



**THE YANCEY FUND**

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### **Grant History**

**171 Grants Totaling \$1,522,623**

**Fall 1998 – Spring 2023**

Spring 2023 (\$154,340)

**Annabelle's Haven** - \$10,000 to prepare a site for construction of a domestic violence shelter.

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$10,000 for a summer program for children with special needs.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - \$7,000 for a youth mentoring program.

**CareReach** - \$3,700 to help cover healthcare costs incurred by people with low incomes.

**Carolina Mountains Literary Festival** - \$3,500 to support a youth literacy event, including author presentations and books.

**Dig In! Yancey Community Garden** - \$10,000 to support garden programs that provide fresh produce to people with low incomes.

**Feed-A-Child WNC** - \$10,000 to complete renovations of a building that will be used to store and pack food for children.

**Full STEAM Ahead Carolina** - \$6,380 for a robotics and arts program for youth.

**High Country Area Agency on Aging** - \$8,300 to support dementia caregivers through meetings and other resources.

**High Country Caregiver Foundation** - \$6,380 for a business incubator where teens learn marketable skills and financial literacy and are introduced to higher education opportunities.

**M.Y. Life Center** - \$5,000 to paint a building where it provides services to people in need.

**Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity** - \$10,000 to renovate a house that will be sold to a low-income family.

**Parkway Playhouse of Burnsville** - \$4,700 to purchase software to improve operations.

**Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH)** - \$5,000 for physical activity programs for youth and adults.

**Pisgah Legal Services** - \$10,000 to provide free civil legal assistance to and to advocate for residents with low incomes.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$10,000 to purchase food for its pantry.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$10,000 to provide fresh, local produce for people with low incomes.

**WAMY Community Action** - \$10,000 to provide home repairs to people with low incomes.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$8,000 to purchase physical education supplies and books for four elementary schools.

**Yancey History Association** - \$6,380 to restore the cedar shake roof of the historic McElroy House.

Spring 2022 (\$90,600)

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$3,500 for a summer camp program for children.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - \$6,500 to support a volunteer mentor recruitment program.

**Dig In! Yancey Community Garden** - \$9,900 to provide training for a seasonal intern and to purchase garden equipment.

**Feed-A-Child WNC** - \$10,000 to complete construction of a food storage facility.

**High Country Caregiver Foundation** - \$10,000 to support grandparents raising their grandchildren.

**Pisgah Legal Services** - \$10,000 for free civil litigation and advocacy for low-income people.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$10,000 for technology support and heating assistance to low-income families.

**Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young Foundation** - \$5,000 to support a fall festival.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$10,000 to provide fresh, local produce for low-income people.

**Tri-County Pregnancy Center** - \$9,000 to build an awning and a community sitting garden.

**Yancey County Humane Society** - \$4,000 to build fences for low-income people with dogs.

**Yancey County NC Cooperative Extension Service/4H Mountain Challenge Club** - \$2,700 to facilitate a year-long therapeutic horse program for marginalized youth.

Spring 2021 (\$77,720)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - \$6,500 to recruit, screen, train and place mentoring volunteers with disadvantaged youth.

**Creating a Family** - \$2,500 for group facilitators and materials that will provide help and resources to caretakers of abused children.

**Double Island Fire Department** - \$1,859 to purchase a new base station radio and antenna.

**Feed-A-Child WNC** - \$10,000 to support construction of a permanent facility for food distribution to children from low-income families.

**Parkway Playhouse** - \$2,125 to purchase four computers and a printer to help with theater operations.

**Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH)** - \$6,000 to support a summer food program for food-insecure families.

**Pisgah Legal Services** - \$6,000 for civil legal assistance to low-income people.

**SEARCH** - \$3,000 to support healthcare communication and advocacy efforts.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$5,175 for community kitchen equipment.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$10,000 to provide locally-grown produce to food-insecure people.

**Tri-County Family Center** - \$6,000 to repair its roof and pave its parking lot.

**WAMY Community Action** - \$10,000 for its housing repair program.

**Yancey County Sheriff's Office** - \$8,561 for a program that helps locate missing people with cognitive issues.

Spring 2020 (\$99,840)

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$9,140 for a children's literacy enrichment program.

**Blue Ridge Partnership for Children** - \$6,450 to support a collaboration of early childhood and public school professionals ensuring young children have the skills and disposition to succeed in kindergarten.

**Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development** - \$1,300 to provide water conservation educational programs and field trips to streams and rivers to 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

**Carolina Mountains Literary Festival** - \$5,000 to support authors participating in the annual fall literacy festival.

**Feed-A-Child WNC** - \$10,000 to construct a permanent facility to stock, bag and distribute healthy snacks on a weekly basis to food-insecure children.

**Mountain Heritage High School** - \$10,000 for an Innovation Lab with a makerspace offering materials for creative design projects, up-to-date lab equipment and tools for students to learn coding, robotics and electronics.

**NC MedAssist** - \$3,000 for free pharmacy services for low-income, uninsured individuals.

**Pisgah Legal Services** - \$9,950 to provide free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income residents.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$10,000 to purchase food for its pantry.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$10,000 to help low-income people access fresh fruit and vegetables.

**WAMY Community Action** - \$5,000 for home repair for low-income households.

**Yancey County/Economic Development Commission** - \$10,000 to help plan, design and construct a permanent farmer's market facility.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$10,000 for the start-up phase of a strategic planning process to include community outreach through a communications and marketing initiative addressing food insecurity.

Spring 2019 (\$92,330)

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$7,640 for its school and summer programs.

**Carolina Mountains Literary Festival** - \$5,000 to provide programs at elementary schools and senior citizen centers.

**Dig In! Yancey Community Garden** - \$10,000 for a permanent location for its farm operations.

**Parkway Playhouse** - \$9,500 for a theater program for low-income seniors.

**Partners Aligned Toward Health** - \$10,000 for its free health programs.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$10,000 to purchase food for its pantry.

**The Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young Foundation** - \$7,722 for a field trip program in collaboration with Yancey County schools.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$9,830 to provide fresh locally-grown produce to the food insecure.

**WAMY Community Action** - \$2,750 to provide \$75 garden vouchers to 30 families.

**Yancey County Cooperative Extension** - \$9,888 for an education and opportunity program for parents of young children.

**Yancey Hospice and Palliative Care** - \$10,000 to expand its palliative care program.

Spring 2018 (\$74,000)

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$3,060 to increase summer programming for Yancey County children.

**Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development** - \$3,500 to design and install educational signs along a section of Mitchell Branch in Ray-Cort Park.

**Carolina Mountains Literary Festival** - \$2,008 to help fund author participation.

**Micaville Elementary School** - \$7,500 to construct a walking trail with fitness stations.

**Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity** - \$8,000 to develop a long-term program to assist elderly and disabled people so they can remain in their homes.

**Partners Aligned Toward Health** - \$10,000 toward the revitalization of Ray-Cort Park to support the purchase of playground equipment, secure in-kind donations and provide funds to gather community input and collaboration from a diverse group of partners.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$10,000 to increase the size of its building to serve more people.

**Toe River Aggregation Center Training Organization Regional (TRACTOR)** - \$10,000 to increase market access for 25 small family farms.

**Toe River Health District** - \$10,000 to integrate a comprehensive professional training program and curriculum to help improve the health of children from low-income families.

**Yancey County Humane Society** - \$2,008 to assist with spay and neuter surgeries for dogs.

**Yancey County Child Development Center** - \$7,924 to develop a garden learning center for students and families to provide more access to affordable and healthy foods.

Fall 2017 (\$65,000)

**Blue Ridge Partnership for Children/Yancey Alliance for Parents of Young Children** - \$20,000 to fund a parent education program for families of children, ages birth to eight, building on existing parenting classes, including Triple P, pre/post-natal and Love & Logic.

**Partners Aligned Toward Health** (formerly Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River, Inc.) - \$15,000 to support programs that include the Healthy Yancey Coalition, revitalizing Ray Cort Park and free summer camp.

**Toe River Arts Council** – Co-investment in a \$30,000 CFWNC Natural and Cultural Resources grant to begin fabrication and installation of the first gateway marker to be installed at the west entrance to the downtown area off 19E. The Glass Gateway Vision Plan calls for 3 glass markers (telescopes) of varying heights at both the west and east entrances of Burnsville.

Spring 2017 (\$6,090)

**Blue Ridge Partnership for Children** - \$6,090 for the Yancey Alliance for Young Children (YAY-C)'s Parenting Support and Advocate Programs.

Fall 2016 (\$45,000)

**Avery-Mitchell-Yancey (AMY) Regional Library** - \$15,000 to implement One World, Many Stories, a children's program bringing into its four libraries multicultural story times, involving sensory activities and mindfulness programming.

