



THE FUND FOR MITCHELL COUNTY

A CFWNC AFFILIATE FUND

Grant History

159 Grants Totaling \$966,379

Spring 2000 – Spring 2026

Spring 2026 (\$56,890)

Center for Rural Health Innovation - \$5,000 to provide telehealth medical services through the Buladean Community Clinic.

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge - \$5,000 to provide assistance to hospice patients by covering costs not reimbursed by Medicare.

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$5,000 to provide affordable veterinary care to low-income families.

Mitchell Elementary School - \$2,500 to support an on-campus tutoring program to address learning gaps resulting from disruptions caused by Hurricane Helene.

Mitchell Giving Gardens - \$4,650 to hire a Garden Intern for the 2026 growing season who will help increase local food production and support educational programs.

Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville - \$3,500 to expand the Reading is Alive program by offering free theater classes at The Hive.

Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) - \$5,000 to support the Appalachian Youth to Youth leadership and empowerment program.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to provide free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Special Olympics North Carolina - \$5,000 to support Mitchell County's Special Olympics equestrian and ski programs and revive the local Spring Games competition.

St. Lucien Catholic Church - \$2,500 to provide high-quality proteins for the clients of its food pantry.

Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional - \$3,740 to purchase a display freezer and cooler for a new, full-service retail grocery store.

WAMY Community Action - \$5,000 to assist in repairing homes for low-income residents.

Williams YMCA of Avery County - \$5,000 to support evidence-based healthy living programs for adults in Mitchell County, including Diabetes Prevention, Livestrong for Cancer Survivorship, and Moving for Better Balance.

Spring 2025 (\$49,450)

Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center - \$1,600 for equine therapy services for seniors in assisted living and nursing homes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,000 for a youth mentoring program.

Campbell Farm Animal Sanctuary - \$4,600 to purchase a run-in shelter for rescue animals.

CareReach - \$2,250 to help uninsured people access healthcare information, resources, and services.

Center for Rural Health Innovation - \$5,000 to provide access to medical services through telehealth.

Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - \$3,000 to provide children from low-income family's access to cancer treatment.

High Country Caregiver Foundation - \$5,000 to support kinship families affected by the hurricane.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$5,000 to support construction of a new food pantry.

Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000 for a planning and feasibility study needed for a housing development site.

Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH) - \$5,000 for a youth mental health and substance abuse prevention program.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to provide free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Spruce Pine Main Street - \$5,000 for a festival that will raise awareness about the Hellbender salamander, enhance environmental education, and help increase tourism in Mitchell County.

Spring 2024 (\$30,930)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,000 for a youth mentoring program that serves children from disadvantaged families.

Center for Rural Health Innovation - \$4,000 to provide access to medical services through telehealth at a community clinic.

Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - \$2,986 to provide access to medical care for children who have cancer.

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$1,000 to provide food for pets of families with low incomes.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$5,000 to purchase a refrigerator and freezer for its food pantry and to repair its parking lot.

Mitchell Giving Gardens - \$2,500 for a fresh food program that serves people with low incomes.

Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity - \$2,500 for a volunteer coordinator who will support volunteer efforts to help families with low incomes become homeowners.

Partners Aligned Toward Health - \$3,444 for a youth mental health and substance use prevention program.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$4,000 for free civil legal assistance and advocacy for domestic violence survivors.

WAMY Community Action - \$2,500 to provide critical home repair for people with low incomes.

Spring 2023 (\$49,500)

Altapass Foundation - \$2,000 for a permanent exhibit that depicts Scottish heritage and influence in the region.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,000 for a youth mentoring program for children.

Camp Spring Creek - \$5,000 to train teaching assistants and staff in a method that assists children with learning disabilities.

CareReach - \$2,500 to supplement healthcare costs and improve access to care for those without adequate insurance.

CASTING FOR HOPE - \$5,000 to assist low-income women who suffer from gynecological cancers with basic needs.

HIGH COUNTRY CAREGIVER FOUNDATION - \$5,000 for a navigation support program for grandparents raising their grandchildren.

MAKE-A-WISH CENTRAL AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA - \$5,000 to provide a "wish" to a seriously ill child.

MITCHELL COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE - \$4,000 to provide pet food for low-income families.

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS FOOD MINISTRY - \$5,000 to purchase food and supplies for community meals.

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES - \$5,000 for free civil legal assistance and advocacy for low-income residents.

SEARCH - \$3,000 for forums about a healthcare study to inform residents of the gaps in local healthcare and to seek solutions.

WAMY COMMUNITY ACTION - \$5,000 to provide critical home repair for low-income people.

Spring 2022 (\$35,500)

ALTAPASS FOUNDATION - \$4,000 to purchase signage, benches, and plant identifiers for its pollinator garden.

