-grant opportunities: The N.C. Center for Nonprofits is a statewide network for nonprofit boards and staff members. The Center provides resources and information to nonprofits, helps organizations save time and money, and keeps groups up-to-date on issues facing the nonprofit sector. Dues are on a sliding scale based on an organization's budget size (see details on the Center's website). The Center's website has many excellent resources, including:

- "Information Central," an online resource library with over a thousand carefully-selected articles and sample policies to help nonprofits manage their organizations;
- A Statewide Jobs Board;
- The Nonprofit Calendar, and links to other national and statewide resource partners;
- Significant savings on computers, retirement plans, printing services, unemployment insurance, email marketing, and more.

Other programs for Members include:

- Public Policy Updates and Alerts for important information on legal issues affecting nonprofits.
- Member Assistance for prompt, personalized technical assistance on a wide range of organizational issues including boards of directors, fundraising, financial management, legal issues, organizational development, and risk management.
- Pro Bono Programs for free one-hour consultations with attorneys, CPAs, HR professionals, professional coaches, marketing experts, and executive succession consultations. This service is available as often as needed. (Attorney consultations are for Members with budgets under \$1 million.)
- *Principles & Practices for Nonprofit Excellence: A Self-Help Tool for Organizational Effectiveness* – a simple guide to best-practices for nonprofits. The Self-Assessment Checklist helps identify practices for improvement.
- *Common Ground* - a quarterly publication covering trends and practical tips for NC nonprofit boards and staff.

The Center also organizes workshops, forums, and training for staff, boards, and community leaders. Once a year, the Statewide Conference for NC's Nonprofit Sector gathers 700-1,000 individuals together for an intensive learning experience. The Public Policy Forum and NC Nonprofits Day provide training and insight on advocacy and current policy issues, and offer nonprofit leaders opportunities to meet with their representatives about issues specific to their organizations.

FUNDERS AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR WNC NONPROFITS

North Carolina Community Development Initiative

5800 Faringdon Place
Raleigh, NC 27609

Phone: 919-828-5655

E-mail: info@ncinitiative.org

Fax: 919.835.6071

Website: <http://www.ncinitiative.org/>

Interest areas: collaborative community economic development effort, driving innovation, investment and action to create prosperous, sustainable communities.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Contact organization about guidelines and deadlines.

North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation

Initial Contact: Marilyn Foote-Hudson

P.O. Box 13398

Research Triangle Pk, NC 27709

Phone: 919-483-2140

Email: community.partnership@gsk.com

Fax: 919-315-3015

Website: <http://www.mcrel.org/gskribbonofhope/>

Areas of interest: Advancement of education, science and health.

Geographic focus: North Carolina

Traditional Grant application deadlines: January 1; April 1; July 1, and October 1.

Ribbon of Hope application deadline: see application guidelines on website and for more information

Traditional grants promote science, health and education ranging from \$25,000 and up, and can be paid at once or over several years. The primary focus is to provide seed funds for new or worthwhile educational programs benefiting a broad geographical region of the state.

Ribbon of Hope (ROH) grants are one-time grants of \$25,000 for needed community projects furthering science, health and education with specific emphasis in local communities as highlighted in the ROH application.

North Carolina Humanities Council

Initial Contact: Paula Watkins, Executive Director

320 E. 9th Street, Suite 414

Charlotte, NC 28202

Phone: 704-687-1520 or 704-687-1519 Email: pwatkins@nchumanities.org

Fax: 704-687-1550

Website: www.nchumanities.org

Interest areas: Promoting public programs focused on exploring the nature of community, citizenship, and lifelong learning for cultural enrichment including history, english, literature, and jurisprudence.

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Have different requirements depending upon type of grant. Contact organization for details.

Deadlines: see website

Other Non-grant Opportunities: Speakers Bureau; Library Reading & Discussion Series; Linda Flowers Literary Prize; various publications.

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Park Foundation

P.O. Box 550
Ithaca, New York 14851

Phone: 607-272-9124 E-mail: info@parkfoundation.org

Fax: 607-272-6057 Website: parkfoundation.org

Interest areas: supports scholarships in higher education, quality media that heightens public awareness of critical issues and protection of the environment.

Geographic Focus: United States

Grant Process: see website for information on how to apply.

Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund

Initial Contact: Wesley Reardon
The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment
c/o Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee
MAC D4000-062
One West Fourth Street, 2nd Floor
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Phone: 1-888-234-1999 Email: grantadministration@wellsfargo.com

Fax: 1-877-746-5889 Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/privatefoundationgrants/ferebee>

Interest areas: The mission and goals of the Percy B. Ferebee Endowment are to support charitable, scientific, and literary projects, and in particular, governmental and civic projects designed to further the cultural, social, economic, and physical well-being of residents of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties of North Carolina, and the Cherokee Indian Reservation in western North Carolina. Grants are also awarded in the form of scholarships to assist worthy and talented young men and women who reside in said counties pursuing their college or university degree within the state of North Carolina. For information regarding these scholarships or to apply for a scholarship, please visit www.csascholars.org.

Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties, plus the Cherokee Indian Reservation

Grant Process: Online Application Process

Deadlines: September 30

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Perry N. Rudnick Endowment, a component fund of Community Foundation of Henderson County

Initial Contact: Ms. Lee Henderson-Hill, Senior Program Officer
PO Box 1108
Hendersonville, NC 28793

Phone: 828-697-6224 Email: Lhenderson-hill@CFHCforever.org

Fax: 828-696-4026 Website: www.CFHCforever.org

Interest areas: Arts and Culture, Conservation, Education, Health, Human Services, Youth

Geographic Focus: The fund serves the Western North Carolina area. Successful grant applications will be from organizations primarily located in Buncombe, Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties.

Grant Process: Perry N. Rudnick Fund Advisors have developed a procedure for submission and evaluation of grant proposals. The Advisors of the Fund carefully review and consider first a "Letter of Intent" as submitted by prospective grantees. From these Letters of Intent the Advisors will select a pool of organizations to be "Invited" to submit a Full Proposal. Some requests meeting the funding guidelines may be declined as many more Letters of Intent are received than funds are available for grants. The Advisors reserve the right to hold a request until the next funding cycle.

Deadlines: Cycle One: Letter of Intent - July 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - September 30; Grant Awards - Mid December; Cycle Two: Letter of Intent - January 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - March 30; Grant Awards - Mid June

Polk County Community Foundation

Initial Contact: Director of Grants
255 S. Trade Street
Tryon, NC 28782

Phone: 828-859-5314 Email: foundation@polkccf.org

Fax: 828-859-6122 Website: www.polkccf.org

Geographic Focus: Polk County, N.C.

Grant Process: Contact the Community Foundation for grant applications

Deadlines: Have different deadlines for their multiple grant programs. Contact foundation for details.

Other non-grant opportunities: Have nonprofit focused library on premises for use by area organizations to help them find funding beyond, or in addition to, the Polk County Community Foundation.

Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation

Initial Contact: Dori Jaffe
200 Park Avenue South, Suite 1705
New York, NY 10003

Phone: 212-265-3115 Email: dori.jaffe@rahf.org

Website: <http://www.rahf.org/>

Interest areas: Improving the lives of patients and their families through nurse-led innovation.

Geographic Focus: United States

Grant Process: Visit website, <http://www.rahf.org/grant-programs/>

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Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

Initial Contact: donations@sierranevada.com or info@sierranevada.com

1075 East 20th Street
Chico, CA 95928

Phone: 530-893-3520

Email: donations@sierranevada.com

Fax: 530-897-4716

Website: <http://www.sierranevada.com/donations>

Philosophy: "It takes a village to raise a brewery." At Sierra Nevada, we consider the community surrounding our breweries in both California and North Carolina to be extensions of our family. We could never hope to have the success we have today without the generous support of the communities around us. Sierra Nevada is proud to support various agencies and organizations with the goal of bettering our society from sustainable agriculture, clean water and wild-land protection to bicycle-related activities and events and a myriad of other outlets.

Grant Process: To be determined upon company's establishment in WNC.

Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation, Inc.

Initial Contact: Trish Mahoney

P.O. Box 16421 (Mailing Address)
Asheville, NC 28816

Phone: 828-281-8184 Email: trish@sistersofmercyfoundation.org

Website: www.somncfdn.org

Interest areas: Health care; educational and social service organizations that focus on economically disadvantaged women, children and elderly. Will fund program expenses, organizational operating expenses, and very limited start-up, and building renovation/equipment expenses.