**The Family Violence Coalition of Yancey County, Inc.** - \$20,000 to support the Empowerment to Independence program which helps domestic violence victims become independent.

**Parkway Playhouse** - \$10,000 to support its Reading is Alive project, a theatre outreach program serving rural children.

Fall 2015 (\$91,160)

**Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center** - \$19,260 to engage 12 adults with disabilities in a training program to help them find employment.

**Bakersville United Methodist Church Food Pantry** - \$6,400 to purchase food to feed an additional 100 families.

**Blue Ridge Partnership for Children** (formerly Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children) – two grants:

- 1) \$5,000 to fund the Yancey Early Childhood Initiative (YECI)'s professional facilitator
- 2) \$4,000 to complete YECI Phase 1 work

**Camp Spring Creek Outreach** - \$16,500 to help fund a Public Relations and Communications Director to build the capacity of the organization by increasing revenue that will help train more teachers for children with dyslexia.

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River, Inc.** - \$20,000 for a summer food program that will deliver food boxes to 100 low-income families with children.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$20,000 to upgrade the community-based teaching kitchen at Mountain Heritage High School.

Fall 2014 (\$67,500)

**AMY Regional Library/Toe River Food Network** - \$10,000 to develop an inclusive, sustainable and evidence-based 3-5 year food security plan for the Toe River region in Western North Carolina.

**Dig In! Yancey Community Garden** - \$17,500 to implement a Mobile Kitchen Demonstration project.

**Penland School of Crafts** - \$10,000 to support its Subs with SuitCASEs program.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries, Inc.** - \$15,000 to purchase food over the winter for families that are food insecure.

**Toe River Health District** - \$15,000 for their children's summer food program, which will provide food to 100 families by addressing the problem of food insecurity during the summer months when school is not in session.

Winter 2013-14 (\$3,585)

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries, Inc.** - \$3,585 in two grants for the Heating Assistance Fund and/or the Food Basket program.

Fall 2013 (\$30,000)

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River, Inc.** - \$10,000 in support of the Summer Food program.

**Toe River Arts Council** - \$20,000 for the TRAC Art Apprentice program.

Spring 2013 (\$1,400)

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries, Inc.** - \$1,400 for heating assistance in Yancey County.

Fall 2012 (\$32,500)

**Hospice of Yancey County** - \$2,500 to purchase two Coaguchek meters to allow hospice nurses to check patients in their homes.

**Penland School of Crafts** - \$10,000 to support the Teaching Artist in the Schools and Subs with SuitCASEs (Creative Approaches to Substitute Education) programs in school year 2013-14 which will serve economically-disadvantaged K-12 students with arts-based, curriculum-integrated classes taught by trained teaching artists and classroom teachers.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries Inc.** - \$20,000 for Food Ministry program to help people offset cost of food for a year by providing them with food boxes as they work to make ends meet in other aspects.

Spring 2012 (\$76,000)

**Camp Spring Creek** - \$25,000 for an expansion of teacher training to improve literacy and reading scores in Yancey and Avery counties with some continued support for Mitchell County teachers.

**Family Violence Coalition of Yancey County, Inc.** - \$16,000 to purchase used van to transport clients to services.

**Mitchell County Government** - \$25,000 for purchase of shared farm field equipment for use by small farmers in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

**Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children** (now Blue Ridge Partnership for Children) - \$10,000 to implement a collaborative initiative focusing on childhood obesity prevention.

Spring 2011 (\$18,500)

**Dig In! Community Garden** - \$4,500 for a new irrigation system for the community garden in Yancey County that supplies food to those in need.

**Energy XChange** - \$7,000, in partnership with the Foundation for Mitchell County, to support new signage and marketing efforts since the current signage is outdated and does not attract or even direct people to the model economic development project that harnesses energy from a disused local landfill and uses green technology to fuel creative community based enterprises.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$7,000 to refurbish the Mountain Heritage High School's school-community auditorium. The Tomberlin Auditorium is the largest venue in Yancey County seating up to 800 patrons at a time and outdated lighting and sound systems need to be refurbished for the auditorium to serve the school and the community at large.

Fall 2010 (\$25,000)

**Children's Advocacy Center of Yancey County** - \$25,000 to provide training and support for a newly developed Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) for Children's Advocacy Center of Yancey County, a recently formed interagency organization that helps children in the aftermath of child abuse allegations.