APPALACHIAN THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER - \$2,000 for eight children from low-income families to attend a summer camp program.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA - \$2,500 to support ongoing volunteer mentor recruitment.

HIGH COUNTRY CAREGIVER FOUNDATION - \$3,000 to hire a professional guide to lead a nature adventure pilot program for teenagers being raised by grandparents.

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION - \$1,800 for an outdoor movie community event.

MITCHELL COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE - \$5,000 to provide no-cost spay and neuter surgeries and vaccinations for pets from low-income families.

MITCHELL GIVING GARDENS - \$2,200 to grow fresh vegetables for people who rely on emergency food assistance.

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS FOOD MINISTRY - \$5,000 to provide personal care items to low-income families.

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES - \$5,000 for free civil legal assistance and advocacy for low-income residents.

SPRUCE PINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - \$5,000 to provide equipment, transportation, curriculum and snacks for students participating in its afterschool program.

Spring 2021 (\$17,590)

ALTAPASS FOUNDATION - \$2,000 to construct a ramp with protective railings to provide wheelchair accessibility between existing facilities.

MITCHELL COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE - \$2,000 for neutering, spaying and vaccinations for dogs and cats.

MITCHELL-YANCEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - \$3,000 for home repairs for low-income people.

NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS FOOD MINISTRY - \$2,590 to provide personal care items to low-income families.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$2,000 for free civil legal support and advocacy for low-income people.

Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR) - \$3,000 to provide local produce to low-income people.

WAMY Community Action - \$3,000 for home repairs for low-income people.

Spring 2020 (\$25,970)

Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center - \$2,020 to support a pilot program for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$2,500 to support a spay and neuter program for cats and dogs.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$4,000 to purchase food and household supplies and to provide utility assistance.

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Food Ministry - \$2,500 for meal pick-up and delivery.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to support free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income residents.

The Tipton Hill Community Foundation - \$2,500 to provide dental care for low-income people.

Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR) - \$3,450 to provide fresh locally-grown produce to low-income people.

WAMY Community Action - \$4,000 for a home repair program that helps with energy efficiency, safety, and health.

Spring 2019 (\$25,000)

Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center - \$1,000 for road improvements to allow safer access for school buses.

Blue Ridge Partnership for Children - \$3,050 to purchase supplies, food, and other materials for the organization's Child & BLOCK event.

Camp Spring Creek Outreach - \$2,500 to fund a study that will evaluate small-group Orton-Gillingham tutoring to a group of 18 kindergartners.

Mayland Community College Foundation - \$3,200 to support an emergency needs fund for its students.

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$1,000 for a spay and neuter program for kittens and cats.

Mitchell County Department of Cooperative Extension - \$2,500 for its summer youth program.

Partners Aligned Toward Health - \$1,500 for a summer tennis camp for youth.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to provide free civil legal assistance to and advocacy for low-income residents.

Special Olympics Mitchell County - \$2,500 for an equestrian program at Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center.

WAMY Community Action - \$2,750 to provide garden vouchers to low-income families.

Spring 2018 (\$1,840)

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$613 for general support.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$613 for its food pantry.

Mitchell County Group Home - \$614 to purchase a TV for its residents.

Fall 2017 (\$30,500)

Mitchell County Schools - \$3,000 to provide books for its Summer Reading Cafe.

Spruce Pine United Methodist Church/Lamplighters Afterschool Literacy Program - \$20,000 to fund a Literacy Coordinator position and Orton-Gillingham training to serve students with specific learning disabilities, including dyslexia.

Toe River Health District - \$7,500 to provide basic necessities to low-income people.

Spring 2017 (\$2,000)

Mitchell County Animal Rescue - \$1,000 for general support.

UMC Lamplighters - \$1,000 for their After School Reading and Enrichment Program (Spruce Pine United Methodist Church serves as fiscal sponsor).

Fall 2016 (\$50,000)

Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge - \$15,000 to support the Bridging the Gap program which provides supplements, transportation, food and utilities for patients and their families.

Mitchell County Government/Sheriff's Department - \$5,000 to implement Project Lifesaver, a program designed to locate and prevent serious injury or death of people suffering from mental health disorders.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$15,000 to provide food and utility assistance.

Rural Education Partners of Mitchell County - \$15,000 to establish and staff a service office at Bowman Middle School expanding existing in-school support services, youth development afterschool and summer activities, and case-managed student services.

Spring 2016 (\$2,500)

Rural Education Partners - \$1,500 for its K-3 Literacy Program.

UMC Lamplighters - \$500 for their After School Reading and Enrichment Program (Spruce Pine United Methodist Church serves as fiscal sponsor).

Gouge Elementary School - \$500 for its K-3 Literacy Program.

