



News Release

Grants Available for Cherokee County Nonprofits Local Foundation Anticipates Record Grantmaking in Honor of 25th Anniversary

March 25, 2019– 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 2019 grant program. **The grant cycle opened Monday, March 18, and closes on April 12, 2019.**

In 2018, the Cherokee County Community Foundation awarded \$23,000 to 7 local nonprofits. In 2018, grant awards ranged from \$2,000-\$5,500 with an average award of \$2,500.

This year, with significant additional funding and in honor of the Foundation's 25th anniversary, the Cherokee Board of Trustees will consider awards up to \$10,000 for the most competitive applications. Proposals for larger grant awards are encouraged to identify additional funding sources and partnerships with other organizations. Actual award amounts will be determined on the merit of the proposal and available funds.

Grant funding is available through the Foundation's endowment fund, which will target five key investment areas in 2019:

- Education (K-12 or Higher Education/Workforce Development)
- Public Health
- Family & Youth
- Crime & Safety
- Economic Development

Within the investment areas above, the Foundation encourages grant proposals which target one or more improvement (downward trending) areas identified in the [2017 Cherokee County Indicators Update](#). Additional information and guidance are available online.

To apply, grant seekers are invited to visit the [Online Grants Center](#) and search for Cherokee County Community Foundation to access the online application.

Note: Completed applications must be submitted by **noon on Friday, April 12, 2019**. The system closes promptly at 12 pm and will not accept late submissions.

Contact Foundation staff with further questions about the application process at cherokee@fftc.org or 704.973.4520.

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. For more information please visit www.cherokee-county-cf.org.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Foundation For The Carolinas 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.fftc.org.

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