



Funders and Other Resources For WNC Nonprofits

This list includes foundations and corporate funding sources that have recently supported nonprofit organizations in WNC. It also includes resources 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; however, please note that material is subject to change. We advise contacting organizations directly to confirm deadlines and other details.

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A.J. Fletcher Foundation

Website: www.ajf.org

Email: <https://www.ajf.org/contact>

Phone: 919-322-2580

Address: 909 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27605

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Education; Elderly, Infirm, & Indigent; Artistic Endeavors; Religious Faith; Media and Communication; Public Recreation

Allegra Image360 Asheville

Website: www.allegraasheville.com

Contact: Marina Barnett, Executive Administrator

Email: marketing@allegraasheville.com

Phone: 828-236-0076

Address: 2 Westgate Parkway, Asheville, NC 28806

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Other Resources: Posters with Purpose; 50 free 11x17 posters (restrictions apply)

AMY Wellness Foundation

Website: <https://amywellnessfoundation.org/>

Contact: Caitlin Trew-Johnson, Associate Director

Email: c.trewjohnson@amywellnessfoundation.org

Phone: 828-592-4083

Address: 31 Cross Street, Suite 266, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Geographic Focus: Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties

Grantmaking Interest Areas: Social Determinates of Health. Check website for details or sign up for newsletter at info@amywellnessfoundation.org.

Appalachian Regional Commission

Website: www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/appalachian-regional-commission-funds

Contact: Olivia Collier, Regional Development Commissions Director, Department of Commerce

Email: ocollier@commerce.nc.gov

Phone: 919-218-3623

Address: 301 North Wilmington Street, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4346

Geographic Focus: 31 Counties in Western North Carolina

Interest Areas: Economic Opportunities, Ready Workforce, Critical Infrastructure, Natural and Cultural Assets, and Leadership and Community Capacity

Grant Process: Contact organization to determine eligibility

Other Resources: Annual conference and training conferences (subjects vary by year). Also an Online Resource Center at www.arc.gov

ArtsAVL

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Website: www.artsavl.org

Email: hello@artsavl.org

Phone: 828-222-0436

Address: P.O. Box 507, Asheville, NC 28802

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Interest Areas: Art Builds Community Grant (supporting arts-based community projects for underserved communities), Arts for Schools (for nonprofit arts organizations or teaching artists providing arts-based programs for Buncombe County Schools students), Artist Support Grant (supporting emerging and established artists taking the next step in their careers), Grassroots Arts (program and/or operating support for nonprofit arts organizations), Event Support Grant (for permitted nonprofits events within Asheville's streets, parks, and outdoor public spaces)

Grant Process: Visit www.artsavl.org/grants for guidelines and applications.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

Website: www.bcbsncfoundation.org

Contact: <https://www.bcbsncfoundation.org/stay-connected/>

Email: foundation@bcbsncfoundation.org

Phone: 984-308-0631

Address: P.O. Box 2291, Durham, NC 27702

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Access to Care, Health through Food, Youth Mental Health, Connectedness, and Resilience

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

Buncombe County Aging Services Program

Website: <https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/community-investment/grants/aging-services-funding.aspx>

Contact: Billie Breeden, Age-Friendly Coordinator, Buncombe County Health and Human Services

Email: billie.breeden@buncombecounty.org

Phone: 828-767-4376

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Interest Areas: Home and Community Care Block Grant, support for programs that enable older adults (60 and over) to remain active and independent in their own homes

Grant Process: Application timeline TBD

Buncombe County Community Investment Grants

Website: www.buncombecounty.org/grants

Contact: Sara Joss, Grants Manager

Email: sara.joss@buncombecounty.org

Phone: 828-273-3944

Address: 200 College Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Geographic Focus: Buncombe County

Interest Areas: Aging, Affordable Housing, Economy, Education, Childcare, Environment, Racial Equity, Recreation, Resident Well-Being

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Grant Process: Visit website for details about each of these grant programs: Affordable Housing Services Program, Aging Services Funding, Community Recreation Grants, Early Childhood Fund, Isaac Coleman Grants, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Strategic Partnership Grants, and Tipping Point Grants.

The Cannon Foundation, Inc.