Fall 2015 (\$26,400)

Mitchell County SafePlace - \$20,000 for a Dating Violence Prevention Education program that will encourage healthy, safe relationships through an evidence-based curriculum serving 336 middle and high school students in Mitchell County.

Bakersville United Methodist Church/Food Pantry - \$6,400 to provide nutritionally balanced food to 100 families facing food insecurity in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

Spring 2015 (\$2,150)

Bakersville Baptist Church - \$537.50 for food assistance for families in need.

Grassy Creek Baptist Church - \$537.50 for food assistance and heating assistance for families in need.

Mitchell-Yancey Parish United Methodist Church - \$537.50 for food assistance for families in need.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$537.50 for food assistance for families in need.

Fall 2014 (\$24,000)

The Center for Rural Health Innovation - \$14,000 for the Tipton Hill Community Center Telemedicine program, which will establish and operate a healthcare access point in Tipton Hill using telehealth technologies to connect rural residents with primary care physicians.

Penland School of Crafts - \$10,000 to expand the Subs with SuitCASEs (Creative Approaches to Substitute Education) program. Trained teaching artists will lead curriculum-integrated arts activities in Mitchell and Yancey Counties with elementary school students while teachers conduct one-on-one reading assessments that take them out of class for two hours each morning, three weeks a year.

Fall 2013 (\$40,000)

Camp Spring Creek Outreach - \$20,000 for the Closing the Reading Gap program.

Mitchell County SafePlace - \$20,000 for their Fresh Start program.

Fall 2012 (\$15,000)

Mitchell Community Health Partnership - \$3,000 to establish and help sustain several food distributions centers in Mitchell County.

Pine Grove UMC – Green Valley Community Garden - \$2,000 to purchase tools, equipment and supplies needed to further develop the Green Valley Community Garden's Food Preservation/Education Program and the Green Valley Community Table.

Penland School of Crafts - \$10,000 to support the Teaching Artist in the Schools and Subs with SuitCASEs (Creative Approaches to Substitute Education) programs in school year 2013-14 which will serve economically-disadvantaged K-12 students with arts-based, curriculum-integrated classes taught by trained teaching artists and classroom teachers.

Spring 2012 (\$60,000)

Mitchell County Government - \$25,000 for purchase of shared farm field equipment for use by small farmers in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

Camp Spring Creek - \$25,000 for an expansion of teacher training to improve literacy and reading scores in Yancey and Avery counties with some continued support for Mitchell County teachers.

Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children - \$10,000 to implement a collaborative initiative focusing on childhood obesity prevention.

Fall 2011 (\$2,121)

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - \$500 for diaper assistance for those in need.

Penland School of Crafts - \$500 for art supplies in support of the Subs with SuitCASEs program.

Pine Grove United Methodist Church - \$500 for tools and a utility sink for the Valley Community Garden.

Service Center for Latinos - \$621 to offset a portion of their phone internet bill – two key services the organization provides.

Spring 2011 (\$7,000)

Energy XChange - \$7,000, in partnership with the Yancey Foundation, to support new signage and marketing efforts, since current signage is outdated and does not attract or even direct people to the model economic development project that harnesses energy from a disused local landfill and uses green technology to fuel creative community based enterprises.

Fall 2010 (\$32,000)

Camp Spring Creek - \$25,000 for Outreach and Training which will provide multisensory, research-based, structured Orton-Gillingham phonics instruction to elementary teachers so that more children can succeed in learning to read, write and spell in Mitchell County.

Penland School of Crafts - \$7,000 for the inaugural year of Subs with SuitCASEs, a program designed to connect local teaching artists with a new opportunity for employment, while answering the public schools' need for well-trained, highly prepared substitute teachers and increased access for students to engaging, hands-on art experiences.

Fall 2009 (\$15,035)

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation - \$7,000 for emergency prescription assistance.

Mitchell County SafePlace - \$5,000 for operating support for the domestic violence shelter due to state budget cuts.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff - -\$2,000 for heating assistance for families in need.

Pine Grove United Methodist Church - \$1,035 for supplies to expand the Green Valley Community Garden Project.

Spring 2009 (\$5,000)

Mitchell Community Health Partnership - \$5,000 to purchase food to be redistributed through various churches/food pantries in the county.

Winter 2008 (\$21,000)

Mitchell Community Health Partnership - \$5,000 to purchase food to be redistributed through various churches/food pantries in the county.

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation - \$5,000 for Toe River Project Access to provide uninsured residents of Mitchell and Yancey Counties access to health and dental care.

Service Center for Latinos - \$6,000 to provide food, medication and utility assistance.

W.A.M.Y Community Action - \$5,000 to reduce the causes and effects of recession induced poverty in the High Country.

Fall 2008 (\$11,550)

Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River - \$7,000 to perform a needs assessment of school children and their families in Mitchell and Yancey counties for a school-based telemedicine network.

