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## **FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOUISA COUNTY**

Central VA, January 2022 – The Louisa County Community Fund is accepting proposals from organizations working to improve the quality of life in Louisa County from now until March 15, 2022.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) organization, governmental or religious entity, or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization. The fund’s review committee will consider applications from any qualifying organization working to benefit Louisa County. Organizations may submit one application per grant cycle, which runs from mid-January to mid-March every year. Funding requests of up to \$10,000 will be considered and decisions will be announced in June 2022.

Administered by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, this competitive grant cycle is supported by a diverse group of Louisa County community members who are uniquely positioned to review applications and identify organizations working to improve quality of life for all residents of Louisa County.

In 1997, Ruby and Albert Bazzanella, long-time residents of Louisa County, established a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation to benefit Louisa County. In 2007, the Community Foundation received a significant bequest of \$1.5 million from Mr. and Mrs. Bazzanella with the stipulation that the income be directed in perpetuity to benefit Louisa County. Since then, the Louisa County Community Fund has made 146 grants totaling \$1,006,877 to organizations impacting lives in Louisa County through its annual grant cycle.

“The Louisa County Community Fund supports many impressive initiatives that improve the quality of life in Louisa County. We are grateful to the community members who carefully review the applications and work thoughtfully to fund the programs that resonate with the current needs of the community,” says Donor Relations Manager Ethan Tate. “The beginning of the new year is a time of hope and possibility, and this new grant cycle will ensure such critical initiatives in Louisa County are able to continue and flourish.”

If you are interested in applying for this grant, please contact Ethan Tate at [etate@cacfonline.org](mailto:etate@cacfonline.org). More information about the guidelines and policies related to this grant program can be found [here](#) and the deadline to apply is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:59pm EST.

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The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation was established in 1967 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](http://www.cacfonline.org).