Website: www.cannonfoundation.org

Email: info@cannonfoundation.org

Phone: 704-786-8216

Address: P.O. Box 548, Concord, NC 28026

Geographic Focus: North Carolina, especially in rural areas

Interest Areas: Capital and equipment projects in Healthcare, Higher Education, Human Services, and Community

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

Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors

Website: www.carolinajewishseniors.org

Contact: Rachel Wolf

Email: rwolf@carolinajewishseniors.org

Phone: 336-854-8400

Address: P.O. Box 10383, Greensboro, NC 27404

Geographic Focus: North and South Carolina

Interest Area: Enhance the lives of Jewish seniors

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

Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Website: www.cherokeepreservation.org

Email: info@cpfdn.org

Phone: 828-497-5550

Address: P.O. Box 504, Cherokee, NC 28719

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

Interest Areas: Cultural Preservation, Economic Development, and Environmental Preservation

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

City of Asheville

Website: <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/community-economic-development/community-development/funding-programs/>

Contact: James Shelton, Community Development Division Manager

Email: communitydevelopment@ashevillenc.gov

Phone: 828-575-4747

Address: P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802

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

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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.

Grant Process: Visit website for additional information, and call for program eligibility. Deadlines are early February for CDBG, HOME, and Strategic Partnership Fund; Housing Trust Fund applications are taken throughout the year.

Other Resources: Loans for Affordable Housing from its Housing Trust Fund

Community Foundation of Burke County

Website: www.cfburkecounty.org

Contact: Aubrey Robbie, Grants & Scholarships Manager

Email: arobbie@cfburkecounty.org

Phone: 828-437-7105

Address: P.O. Box 1156, Morganton, NC 28680

Geographic Focus: Burke County

Grant Process: 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 - Children Ages 0-18. Visit the website for details and information on how to apply.

Community Foundation of Henderson County

Website: www.cfhcforever.org

Contact: Kris Merritt, Senior Program Officer

Email: kmerritt@cfhcforever.org

Phone: 828-697-6224

Address: PO Box 1108, Hendersonville, NC 28793

Geographic Focus: Henderson County and its surrounding areas.

Interest Areas: Animal Care, Arts and Culture, Civic Affairs, Conservation, Education, Health, and Human Services

Grant Process: Prospective applicants should contact the program office to discuss their request prior to submitting an application (this is not required-but encouraged.)

Other Resources: Nonprofit Business Center at Blue Ridge Community College, which offers online access to Foundation Center's database, providing access to grant opportunities throughout the US. Also hosts nonprofit forum gatherings, nonprofit CEO forums, and periodic nonprofit workshops on a variety of topics.

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

Website: www.cfhcforever.org

Contact: Kris Merritt, Program Officer

Email: kmerritt@cfhcforever.org

Phone: 828-697-6224

Address: 401 N Main St, Ste 300, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Geographic Focus: Primarily Buncombe, Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties

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

Grant Process: Advisors of the Fund consider a Letter of Intent. From these, Advisors select a pool of organizations to be invited to submit a Full Proposal. Deadlines: Cycle One: Letter of Intent - July 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - September 30; Grant Awards - Mid November. Cycle Two: Letter of Intent - January 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - March 30; Grant Awards - Mid May.

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The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC)

Website: www.cfwnc.org

Contact: Daniel Bascuñan-Wiley, Program Associate

Email: bascunan-wiley@cfwnc.org

Phone: 828-367-9909

Address: 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803

Grant Process: Grant programs listed below. Visit website for details and information on how to apply.

Asheville Merchants Fund

Deadline: February 2025 (every 3 years)

Grants of up to \$105,000 over three years (\$35,000 per year) to improve the quality of life in Buncombe County by supporting projects or programs that strengthen economic effects in the community.

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund

Deadline: March 1

Grants of up to \$10,000 to strengthen charitable organizations serving the Swannanoa Valley by making grants relating to health and wellness, education, cultural and natural resources, and human resources.

Capacity Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Grants of up to \$8,500 to help nonprofits address prioritized areas of improvement so they can become more resilient and effective at serving the community. By invitation only.

