



News Release

Grants Available for Cherokee County Nonprofits ***The Cherokee County Community Foundation Now Accepting Applications***

March 7, 2016 – The Cherokee County Community Foundation is currently accepting applications from eligible Cherokee County organizations including 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, congregations, governmental and educational institutions) for its 2016 grant program.

In 2015, the Cherokee County Community Foundation awarded \$17,000 in grant funding to local nonprofits. The average grant size was \$4,250.

Grants this year will be made to support programs that benefit Cherokee County residents and focus specifically on education, public health, family and youth, crime and safety or economic development. Proposals must fall within one of these areas to be considered. Additional information and guidance is available online.

To begin the application process, grant seekers are invited to visit the Online Grants Center at <https://fftcgrants.communityforce.com> and search for Cherokee County Community Foundation to access the online application.

Past applicants can login to the Online Grants Center using their previously established account information. First-time applicants can create a new account.

Completed applications must be submitted online **by noon on Thursday, April 7, 2016**. The system closes promptly at 12:00 p.m. and will not accept late submissions.

An informative webinar on how to apply for grants through the Online Grants Center can be viewed at <http://www.fftc.org/communityforce-webinar>. Contact Candice Abinanti with further questions about the application process at cabinanti@fftc.org or 704.973.4559.

About the Cherokee County Community Foundation:

Established in 1994 as a permanent endowment, the Cherokee County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cherokee County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community.

The Foundation assists donors in making charitable contributions to the community, provides services for nonprofit organizations to create new or manage existing endowments and awards grants to local nonprofits. For more information please visit www.cherokee-county-cf.org.

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