

# Enriching Communities Criteria and Policies

## Eligibility

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization, governmental or religious entity, or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation will consider applications from organizations working to benefit the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson and Orange. Organizations may submit one application per grant cycle, unless the organization is a public school or serving as a fiscal agent for another organization.

## Criteria

The Grants Portfolio Committee of the Foundation uses the following criteria when reviewing proposals:

- **Community Benefit** – the proposed activity is responsive to an opportunity to improve the quality of life in our community
- **Leadership** – the leadership and personnel of the organization have the requisite skills and experiences to carry out the proposed activities
- **Capacity and Feasibility** – the organization has the programmatic approach and resources sufficient to conduct the proposed activity
- **Financial Stability** – the organization has a balanced budget and can complete the proposed activity with the available internal and external resources
- **Partnerships** – the organization is aware of other organizations working on similar or related issues, and, when appropriate for achieving shared goals, has developed partnerships that are contributing to the success of the initiative

## Capital Campaign Policy

The Community Foundation does not support building or capital campaigns through its discretionary fund grant programs. The Community Foundation will consider applications to support equipment costs associated with program delivery.

## Fiscal Sponsor Policy

An organization that is serving as the fiscal sponsor for another organization may submit multiple proposals per cycle. The fiscal sponsor agency may submit one application for each organization it is sponsoring and also one application for its own organization.

## Public School Policy

Public school districts may submit more than one application per grant cycle. The Community Foundation will consider proposals for activities that provide educational and enrichment opportunities that are complimentary to the core curriculum. All proposals must be submitted by the Superintendent's Office and include a letter of support from the Superintendent.

## Private School Policy

Private and independent schools may submit one application per grant cycle. The Community Foundation will consider proposals that demonstrate a benefit to the broader community. Private and independent school proposals must include a letter of support from the Principal or Headmaster.

## Consecutive Year of Funding Policy

Enriching Communities grants are awarded for a single year. We understand that multi-year commitments or consecutive years of funding are valuable to the work of our partners and that it can be difficult to find other funding sources. Unfortunately, due to limited resources and in order to support as many partners as possible, the Community Foundation is unable to provide long-term ongoing support to organizations through this grant track. Grant partners can receive up to two consecutive years of funding, except that an organization with an annual operating budget of less than

\$250,000 can receive up to three consecutive years of funding. After the second or third year of consecutive funding, as applicable, grant partners are ineligible to apply for one year.

This policy applies only to applications to the Enriching Communities grant track. Grant partners are eligible to pursue other funding from the Foundation according to those guidelines.