Cashiers Community Fund

Deadline: April 1 (next cycle in 2027)

Grants of up to \$12,500 to improve the quality of life in Cashiers by supporting projects that benefit the community and its residents.

Cultural Resources

Deadline: Second Friday in January and July

Grants of \$5,000 for general operating support for rotating categories of cultural resources organizations.

The Fund for Haywood County

Deadline: First Friday in February

Grants of up to \$7,500 to improve the quality of life in Haywood County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

The Fund for Mitchell County

Deadline: February 1

Grants of up to \$5,000 to improve the quality of life in Mitchell County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

Highlands Community Fund

Deadline: April 1 (next cycle in 2027)

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

Human Services and Education

Deadline: Last Friday in August

Grants of up to \$25,000 for programs or projects that promise significant help for economically disadvantaged people in our mountain communities.

Learning Links

Deadline: Last Friday in September

Grants of up to \$1,000 per teacher for public schools in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, and Swain counties to fund hands-on learning activities in or out of the classroom.

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The McDowell Endowment

Deadline: February 1

Grants of up to \$5,000 to improve the quality of life in McDowell County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

Melvin R. Lane Fund

Deadline: 2028 (every 3 years)

Capacity building grants of \$90,000 to \$180,000 over three years to help human service organizations improve their operations, become more collaborative, and secure their future for the betterment of Western North Carolina's disadvantaged citizens.

Pigeon River Fund

Deadlines: March 15 and September 15

Grants of up to \$35,000 to improve the streams and rivers of Haywood, Buncombe, and Madison counties.

Ramble Charitable Fund

Deadline: April 1

Grants of up to \$10,000 to improve the quality of life in the Shiloh and South Buncombe communities by supporting education, economic development, health care and other projects that promote community development.

Rutherford County Endowment

Deadline: March 1

Grants of up to \$12,500 to benefit the broad community and its residents by strengthening charitable organizations serving Rutherford County.

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 provide critical services.

Transylvania Endowment

Deadline: First Friday in February

Grants of up to \$7,000 to improve the quality of life in Transylvania County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

Women For Women

Deadline: February 10, 2026

Grants of up to \$35,000 to improve the lives of women and girls in Western North Carolina through women's collective giving.

The Yancey Fund

Deadline: March 1

Grants of up to \$10,000 to improve the quality of life in Yancey County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

The Conservation Fund's Resourceful Communities Program

Website: <https://www.conservationfund.org/our-work/resourceful-communities/grants-and-other-resources>

Email: smallgrants@conservationfund.org

Phone: 919-902-0889

Address: 77 Vilcom Center Drive, Suite 340, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Geographic Focus: Rural North Carolina Counties

Grantmaking Interest Areas: Community-based efforts that promote environmental stewardship, social justice, and community economic development. Previous projects supported include eco- and heritage tourism, youth leadership and development, nutrition programs, local food access initiatives, alternative energy production, and more. Funding is also available to help rural United Methodist Churches (UMCs) strengthen food ministries. Grants generally range from \$8,000 - \$12,000 with a maximum of \$15,000.

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Other Resources: Resourceful Communities offers a variety of services to help nonprofits meet their goals. These range from individualized technical assistance to small grantmaking to group workshops. Training and technical assistance topics include equitable partnerships, programming, and community engagement strategies. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more.

Dogwood Health Trust

Website: www.dht.org

Email: info@dht.org

Address: 890 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Geographic Focus: 18 Western North Carolina Counties and the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Interest Areas: Community Equity, Economic Opportunity, Education, Health & Wellness and Housing

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

The Duke Endowment

Website: www.dukeendowment.org

Phone: 704-376-0291

Address: 800 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

Geographic Focus: North Carolina and South Carolina

Interest Areas: Child Care, Health Care, Higher Education, and Rural Church

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

Duke Energy Foundation

Website: www.duke-energy.com/foundation

Contact: Dominique Johnson

Email: communityaffairs@duke-energy.com

Address: 526 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC 28202

Geographic Focus: Duke Energy service area (see Eligible County Listings on Grant Resources webpage)

Interest Areas: K-12 Education, Workforce, Nature, State Strategic Impact, Local Impact, Community Initiatives

Grant Process: The Foundation receives grant requests for funding during cycles specific to each investment priority. Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines.

