Grant History
130 Grants Totaling $1,104,019
1994 – Spring 2019

Spring 2019 ($70,008)

The Arc of Haywood County Inc. - $2,500 to fund a creative arts program serving 40 individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Clothes To Kids of Haywood County - $2,000 for a rental trailer to allow more room to sort and store donated clothing items.

Community Kitchen - $5,600 for food and supplies needed on a daily basis to provide fresh, hot meals nightly.

Fines Creek Community Association - $4,680 to fund Phase II of its Community Kitchen rehabilitation project.

Haywood County Meals on Wheels - $5,200 to provide twenty shelf-stable meals per recipient for a year for use during holidays, inclement weather, and when meal delivery is unavailable.

Haywood Pathways Center, Inc. - $5,600 for salary support of its Case Manager, who will transition to a Family Case Manager in a new dormitory for women and children to open in early 2019.

HIGHTS Inc. - $3,048 to purchase new beehives and equipment as part of its "Bee Well" education program for at-risk youth.

KARE (Kids Advocacy Resource Effort) - $5,600 to provide trauma-informed training to employees and community partners regarding crimes against children.

NC International Folk Festival/Folkmoot - $5,600 to support staffing for school-based cultural programming and summer diversity and cultural leadership training.

No Boundaries: Integrated Services for Independent Living, Inc. - $5,200 to operate its medical equipment loan closet.

North Carolina Arboretum Society - $3,700 to expand the Arboretum's Project EXPLORE outdoor education programs for schools, teachers and students in Haywood County.

STAR Ranch - $7,000 to purchase a used tractor to maintain the property.
**Town of Waynesville** - $14,280 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to improve and beautify the Miller Street Park in Downtown Waynesville.

**Spring 2018 ($29,291)**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - $3,141 to implement a "Bigs in Blue" program, in collaboration with the Waynesville, Canton and Clyde Police Departments and the Haywood County Sheriff's Office, to recruit officers and support personnel to match with struggling students in the Haywood County Schools in one-on-one mentoring relationships in community and school-based programs.

**Haywood County Meals on Wheels** - $4,000 to provide nutritious meals, companionship and safety checks to seniors and homebound individuals.

**Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center** - $4,000 to begin construction of seven play spaces and structures to include a playground, walking track, outdoor gathering space and other recreational areas.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** - $4,000 to meet the increasing demand for nutritious food and hygiene products for homeless and/or hungry children in Haywood County.

**Town of Waynesville** - $14,150 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to install playground equipment in Chestnut Park as part of a multi-year approach to develop an under-utilized property as public park space for neighbors and the general public.

**Fall 2017 ($34,900)**

**Haywood Pathways Center, Inc.** - $14,900 to support hunger relief for the homeless through bulk food purchases.

**Mountain Projects, Inc.** - $20,000 for the Circles of Hope program serving Haywood and Jackson Counties that helps individuals and families work towards self-sufficiency to permanently move out of poverty and thrive.

**Spring 2017 ($54,477)**

**Girls on the Run of Western North Carolina, Inc.** - $3,500 to provide Haywood County girls with the research-based physical activity, positive youth development program meeting the social-emotional and physical needs of 3rd to 8th grade girls.

**Haywood County Arts Council** - $4,500 to engage a marketing firm to update their organizational identity and better communicate the scope and impact of their services and relationships with artists, other organizations and the broader community.

**Haywood County Public Library** - $9,000 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to partner with the Town of Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department to install a StoryWalk® along the Vance Street Park walking trail. A StoryWalk is a family activity that promotes physical activity and early literacy. Pages from a children's picture book are mounted and spaced apart within sight-distance so that you walk from one to the next to read the book.

**Mountain Projects, Inc.** - $4,147 to purchase building materials for volunteers to build seven wheelchair ramps that will enable disabled individuals to stay in their homes.
The North Carolina International Folk Festival/Folkmoot U.S.A. - Fund for Haywood County co-investment on a $30,000 CFWNC Natural & Cultural Resources Focus Area grant to continue the development of the Folkmoot Center as a Multi-Cultural Exchange location.

Town of Waynesville Public Art Commission - $3,330 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to commission a sculpture by Asheville artist Todd Frahm depicting a Plott Hound, the North Carolina State Dog, brought here to Haywood County by the Plott family from Germany in the 1800s. It will be installed at the Village of Hazelwood.

Clothes to Kids of Haywood County - $3,000 to support the purchasing of shoes for children of low-income households through the All God’s Children Need Shoes project.

Community Kitchen - $20,000 to support the construction of two new classrooms for the Building Classrooms & Futures at the Kitchen project.

