

Connected Communities Grant Overview



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Central Carolina Community Foundation

- Mission: to promote, facilitate, and increase philanthropy to create a sustainable impact within our community through responsible giving.
- 11-county service area:
 - Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda & Sumter.
- We are the Midlands Experts in Philanthropy:
 - Grants – over \$16,500,000 in 2016
 - Midlands Gives (midlandsgives.org)

Connected Communities



Connected Communities Focus Areas

- Welcoming communities
 - Activities or programs that promote an open and inclusive community making all people feel welcome
- Vibrant social offerings
 - Social community events and arts and cultural opportunities that bring people together
- Superb public spaces
 - Projects that enhance the beauty or physical setting of a community

More details...

- Awards
 - Range from \$2,000 to \$75,000
- Challenge match
 - Goal: to increase philanthropy in the Midlands
 - Must raise 30% of awarded amount within 6 months of receiving funding
- Must be:
 - Located in 11-county service area
 - Charitable organizations [501(c)(3)]
 - Public entities
 - Educational organizations
 - Faith based organizations
 - Registered for Midlands Gives 2018

Projects should....

- Enhance community connections in the 11-county service area.
- Incorporate novel approaches to creating a vibrant, connected community.
- Raise public awareness of the area/region.
- Provide a measurable level of community involvement (volunteers or participants).
- Be new or expansion projects. Current programs from organizations will not be considered.
- Meet our criteria— not those solely designed around grant amounts.
- Promote philanthropy across our region.

Examples of Connected Communities Projects

- Reimagining existing spaces to increase the public's use and enjoyment
 - Waterfall Junction
 - Historic garden
 - Art center
 - Community Amphitheater
 - Community kitchen
 - ADA-accessible playground
 - Jewish History Museum
 - Street beautification projects
 - Saluda Shoals Park expansion
- Art, theater and museum exhibits such as
 - RACE: Are We So Different
 - We Speak: Celebrating Women in the Arts
 - Indie Grits
- Pop-up concerts, plays, and art
- What's Next Midlands

Interested?

- Application Process:
 - Round 1: Letter of Intent
 - Round 2: Full Application
 - Round 3: Presentation (Q&A)
- Timeline:
 - LOI : August 1 – September 1, 2017
 - October 1: Notification regarding Round 2
 - November 3: If invited, full application due
 - January: Presentations
 - Project: March 2018 – February 2019

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Connected Communities Grants

What makes residents love where they live? What draws people to a place and keeps them there? The Connected Communities grant initiative funds innovative philanthropic projects that connects residents to our community.

Central Carolina Community Foundation is working to make the Midlands more connected, vibrant, compassionate and engaged. The Foundation aims to inspire organizations to engage and invest in our community and build on the community's existing assets.

The Connected Communities grant initiative funds innovative ideas in three focus areas, [identified by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Gallup](#) as the most important elements for an attractive community:

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elements for an attractive community:

- **Welcoming Community**, which supports open and inclusive activities and programs
- **Vibrant Social Offerings**, which support the availability of community events and arts and cultural opportunities
- **Superb Public Spaces**, which enhance the beauty and physical setting of the Midlands community

Central Carolina Community Foundation will award grants up to \$75,000. In order to inspire innovation, the grants will serve as challenge grants; secured funding will not be required until a grant is awarded. Any 501 (c)(3) public entity that is located in one of the 11 counties the Community Foundation serves and, is working in one of the three focus areas, is eligible to participate.

Apply For A Grant

[Click here for the full Connected Communities Grant Guidelines, including information on how to apply, the review process, eligibility requirements, and challenge matches.](#)

➔ [After reading the guidelines, please click HERE to submit your Letter of Intent.](#)

2017-2018 Grant Process Timeline

- August 1 - September 1, 2017 | Letter of Intent Accepted- [Click HERE to submit](#)
- August 10, 2017, 10:00 AM | Connected Communities Grant Information Webinar ([Click this link to view the webinar on August 10](#))
- October 1, 2017 | Organizations invited to submit full application
- November 3, 2017 | Full applications due from those invited
- December 15, 2017 | Organizations notified of application status
- January 2018 | Finalist presentations
- March 2018 | Grant recipients publicly announced
- March 2018 - February 2018 | Project Year

Want more information?

Organizations are invited to attend an informational webinar on August 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM to learn more about the Connected Communities grant. [Click here on August 10 to join the webinar.](#) Note: this will be the same information that was presented at the Grant Opportunities Sessions in Lexington, Orangeburg, and Sumter the end of July.

[Click here](#) to learn more about current projects funded by Connected Communities grants.

[CLICK HERE](#) for FAQ's on the Connected Communities Grant

Questions? Contact Erin Johnson at erin@yourfoundation.org or 803.254.5601 x322

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Additional Information

What are we looking for?

- Impact
- Collaborations
- Diverse funding
- Innovative ideas
- Clear proposal

What does CCCF offer?

- Listening ear
- Group calls and FAQ
- Community Impact Committee

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Questions?

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Thank You!