Evergreen Foundation

Website: www.evergreenfoundationnc.org

Contact: Denise Coleman, Executive Director/Administrator

Email: dcoleman@evergreennnc.org

Phone: 828-456-8005

Address: 28A Oak St., Waynesville, NC 28786

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

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

Grant Process: Accepts applications four times per year in May, August, November and February. Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines.

Fund for Southern Communities

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Website: www.fundforsouth.org

Contact: Alice Jenkins, Executive Director

Email: alice@fundforsouth.org

Phone: 404-371-8404

Address: 4153-C Flat Shoals Parkway, Suite 314, Decatur, GA 30034

Geographic Focus: Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina

Interest Areas: Anti-racism, Arts & Culture, Community Organizing, Disability Rights, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Government Accountability & Civil Liberties, Health, Immigrants Rights, LGBTQ Rights, Media Justice, Native American Rights, Peace & Disarmament, Women Rights, Workers Rights, Youth

Grant Process: Make a phone appointment with program officer, then submit a full proposal by deadline (generally a fall deadline, with some intermittent special initiative cycles). Visit website for details.

Gannett Foundation

Website: www.gannettfoundation.org

Email: foundation@gannett.com

Phone: 828-232-5841

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

Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina

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

Grant Process: Proposals accepted once a year in early February. Visit website for details.

The Glass Foundation

Website: www.glassfoundation.org

Email: lglass@glassfoundation.org

Address: Two Town Square Blvd., Suite 310, Asheville, NC 28803

Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina

Interest Areas: Environmental education and preservation, and developmental and educational opportunities for children and youth

Grant Process: Grantseekers should visit website and review guidelines prior to submitting a proposal to determine if their approach and funding needs are consistent with the Foundation's interests.

Golden LEAF Foundation

Website: www.goldenleaf.org

Contact: Ted Lord, Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Email: tlord@goldenleaf.org

Phone: 252-442-7474

Address: 301 North Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Geographic Focus: Rural, economically distressed, and/or tobacco-dependent areas of North Carolina

Interest Areas: Economic development, agriculture, workforce preparedness, and other special programs and initiatives. Golden LEAF offers scholarships to students from rural areas to attend community colleges and colleges and universities in North Carolina.

Grant Process: Visit website for information on programs, priority outcomes, application guidelines, and forms. Golden LEAF has an open door policy.

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Governor's Crime Commission

Website: <https://www.ncdps.gov/about-dps/boards-and-commissions/governors-crime-commission>

Contact: Jason Wimmer, Director of Grants

Email: jason.wimmer@ncdps.gov

Phone: 919-733-4564

Address: 1201 Front Street, Raleigh NC 27609

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Criminal Justice Improvement, Crime Victim Services and Juvenile Justice

Grant Process: Visit website for application guidelines and forms

Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation

Website: www.hchealthfnd.org

Contact: Dr. Myrle Grate, Executive Director

Email: info@hchealthfnd.org

Phone: 828-482-6510

Address: 348 South 5th Street, Suite 221, Highlands, NC 28741

Geographic Focus: Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties and the Qualla Boundary

Interest Areas: Access to Primary Care, Access to Behavioral Health and Well-Being of Infants, Children & Adolescents

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

Huffman-Cornwell Foundation

Website: www.huffmancornwell.org

Contact: Brad Norvell

Email: huffmancornwellfoundation@gmail.com

Phone : 828-433-9125

Address: 103 N Sterling St., Morganton NC 28655

Geographic Focus: Burke County

Interest Areas: Provide support to those who are working to improve the quality of life in Burke County primarily through education, arts and cultural activities, faith-based activities, and health and human services. Grant deadline is September 1.

Ingles Market – Community Giving

Website: www.ingles-markets.com/corporate/community-giving

Address: Ingles Markets - Corporate Giving Committee, PO Box 6676, Asheville, NC 28816

Geographic Focus: Communities with Ingles stores

Interest Areas: Education of Children, Eliminating Hunger, Meeting Specific Community Needs

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

John William Pope Foundation

Website: www.jwpcf.org

Contact: Valerie Pencook, Program Director

Email: info@jwpcf.org

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Phone: 919-871-3329

Address: 4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27609

Geographic Focus: Applicants should be based in North Carolina and doing work in North Carolina in order to qualify for Joy W. Pope Memorial Grants in Arts and Human Services.