Fall 2009 (\$17,732)

**Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation** - \$7,000 for emergency prescription assistance.

**Centro de Enlace** - \$2,732 for emergency food and crisis assistance funds.

**Family Violence Coalition** - \$5,000 to cover the cost of heating the shelter and help shelter clients with energy assistance upon moving out of the shelter.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries\*** - \$3,000 to assist 15-20 families with heating assistance.

Spring 2009 (\$30,198)

**Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation** - \$5,000 for Toe River Project Access to provide uninsured residents of Mitchell and Yancey Counties access to health and dental care.

**Centro de Enlace** - \$4,198 for the program Equal Access/Equal Success, which provides interpretation, advocacy and crisis support to Latino immigrants.

**Graham Children's Health Services** - \$5,000 for the Emergency Medication Assistance Project. The project will connect patients with prescription assistance through a partnership with My Meds and local school nurses.

**Service Center for Latinos** - \$6,000 to provide food, medication and utility assistance.

**Southern Reconciliation Ministries** - \$5,000 for recession assistance with housing, medication, and utility costs.

**W.A.M.Y Community Action** - \$5,000 to reduce the causes and effects of recession induced poverty in the High Country.

Fall 2008 (\$18,550)



**EnergyXchange** - \$4,550 to redevelop, expand and modernize its website.

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River** - \$7,000 to perform a needs assessment of school children and their families in Mitchell and Yancey counties for a school-based telemedicine network.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$7,000 to assist with the "Getting on the Right Track" project, which is a refurbishment project of Mountain Heritage High School's community track.

Spring 2008 (\$41,000)

**Rural Southern Voice for Peace** - \$25,000 to continue working with the Christian Stewardship Listening Project and local churches to engage citizens in discussions about caring for mountain resources in Yancey and Madison counties.

**Toe River Arts Council** - \$12,500 to increase and expand art education programs in Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

**Yancey County Cultural Resources Commission** - \$3,500 to purchase professional video recording equipment to capture and preserve examples of mountain and cultural heritage.

Fall 2007 (\$7,000)

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River** - \$7,000 toward renovation of the community gym at the old Burnsville School.

Spring 2007 (\$36,797)

**Bee Log Elementary School** - \$6,332 to purchase science and technology curriculum materials to implement creative learning for the students and their families at this rural public school.

**Rural Southern Voice for Peace** - \$7,000 to conduct a Christian Stewardship Listening Project to foster inquiry, listening and dialogue, which will expand grassroots support for environmental protection in Yancey and Madison counties.

**Toe River Health District** - \$23,465 to implement a comprehensive nutrition and physical activity program called "Eat Smart Move More at Cane River" to address complex issues surrounding youth obesity for the students attending Cane River Middle School.

Fall 2006 (\$17,500)

**The Altapass Foundation** - \$7,000 for the implementation of a membership database that will facilitate the organization becoming self-sustaining. The Altapass Foundation was created to preserve the history, heritage and culture of the southern region of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**Centro de Enlace** - \$7,000 towards the purchase of commercial kitchen equipment for fresh tortilla production, a social entrepreneurial initiative. Centro de Enlace is a resource center for approximate 2,000 Mexican immigrants in Yancey County. The program helps Latino families become self-sufficient and integrated into the community.

**Yancey History Association** - \$3,500 for computer equipment that is needed to expand membership support for programs in local history, genealogy and mountain culture. Formed in 1979, the Society operates the Rush Wray Museum and the McElroy House.

Spring 2006 (\$4,600)

**Yancey County Farmers' Market** - \$4,600 to the Town of Burnsville for the purchase of canopy tents and other equipment to make the Market more attractive to new vendors and customers.

Fall 2005 (\$7,000)

**Toe River Health District** - \$7,000 for the purchase of office furnishings for Yancey County Home Health and the Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults. These agencies provide support to local residents in need of medical care and assistance with daily living activities so they can remain in their homes.

Spring 2005 (\$89,932)

**Centro de Enlace** - \$24,932 for leadership development to involve and empower grassroots leaders among local Latino families.

**Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children** - \$25,000 to provide families with the tools necessary to develop strong parenting practices and to improve family relationships.