Energy XChange - \$4,550 for website redevelopment.

Spring 2008 (\$35,500)

Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library - \$3,500 to provide nonprofit organizations and individuals with services and grant resource information.

Service Center for Latinos - \$7,000 to expand a program of learning, service and support for Spanish-speaking people in Mitchell County.

Penland School of Crafts - \$12,500 toward the second year of a program that provides Mitchell County students with outstanding art instruction and exposure to the field of crafts.

Toe River Arts Council - \$12,500 to increase and expand art education programs in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

Spring 2007 (\$50,000)

Penland School of Crafts - \$25,000 toward the pilot year of a Teaching Artist Initiative to provide Mitchell County elementary and high school students with outstanding arts instruction that includes exposure to the field of craft and encourages regional artists to share their talents in the classroom.

Mitchell County Development Foundation - \$25,000 to support the 2007 edition of the catalog for The Home of the Perfect Christmas Tree project.

Fall 2006 (\$14,000)

Gouge Elementary School - \$7,000 to purchase art prints and age-appropriate fine art books for "Masters in the Mountain Museum," an innovative project to enhance student reading skills.

The Altapass Foundation - \$7,000 for the implementation of a membership database that will facilitate the organization becoming self-sustaining. The Altapass Foundation was created to preserve the history, heritage and culture of the southern region of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Spring 2006 (\$25,000)

Mitchell County Development Foundation - \$25,000 to the promotion of Mitchell County as "Home of the Perfect Christmas Tree." The grant supports a project director and marketing coordinator to lead the transition from a small-scale project to a major initiative with long-term impact on the community.

Fall 2005 (\$14,000)

Toe River Arts Council - \$7,000 to supplement local individual and business support for art therapy at Greenlee Primary School.

Greenlee Primary School - \$7,000 to purchase a set of xylophones to expose students at Greenlee and Deyton to tonal instruments.

Spring 2005 (\$50,000)

Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children - \$25,000 to expand the successful "Parenting Adventures" program that provides families with the tools to develop strong parenting practices and improve family relations.

W.A.M.Y. - \$25,000 for a micro loan program to leverage additional funding from the Small Business Administration and to provide loans and technical assistance for small businesses in Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties.

Fall 2004 (\$13,623)

Toe River Arts Council - \$7,000 to support a collaborative project between Mitchell High School and Cherokee High School students that uses art to explore cultural misconceptions and build common bonds.

Energy Xchange - \$6,623 to purchase equipment needed to expand "Project Branch Out" which provides native plants to local growers. The project is housed at Mayland Community College and offers horticulture students lessons in biotechnology.

Fall 2003 (\$30,000)

Mitchell-Yancey Partnership For Children - \$15,000 to implement a comprehensive, coordinated, community based parenting education program.

Spruce Pine Community Hospital Foundation - \$15,000 to provide coordinated health and dental care for low-income residents of Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Spring 2003 (\$15,000)

Mitchell County SafePlace - \$15,000 grant to help improve the current facilities and enhance services to children and adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Fall 2002 (\$10,520)

Bakersville Community Medical Clinic/School and Family Health Centers - \$4,020 to offer workshops for students and teachers, introducing the therapeutic use of creative writing.

Blue Ridge Dispute Settlement Center - \$6,500 to develop, promote and implement a training program to help address conflict between youth and their parents in Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Spring 2002 (\$18,500)

Spruce Pine Main Street* - \$10,500 to improve traffic management and green space along Locust Avenue, a main street of this Mitchell County town.

Givens Estates* - \$8,000 for outreach to expand a prescription medication assistance program for low-income residents of Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Spring 2001 (\$26,500)

Mitchell-Yancey Partnership For Children* - \$1,500 to provide items needed to upgrade a residence so that it can be licensed as a Family Child Care Home.

Toe River Arts Council* - \$10,000 to purchase lights, display panels and a stair railing for the organization's new storefront gallery in downtown Spruce Pine.

Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation* - \$15,000 to create a curriculum about native natural resources, featuring local gem mining, for public schools in Yancey, Mitchell, Avery, McDowell and Burke counties.

Spring 2000 (\$24,810)

Hospice of Mitchell County* - \$9,310 for "Excellence in End of Life Care – Spiritual Caregiver Support," a training program for local pastors and lay people.

Town of Spruce Pine* - \$10,000 to help launch a successful Main Street revitalization plan in this Mitchell County community.

Trinity Episcopal Church* - \$5,500 for an after-school program that serves disadvantaged children from Mitchell County.

**The Fund for Mitchell County advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions during these cycles, serving an important leadership role. The Fund for Mitchell County began providing financial support in the fall of 2002 after meeting its initial fundraising goals.*