Interest Areas: Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund for the Arts: projects in visual, performing, and literary arts that serve the greater community. Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund for Human Services: projects that deliver direct charitable services to people. Research grants will not be considered.

Grant Process: Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund applications are accepted July 1 – September 15 each year. A total of \$100,000 will be awarded through each grant fund. Organizations should apply for an amount between \$25,000 – \$100,000. The Foundation may meet grant requests partially or entirely. As a result, the Foundation may issue one, two, or more grants through each fund. Visit the website for details.

Junior League of Asheville

Website: www.juniorleagueofasheville.org

Email: juniorleagueofasheville@gmail.com

Address: P.O. Box 7315, Asheville, NC 28802

Geographic Focus: Asheville and surrounding areas

Interest Areas: The Junior League of Asheville is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

Grant Process: New grant program and process geared toward helping educators to advance literacy efforts rolling out in Spring 2026

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

Website: www.kbr.org

Contact: Mary Weaver, Grants Assistant

Email: Mary@kbr.org

Phone: 336-397-5521

Address: 128 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5123

Geographic Focus: Rural and urban communities around the state and in Forsyth County

Interest Areas: Health Improvement Program (increasing equitable access to care and equitable health outcomes), Local Impact Program (creating an inclusive economy in Forsyth County), Healthy Places NC initiative (improving people's health and well-being in ten of NC's most under-resourced rural counties) and Great Expectations initiative (ensuring that children in Forsyth County enter kindergarten ready to learn and leave set for success in school and life).

Grant Process: Rolling grant cycles throughout the year; each cycle begins with a funding opportunity announcement released on website. After reviewing eligibility requirements, contact the grants assistant to arrange a phone consultation. Depending on alignment with goals and strategies, the grants assistant may then schedule an appointment with you and your regional program officer. If your idea or project might be a fit, the Trust will send you a link to the online application after your meeting with the program officer.

Land-of-Sky Regional Council

Website: www.landofsky.org

Email: info@landofsky.org

Phone: 828-251-6622

Address: 339 New Leicester Hwy. Suite 140, Asheville, NC 28806

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Geographic Focus: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties

Grant Process: Periodic opportunities to meet funding representatives and learn about grant opportunities related to human services and economic, community, and workforce development.

Other Resources: Area Agency on Aging, Economic and Community Development, Workforce Development, Volunteer Services, Transportation and Transit, and Mountain Mobility programs; contact for more information.

The Leon Levine Foundation

Website: <https://www.leonlevinefoundation.org>

Email: adminsupport@leonlevinefoundation.org

Address: 4600 Park Road Suite 500 Charlotte, NC 28209

Geographic Focus: North Carolina and South Carolina

Interest Areas: Education (early childhood education, career-connected learning), Healthcare (mental and behavioral health, maternal and early childhood health), Human Services (housing stability, economic security, family support), and Jewish Communities (immersive experiences, leaders and allies, belonging and vitality)

Grant Process: Submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) through the website. Rolling acceptance; review guidelines for eligibility and mission alignment.

Lowe's Foundation

Website: <https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-foundation>

Email: Foundation@Lowe.com

Address: 1000 Lowe's Blvd., Mooresville, NC 28117

Geographic Focus: United States

Interest Areas: Skilled Trades Education

Grant Process: The Lowe's Foundation Gable Grants program is a 5-year, \$50 million commitment to train 50,000 job-ready skilled tradespeople to build a stronger infrastructure that supports our communities for the long term. From 2023-2028, community and technical colleges and community-based nonprofit organizations across the country can apply for the grants to recruit, retain and employ the future skilled trades workforce. For upcoming application cycles, visit the [Lowe's Foundation website](#) and follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Macon Community Funding Pool

Website: <https://www.maconnc.org/community-funding-pool.html>

Contact: Karen Wallace, Director, Macon County Public Library

Email: k.wallace@fontanalib.org

Phone: 828-524-3600

Address: Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin NC

Geographic Focus: Macon County

Interest Areas: Social services, health, education, and cultural areas

Grant Process: Application cycle is announced through news/social media outlets. Visit website for guidelines and application forms.