**W.A.M.Y.** - \$25,000 for a micro loan program to leverage additional funding from the Small Business Administration to provide small loans and technical assistance for small businesses in Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$15,000 for a construction trades job training collaborative for students at Mountain Heritage High and Mayland Community College who will learn carpentry skills while building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

Fall 2004 (\$6,623)

**Energy Xchange** - \$6,623 to purchase equipment needed to expand "Project Branch Out" which provides native plants to local growers. The project is housed at Mayland Community College and offers horticulture students lessons in biotechnology.

Fall 2003 (\$58,750)

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River** - \$15,000 for staffing resources to help address challenges facing local Latino families.

**Mitchell-Yancey Partnership For Children\*** - \$15,000 to implement a coordinated community-based parenting education program.

**Spruce Pine Community Hospital Foundation** - \$15,000 to provide coordinated health and dental care for low-income residents of Mitchell and Yancey counties.

**Yancey County Schools** - \$13,750 to develop an academically-focused afterschool program at Burnsville Elementary School.

Spring 2003 (\$15,935)

**Parkway Playhouse** - \$7,000 for professional assessment and planning to upgrade the historic playhouse into a year-round facility.

**Yancey County Center, NC Cooperative Extension Service** - \$8,935 to purchase a chipper-shredder for local family farms to cultivate galax, a native plant used by florists around the world.

Fall 2002 (\$10,000)

**Graham Children's Health Services of the Toe River** - \$10,000 for a community-wide effort to improve Ray-Cort Park, adding a walking and exercise trail.

Spring 2002 (\$27,000)

**Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library System** - \$12,000 toward expenses for a major renovation to house the Yancey County Public Library at a new site.

**Yancey County 4-H** - \$15,000 to expand its after-school program to serve additional Hispanic youth.

Fall 2001 (\$7,255)

**Yancey History Association\*** - \$7,255 for equipment and production costs to provide audio and video presentations in the McElroy House, home of the Rush Wray Museum.

Spring 2001 (\$33,033)

**Evening School Project\*** - \$1,925 to offer students at the Yancey County alternative high school a program focusing on how to lead healthy lives.

**Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River** - \$15,000 to employ Leathers and Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in community-built playgrounds, to work on "Kid Mountain – Yancey Community Playground."

**Mitchell-Yancey Partnership For Children\*** - \$1,500 to upgrade residences so they can be licensed as Family Child Care Homes.

**Yancey County Middle School Health Center\*** - \$9,608 to increase nutritional and mental health counseling services available to middle school students.

**Yancey County Literacy Council\*** - \$5,000 to produce videotapes for recruiting and training new volunteer tutors.

Fall 2000 (\$6,100)

**Celo Health Education Corporation** - \$6,000 to purchase a procedure/trauma stabilization table for this new health center located in rural Yancey County, where few other medical services are available.

**Evening School Project** - \$100 to support operating expenses.

Spring 2000 (\$12,480)

**Burnsville Elementary School** - \$5,000 to construct a greenhouse on the school grounds for use as a teaching facility.

**Evening School Project** - \$2,000 to offer students at this Yancey County alternative high school a program focusing on how to have successful personal relationships.

**South Toe Preschool\*** - \$5,480 to purchase seven sets of books to be used as a monthly curriculum focus for Yancey County preschoolers.

Spring 1999 (\$5,183)

**South Toe and Micaville Elementary Schools\*** - \$2,933 for expanding a Cultivating Character curriculum from one classroom into two school-wide programs.

**Yancey County Schools\*** - \$2,250 toward creating a county program for serving the rapidly growing Hispanic student population and their families.

Fall 1998 (\$19,390)

**Evening School Project\*** - \$1,025 to launch a program called “Money in my Life” for students at Yancey Evening School, an alternative high school that serves lower achieving kids who all work part-time and are gaining vocational skills.

**Hospice of Yancey County\*** - \$3,865 for computer improvements at this program that provides assistance to the terminally ill in Yancey County.

**Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity\*** - \$2,500 to hire a manager and start up a discount building materials store, which will provide products for Habitat homes as well as be available to the public.

**Yancey County Medical Society & Graham Children’s Health Services of Toe River\*** - \$5,000 for a needs assessment related to children’s health and further development of a county health coalition.

**Yancey History Association\*** - \$7,000 for start-up programming at the Museum of Yancey County History.

*\*The Yancey Fund did not have funds to allocate to these projects but advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions on these grants and served an important leadership role.*