



The 2017 Longleaf Fund's Grant Cycle is Now Open

January 17, 2017 (Charlotte) –Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2017 Longleaf Fund grant cycle, awarding capital grants in select cities in North and South Carolina. Foundation For The Carolinas is currently accepting applications from eligible organizations in and serving Fayetteville, NC; Rocky Mount, NC; Charlotte, NC; Spartanburg, SC; and Florence, SC.

Teaming together with strong nonprofit partners, Longleaf Fund grants aim to strengthen the character and achievement of at-risk children and youth while encouraging communities to reach higher and create opportunities for a brighter future.

Capital grants will be awarded from \$10,000 to \$150,000 to organizations serving at-risk children & youth for the following:

- Projects that build community and increase daily physical activity by building or enhancing age-appropriate, accessible space for play, sports and recreational activities.
- Projects that promote learning, especially for at-risk youth, with a particular emphasis on creating or improving access to technology.
- Projects that enhance the quality of life for children, ages 0-18, with disabilities (physical and/or mental) by improving their educational or physical environment and developing the children's physical capabilities.

The Longleaf Fund is an anonymous donor advised fund managed by Foundation For The Carolinas, the community foundation serving the greater Charlotte region. To learn about program guidelines, or to begin the application process, grant seekers should [click here](#) and select **Grant Program Name: Longleaf Fund**. Interested applicants must first complete a preliminary application for consideration to submit a full grant proposal. New applicants to the online system must create an account. Eligible projects must be scheduled for completion within 12-18 months from grant award date in order to be considered for a 2017 grant.

Preliminary applications must be submitted **by Tuesday, February 28, 2017**. Contact Ayanna Wakefield with questions at 704.973.4543 or awakefield@fftc.org.