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation

Website: www.mrbf.org

Contact: Christine Mayers, Grants Manager

Email: info@mrbf.org

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Phone: 336-390-9470

Address: 500 West 5th Street, Suite 800, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Geographic Focus: Southeastern United States

Interest Areas: The Babcock Foundation partners with organizations and networks working to alleviate poverty and increase social and economic justice in 11 Southern states. We support collaborative, multi-strategy, place-based work focused on democracy and civic engagement, economic opportunity, and supportive policies and institutions. We believe sustained, general-support grants are critical to helping organizations remain nimble and effective. In addition to grantmaking, we make strategic investments aligned with our mission and values.

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

Mebane Foundation

Website: www.mebanefoundation.com

Contact: Larry Colbourne, President

Phone: 336-936-0041

Address: 232 South Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028

Interest Area: Education

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

Nantahala Health Foundation

Website: www.nantahalahealthfoundation.org

Contact: Lori A. Bailey, Executive Director

Email: l.bailey@nantahalahealthfoundation.org

Phone: 828-634-1527

Address: 1547 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC 28734

Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary

Interest Areas: Improved health and wellness, Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Grant Process: Consult the website for comprehensive information regarding current funding priorities, application guidelines, procedures, required forms, and submission deadlines.

New Belgium Brewing Company

Website: www.newbelgium.com

Contact: Amy Richards, Community Engagement Specialist

Email: nbbgives@newbelgium.com

Phone: 970-494-0524

Address: 500 Linden, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

Geographic Focus: USA

Interest Areas: Bicycle Advocacy, Climate Change, Public Land + Water, Social Equity

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and requirements

North Carolina Center for Nonprofits

Website: www.ncnonprofits.org

Contact: Kim Neustrom, Director of Development

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Email: kneustrom@ncnonprofits.org

Phone: 919-790-1555 ext 117

Address: 5800 Faringdon Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Serving all 501c3 nonprofits in North Carolina

Other Resources: 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. The Center also organizes workshops, forums, and training for staff, boards, and community leaders. Visit the Center's website for resources and more information.

North Carolina Community Foundation

Website: www.nccommunityfoundation.org

Contacts: Colby Martin, Community Leadership Officer, cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org, 828-358-0030

Shari Williamson, Program Officer, swilliamson@nccommunityfoundation.org, 828-832-0150

Address: 3737 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Support the work of charitable organizations serving the communities within their statewide network of affiliate foundations, as well as a wide range of interests as directed by their fundholders.

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

NCCF Affiliate foundations in Western North Carolina:

Avery Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/northwestern/avery-county>

Cherokee County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/cherokee-county>

Clay County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/clay-county>

Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/eastern-band-of-cherokees>

Graham County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/graham-county>

Haywood County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/haywood-county>

Jackson County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/jackson-county>

Macon County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/macon-county>

Madison County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/madison-county>

Swain County Community Foundation:

<https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/swain-county>

North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation

Website: www.ncgskfoundation.org

Email: info@ncgskfoundation.org

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Phone: 919-483-2140

Address: P.O. Box 13398, Research Triangle Pk, NC 27709

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Advancement of education, science and health.

Traditional Grant Process: Grants from \$25,000 and up for the promotion of science, health, and education (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. Deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

Ribbon of Hope Grant Process: Grants of \$25,000 for community projects furthering science, health, and education with specific emphasis on local communities. Deadlines are April 1 and October 1.

North Carolina Humanities

Website: www.nchumanities.org

Contact: Caitlin Patton Stanley, Director of Grants and Compliance

Email: cpatton@nchumanities.org

Phone: 704-687-1520

Physical Address: 320 E. 9th Street, Suite 414, Charlotte, NC 28202

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Culture and humanities. Projects focused on exploring the nature of community, cultural heritage, citizenship, and supporting lifelong learning using the lenses of humanities disciplines including history, literature, philosophy, and ethics.

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

Other Resources: North Carolina Humanities offers grant funding for community projects. North Carolina Humanities also offers programs for libraries, museums, cultural centers and others through its North Carolina Center for the Book reading and literature initiatives and Museum on Main Street exhibition tours.

