



CAPACITY BUILDING MINI-GRANTS

WHO WE ARE

Central Carolina Community Foundation, the Midlands center for philanthropy, is a nonprofit organization that links charitable people and businesses with areas of need in our community.

WHAT ARE CAPACITY BUILDING MINI-GRANTS?

Central Carolina Community Foundation will provide mini-grants to nonprofit organizations interested in improving their capacity and strengthening their sustainability, impact and success.

Central Carolina Community Foundation is working to help build sustainability for nonprofit organizations in the Midlands. Capacity Building grants support this endeavor by providing funds that will allow nonprofits to carry out their missions more effectively. The Foundation aims to assist organizations with organizational and financial stability, program quality, and growth. These funds are not intended for the implementation of programs or initiatives.

WHAT WE FUND

The Community Foundation is looking to fund grants that will:

- Strengthen the Board of Directors and governance of the organization, through training or assistance from an expert in the field.
- Assist in strategic thinking and planning for the future of the organization.
- Enable organizations to merge operations and/or programming to ensure sustainability.
- Build a plan for long-term sustainability and reliable funding streams.
- Develop the skills of the Board and staff in a specific area impacting governance or management of the organization.
- Support collaborative initiatives or efforts to enhance systemic support around a community issue.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Including but not limited to:

- Developing or refining organization mission, vision or goals
- Organizational assessment, evaluation of overall effectiveness, and strategic planning
- Building and diversifying revenue streams
- Developing or refining communications, marketing and outreach strategy
- Improving impact measurement tools and program evaluation capacity
- Developing executive leadership succession plans

EXAMPLES OF NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Routine operating expenses of the organization
- Fundraising projects—including events
- Conference registration, certifications or tuition fees
- Debt reduction
- Endowment or capital campaigns
- Marketing collateral such as brochures and program promotional items

- Costs associated with the creation of a new nonprofit organization
- Program implementation costs
- Grants to individuals
- Medical research

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Organizations must be determined as a charitable organization in good standing under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or other charitable, educational or faith-based organizations.
- Organizations must have a physical location in one of the following 11 counties in the Midlands: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda and Sumter.

GRANT AMOUNT

The Community Foundation has at least \$40,000 available for Capacity Building Mini-grants. Applicants may request up to \$5,000.

GRANT PERIOD

Please see [our website](#) for the most up-to-date information about application periods, deadlines, and program years. The grant period is a six-month span of time but the program dates may change from year to year.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested organizations should apply online [here](#). All applications will be submitted via our grant portal. Mailed, emailed, faxed or hand delivered applications will not be accepted.

Prior to applying, organizations are encouraged to thoroughly review all information about this grant on the Community Foundation's [website](#).

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Community Impact Committee of Central Carolina Community Foundation. Final funding decisions are made by the CCCF Board of Trustees.

INFORMATION FOR CURRENT GRANTEES

If your nonprofit received a Capacity Building grant prior to July 2021, [click here to submit your grant report](#) (under Information for Grant Recipients). Recipients after that date will submit their reports in the [grant portal](#).

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