Geographic Focus: 24 counties in western North Carolina

Grant Process: Carefully review the Foundation's website. Contact Trish Mahoney to discuss eligibility. Submission is by invitation only.

Deadlines: April 1, August 1, and December 1 (The Foundation's two-step application process involves submission of a Grant Application Summary, typically due 30 days prior to the cycle deadline. Check the Foundation's website.)

St. James Charities Foundation

Initial Contact: David L. Marshall, Parish Administrator

766 N. Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Phone: 828-693-7458

Email: secretary@stjamesepiscopal.com

Fax: 828-693-5161

Website: www.stjamesepiscopal.com

Interest areas: The winter grant cycle focuses on hunger and homelessness, the summer cycle focuses on health and education.

Geographic Focus: Henderson County

Grant Process: Phone, write, email or download application

Deadlines: January 31 and July 31

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Stonecutter Foundation, Inc.

Initial Contact: Terri Barringer
230 Spindale Street
Spindale, NC 28160

Phone: 828-286-2341

Interest areas: Education, Arts & Humanities

Geographic Focus: Primarily Rutherford County

Grant Process: Written letter to Foundation outlining request and project.

Deadlines: Contact foundation for deadlines.

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County

Initial Contact: Deborah Calhoun
50 S. French Broad Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Phone: 828-255-0696 Email: deborah.calhoun@unitedwayabc.org

Fax: 828-255-8004 Website: www.unitedwayabc.org

Interest areas: Education, Income, Health

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process and deadlines.

Deadlines: Visit website.

Other non-grant opportunities: visit www.handsonasheville.org

United Way of Henderson County

Initial Contact: Sarah Kowalak, Director of Community Impact
32 Smyth Avenue, Suite 100
Hendersonville, NC 28792
P.O. Box 487
Hendersonville NC 28793-0487

Phone: 828-692-1636, ext. 1107 Email: skowalak@liveunitedhc.org

Fax: 828-696-8537 Website: www.liveunitedhc.org

Interest areas: Education, Income, Health and Basic Needs/Crisis Services

Geographic Focus: Henderson County

Grant Process: Call United Way staff, meet eligibility criteria, submit funding proposal

Deadlines: see website for details; Eligibility Criteria due early December

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Wells Fargo Foundation

Initial Contact: Peggy S. Reingold
Wells Fargo Community Relations
100 N. Main Street
MAC D4001-042
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Phone: 336-842-7332 Email: peggy.reingold@wellsfargo.com

Website: www.wellsfargo.com/donations

Interest areas: Community Development; Education; Arts & Culture; Civic Engagement, Human Services and Environmental

Geographic Focus: Triad and Western North Carolina

Grant Process: Online via website at www.wellsfargo.com/donations

Deadlines: Calendar rolling/typically Jan. 1 – Oct. 1

Other non-grant opportunities: volunteerism, board of directors, financial literacy

We serve the following counties in Western NC: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey

Western North Carolina Nonprofit Pathways

Initial Contact: WNC Nonprofit Pathways
P.O. Box 7667
Asheville, NC 28802

Phone: 828-242-9028 Email: contact@nonprofitpathways.org

Website: www.nonprofitpathways.org

Geographic Focus: Western NC

Other Non-Grant Opportunities: The mission of WNC Nonprofit Pathways is to help strengthen the nonprofit organizations that are vital to the future of western North Carolina. We do this by providing education and training for nonprofit organizations, as well as resources for self-assessment and links to helpful tools and information on our website. Please visit our website to explore the services we offer for Building Skills and Strengthening Organizations.

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

102 West Third Street, Ste. 1110
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Phone: 336-725-7541 Email: info@zsr.org

Fax: 336-725-6069 Website: www.zsr.org

Interest areas: Community Economic Development; Environment; Public Education; Social Justice and Equity; Strengthening Democracy

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Grant Process: Visit website for information and for online submission process for strategic or small grants, or call program officer to discuss eligibility.

Deadlines: February 1 and August 1

Other non-grant opportunities: Sabbatical Program; Non-Profit Internship Program; Fellowship Program; Summer Internship Program - visit website or call for more information.