North Carolina Land and Water Fund

Website: www.nclwf.nc.gov

Contact: Applicants should contact field representatives:

Western Region - Damon Hearne, 828-476-6758, damon.hearne@ncdcr.gov

Central Region - Hannah Bowen, 336-689-5519, hannah.bowen@dncr.nc.gov

Eastern Region - Isaac Merson, 984-297-4171, isaac.merson@dncr.nc.gov

Phone: 919-707-9120 (general enquiries)

Address: 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1651

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: Four grant programs include land acquisition, stream restoration, innovative stormwater, and planning. The goals of the fund are to improve water quality, sustain ecological diversity, and protect historic sites and military installations.

Grant Process: Any state agency, local government, or nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's natural and cultural resources is eligible to apply. Applications are due March 1 and decisions are made in the fall. Apply at <https://nclwf.nc.gov/apply>.

North Carolina State Parks – Trails Program

Website: <https://trails.nc.gov/>

Contact: Arey Clark, Mountain Region Trails Specialist

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Email: arey.clark@ncparks.gov

Phone: 919-707-9350

Address: 242 Prison Camp Rd, Newland, NC 28657

Geographic Focus: Western 31 Counties

Interest Areas: The State Trails Program assists non-profit organizations and agencies in planning, funding, and developing a wide range of trail types including greenways, hiking, biking, equestrian, paddle, and off-highway vehicle trails. Grant funding is currently administered through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.

Grant Process: Visit <https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants> or call/email for details

Other Resources: Technical assistance for open space, trails, conservation, and funding

Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/privatefoundationgrants/ferebee>

Contact: Wesley Reardon

Email: grantadministration@wellsfargo.com

Phone: 1-888-234-1999

Address: c/o Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee, MAC D4000-062, One West Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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

Interest Areas: Arts, culture, and humanities; Environment, animals; Education; Health; Human services;

Public/society benefit. Grants are also awarded in the form of scholarships to 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, visit www.csascholars.org.

Grant Process: Visit website for online application process. Deadline is September 30.

Polk County Community Foundation

Website: www.polkccf.org

Contact: Noah Wood, Director of Grants

Email: grants@polkccf.org

Phone: 828-859-5314

Address: 255 S. Trade Street, Tryon, NC 28782

Geographic Focus: Polk County, North Carolina and Landrum, South Carolina

Grant Process: Letter of Intent; visit website for criteria and process

RHI Legacy Foundation

Website: www.rhilegacyfoundation.com

Contact: Jill Miracle, Community Impact Director

Email: jill.miracle@rhilegacy.com

Phone: 828-202-4630

Address: P.O. Box 352, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Geographic Focus: Rutherford County

Interest Areas: Healthy Eating, Active Living, and Chronic Disease

Grant Process: See the Grants tab on website for timelines and qualifications. Proposal Summaries are required, after which specific organizations are invited to apply. Funding is normally awarded in October.

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The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation

Website: www.rahf.org

Contact: Malvika Khitha, Grants and Data Administration Manager

Email: innovationsincare@rahf.org

Phone: 212-265-3115

Address: 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 1705, New York, NY 10003

Geographic Focus: United States

Interest Area: Support the development of innovative, nursing-driven models of care that promote equitable, person-centered, and trustworthy care for marginalized communities

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

SECU Foundation

Website: www.ncsecufoundation.org

Email: secufoundation@ncsecu.org

Phone: 844-296-4832

Address: P.O. Box 25966, Raleigh, NC 27611

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest areas: Promotes local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

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

Email: donations@sierranevada.com or info@sierranevada.com

Phone: 530-893-3520

Address: 1075 East 20th Street, Chico, CA 95928 - 100 Sierra Nevada Way, Mills River, NC 28732

Interest Areas: Support and help improve communities and causes near and far

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Legacy

Website: www.somnclegacy.org

Contact: Trish Mahoney, Program Officer

Email: tmahoney@sistersofmercy.org

Phone: 828-203-3953

Address: P.O. Box 987, Belmont, NC 28012

Geographic Focus: 24 counties in Western North Carolina

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

Grant Process: Review website and contact Trish Mahoney to discuss eligibility. Submission is by invitation only. Deadlines are April 1, August 1, and December 1 (two-step application process involves submission of a Grant Application Summary, typically due 30 days prior to the cycle deadline- see website for details).

