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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENRICHING COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Charlottesville, VA, July 2021 – The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the Enriching Communities Grant Program, which supports a wide range of activities that keep our community vibrant and strong. The Community Foundation continues to partner with area nonprofits in their recovery from COVID-19 and is committed to using our current social context to challenge the status quo and further initiatives that help build a more sustainable, accessible, and equitable region.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization, governmental or religious entity, or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization. The Community 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. Enriching Communities grants will be one-time, unrestricted awards of up to \$15,000 to be used over the period of one year and there is more than \$750,000 available in total to qualified applicants.

Established in 2015, the Enriching Communities grant program has now awarded nearly 350 grants totaling \$2,792,955. This program is part of the Community Foundation’s discretionary grant making, which is rooted in community engagement, a spirit of partnership with grant recipients, and a commitment to being led by the experiences, expertise, and ideas of those most impacted by inequity. All proposals will be reviewed to determine organizational capacity, engagement and equity, financial stewardship, and anticipated impact.

Enriching Communities did not have an active grant round in 2020; instead, the Community Foundation prioritized supporting nonprofits through our Community Recovery & Catalyst Grants as part of its pandemic response.

“While we remain deeply committed to partnering with nonprofits in their recovery from the pandemic,” says Director of Programs Eboni Bugg, “we are excited to reactivate this foundational component of our discretionary grantmaking as it will provide critical resources to dozens of nonprofits working across a variety of mission areas, all with the goal of ensuring that our region is truly a place where all can thrive.”

If you are interested in applying for this grant, please contact Aiyana Marcus for application inquiries at amarcus@cacfonline.org. More information about guidelines and policies related to this grant program can be found [here](#) and the deadline to apply is September 1, 2021 at 11:59pm EST.

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The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation was established in 1967 – on the ideals of interconnectedness, of neighbor helping neighbor, and of valuing the lives of others – as an engine for positive change in Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Orange. The Community Foundation works with local residents, nonprofits, and public and private organizations to facilitate philanthropy and create an equitable region where everybody can thrive. For more information, visit www.cacfonline.org.