St. James Charities Foundation

Website: www.stjamesepiscopal.com (under the drop-down menu Other Ministries, Community Service)

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Contact: The Rev. Christie Olsen, Associate Rector

Phone: 828-693-7458

Address: 766 N. Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Geographic Focus: Henderson County

Interest Areas: Hunger, homelessness, health, and education

Grant Process: Download application via website and submit by May 15 via email, mail, or in person.

Stonecutter Foundation, Inc.

Contact: Terri Barringer

Email: tbarringer@stonecutterfoundation.org

Phone: 828-521-1653

Address: 230 Spindale Street, Spindale, NC 28160

Geographic Focus: Primarily Rutherford County

Interest Areas: Education, Arts & Humanities

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

United Way of Henderson County

Website: www.liveunitedhc.org

Contact: Mary Ellen Kustin, Director of Community Impact

Email: mkustin@liveunitedhc.org

Phone: 828-692-1636, ext. 1107

Address: 722 Fifth Ave West, Hendersonville, NC 28739, PO Box 487, Hendersonville, NC 28793

Geographic Focus: Henderson County

Interest Areas: Education, Financial Stability, Health, and Basic Needs/Crisis Services

Grant Process: Call United Way staff to discuss eligibility criteria, then submit funding proposal. Visit website for deadlines and details.

Wells Fargo Foundation

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/>

Contact: Rodrick Banks, Senior Community Relations Consultant

Email: rodrick.banks@wellsfargo.com

Phone: 704-383-4251

Address: 301 S. College Street. Charlotte, NC 28202

Geographic Focus: Greater Charlotte and Western North Carolina

Interest Areas: Housing Affordability, Financial Health, and Small Business Support

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

WNC Bridge Foundation

Website: www.wncbridge.org

Email: info@wncbridge.org

Phone: 828-227-4815

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Address: 294 Overlook Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Geographic Focus: 18 counties and Qualla Boundary of Western North Carolina

Interest Areas: Connecting communities to a healthier future through our Community Initiatives, Grants, and Partnerships. Check website for details.

Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

WNC Nonprofit Pathways

Website: www.nonprofitpathways.org, Phone: 828-242-9028

Contacts: Jeannette Butterworth, Director, jeannette@nonprofitpathways.org

Debbie Haeger, Operations Director, debbie@nonprofitpathways.org,

Address: P.O. Box 7667, Asheville, NC 28802

Geographic Focus: Organizations based in and serving the 18 counties of Western North Carolina.

Other Resources: The mission of WNC Nonprofit Pathways is to help strengthen the nonprofit organizations that are vital to the future of Western North Carolina by providing education and training for nonprofit organizations, as well as resources for self-assessment and links to helpful tools and information. Please visit the website to explore services offered for Building Skills and Strengthening Organizations

WNC Nonprofit Pathways Nonprofit Fundamentals Certificate Program

Website: [http://nonprofitpathways.org/services/building-skills/pathways-nonprofit-fundamentals-certificate\[1\]program/](http://nonprofitpathways.org/services/building-skills/pathways-nonprofit-fundamentals-certificate[1]program/)

Contacts: Debbie Haeger, Operations Director, debbie@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-242-9028

Address: P.O. Box 7667, Asheville, NC 28802

Geographic Focus: Organizations based in and serving the 18 counties of WNC

Other Resources: Affordable, practical, and accessible courses on all aspects of nonprofit management. Scholarships also available.

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc.

Website: www.zsr.org

Email: info@zsr.org

Phone: 336-725-7541

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

Geographic Focus: North Carolina

Interest Areas: ZSR funds nonprofits working toward state-level systemic change in democracy, environment, public education and social and economic justice. ZSR also funds local, community-led initiatives across the state through the Community Progress Fund. The Inclusive Public Art program funds public art projects that tell untold or under-told stories of North Carolinians. The Sabbatical Program offers paid time off for experienced nonprofit leaders.

Grant Process: Visit website for information and online submission process