Fines Creek Community Association - $3,600 to assist the Community Association’s MANNA Pantry with both utility costs and supplemental food for more than 60 families.

Haywood Habitat for Humanity - $20,000 to fund the purchase of a ReStore box truck for donation pick-ups.

Thickety Community Park - $9,500 for the renovation of a building to be used as a community center.

Fall 2016 ($56,100)

Spring 2016 ($23,123)

Haywood Arts Regional Theatre - $5,000 to support a new youth drama program at the Performing Arts Center at the Shelton House.

No Boundaries - $2,500 to repair wheelchairs in the medical supply and loan closet to help low-income people remain independent and improve their quality of life.

Southwestern North Carolina Resource Conservation & Development Council - $3,783 to the Forest Restoration Alliance project that is working with other organizations to research trees that are naturally resistant to diseases in order to restore hemlocks to their native environment and to the nursery industry in Western North Carolina.

Town of Waynesville - $11,840 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to support improvements at Chestnut Park, including landscaping and park furnishings.

Aspire Youth and Family, Inc. - $20,000 to support high-need, low-income students, ages 10-18, with mental health and/or substance use disorders, by offering family counseling, parent education, tutoring, enrichment activities and transportation services.

F.I.R.S.T. - $15,000 to provide case management services to youth, ages 13 to 26, who have a mental health diagnosis, to help them navigate community support systems.

Summer 2015 ($30,000)
The North Carolina International Folk Festival/Folkmoot U.S.A. - Fund for Haywood County co-investment on a $30,000 CFWNC Natural & Cultural Resources Focus Area grant to continue planning and development of the Center for Multi-Cultural Exchange, an effort to transition from a two-week summer festival into a year-round community and cultural resource.

Spring 2015 ($20,460)

Clothes to Kids of Haywood County - $2,330 to provide economically disadvantaged school-age children with quality clothing so that they may attend school with the confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success.

Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park - $2,000 to support a local school teacher’s participation in the National Park Service Teacher-Ranger-Teacher summer program in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

Girls on the Run of Western North Carolina - $2,050 to enable teams of 3rd to 8th grade girls from five Haywood County schools to participate in Girls on the Run, an experience-based afterschool program that creatively integrates self-confidence and running for health.

Haywood Waterways Association - $3,360 to support a Lake Junaluska greenway project that will stabilize the shoreline and maintain the reservoir for recreation as an economic driver in the county.

Sarge’s Animal Rescue Foundation - $1,500 to assist in the Project Deep Rescue pilot program that will rescue animals with known medical issues.

The Town of Waynesville - $9,220 from the Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund to purchase and install 21 metal bicycle racks to encourage safe bicycle riding and parking throughout the town.

Fall 2014 ($60,000)

Haywood Christian Emergency Shelter - $20,000 to complete building renovations of the women’s dormitory and provide staffing for the Haywood Pathways Center, which will provide emergency shelter and programs to reduce recidivism.

Mountain Projects, Inc. - $20,000 to continue the Circles of Hope initiative, which builds relationships across race and socioeconomic lines in order to realize more positive life outcomes for families and individuals living in poverty.

REACH of Haywood County, Inc. - $20,000 to create a program to assist victims of domestic violence in regaining control of their financial lives in order to build a better future for themselves and their children.

Spring 2014 ($18,020)

The Fund for Haywood County GIFT program grants:

Folkmoot USA - $5,000 to support the renovation of the kitchen and cafeteria space in the Folkmoot Friendship Center to create a functional, year-round facility to host international visitors and cultural and community events.

Hazelwood Elementary School - $5,000 for The Leader in Me Initiative, a school-wide effort to improve student academic achievement and to create a culture in which students are challenged, encouraged and nurtured.
Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation - $2,110 to enhance recreation and natural resources at the Graveyard Fields Overlook.

*Mib and Phil Medford Endowment Fund grants:*

**Town of Waynesville/Public Art Commission** - $4,000 to help relocate *Chasing Tadpoles*, a sculpture by Bill Eleazer, a former teacher at Tuscola High School. The sculpture, consisting of three bronze figures of children playing, was donated by the Biltmore Square Mall and will be installed in the historic Frog Level district.

**Town of Waynesville/Downtown Waynesville Association** - $1,910 to extend the *Millennium Street Lamp Project* by installing a new lamppost on Church Street, an area of growing pedestrian traffic during the evenings. Mib Medford was a founding member of the Downtown Waynesville Association.

*Fall 2013 ($40,000)*

**Aspire, Youth and Family, Inc.** - $20,000 for the Kids at Work! program. This grant matches funds received from the State to train at-risk children in cooking-based workplace and life skills.

**Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Alliance** - $20,000 to enable the Alliance to continue its Rural Response Team for Underserved Child Victims Exposed to Violence program.

*Fall 2012 ($74,450)*

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - $14,450 to implement the school engagement project in 8 counties with the potential to impact 652 children this year by establishing strong one-on-one mentoring relationships which have positive outcomes on children's academic performance, school behavior and attitude towards school.

**Mountain Projects** - $20,000 to help replicate the Circles® model program which is a community strategy, based on research & hands-on practice, to empower people to transition out of poverty & into economic self-sufficiency.

**Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center** - $20,000 to update Learning Lab in order to train approximately 225 community participants yearly.

**REACH of Haywood** - $20,000 to share a research-based and nationally recognized teen dating violence/sexual assault prevention program entitled Safe Dates with 7th, 8th and 9th graders in Haywood County's public schools and early college program.

*Spring 2012 ($72,200)*

**Aspire, Youth and Family, Inc.** - $25,000 for *Kids at Work!*, a structured afterschool program, serving 80 youth in Haywood and Buncombe Counties that employs culinary arts training to help at-risk youth make positive decisions that will keep them away from gangs and drugs and motivated to stay in school.

**Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Alliance** - $25,000 to support development and provision of training to improve positive responses by staff in the far west seven counties that are working victims of crime including those experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault, elder abuse, disabilities, human trafficking, and battered immigrants.
UNC Asheville Foundation, Inc. - $22,200 to fund a special Farm to School project, engaging five Haywood County Schools with Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project and NC Center for Health and Wellness at UNCA that is designed to contribute to lifelong wellness through familiarity with healthy, locally grown, fresh foods by connecting students and school staff with local farmers.

Spring 2011 ($25,800)

Aspire, Youth and Family, Inc. - $7,000 toward the purchase of a passenger van to transport participants to *Kids at Work!*, a culinary arts program that provides structured after-school activity to help at-risk youth make positive decisions and succeed in school.

Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park - $4,800 toward a new science-based "Park in the Classroom" program to be offered to Haywood County school students.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - $7,000 to develop a depression screening protocol for all primary care patients seen at the Clinic.

Pigeon Community Multicultural Development Center - $7,000 to add health and wellness programming to their summer enrichment program providing 50 to 60 youth with academic studies and activities to maintain educational levels over the summer.

Fall 2010 ($28,335)

ARC of Haywood County - $2,000 toward required match for the University Participation Program at WCU for young adults with intellectual and development disabilities to transition from secondary school to adult life in areas of education, independent living and employment.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - $1,335 to purchase E-Prescribing software for medical records at the two medical clinics serving Haywood County improving patient safety and overall quality of patient care for uninsured and Medicaid patients who receive primary care at the clinic.

Haywood Habitat for Humanity - $25,000 toward start-up costs for a ReStore planned to open by June 2011. ReStore profits from selling useable donated building materials and home furnishings will support the building of additional homes for low income Haywood County residents.

Fall 2009 ($26,000)

Community Kitchen - $2,600 toward a food ministry that provides hot, nutritious meals and food boxes to poor and struggling individuals in Canton area of Haywood County. The Kitchen is operated seven nights a week with volunteers and support from 35 area churches.

Crabtree, Iron Duff, Hyder Mountain Community Development Club - $1,400 toward emergency assistance with heating and utilities to keep residents safe and warm in their homes despite economic hardship.

Fines Creek Community Association - $2,000 toward purchase of freezer to increase storage for distribution of nutritious foods through the federal TEFAP (The Emergency Food and Assistance Program) especially for seniors and mothers with children in this rural community of Haywood County.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - $4,000 toward operating expenses including medical supplies, staffing and other necessary expenses to continue the free medical clinic serving uninsured adults since 1999.
Long’s Chapel United Methodist Church - $2,000 toward the Open Door program that provides food and emergency assistance to families struggling with basic needs as result of the recession including homelessness in Haywood County.

Mountain Projects Community Action Agency - $10,000 toward the administrative costs associated with a federal grant providing program services related to homeless prevention in Haywood and Jackson counties.

REACH of Haywood County - $4,000 toward operating expenses of the emergency shelter providing housing to women and children displaced from their homes because of domestic violence.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - $3,000 toward operating expenses including medical supplies and staffing to continue to provide free medical services to uninsured adults.

Pigeon Community Development Center - $3,000 for refrigeration equipment to increase their capacity to distribute more nutritious food items through the federal TEFAP program.

The Salvation Army of Western North Carolina - $3,000 toward food supplies for the emergency assistance and summer day camp programs for working families.

Bethel Rural Community Organization - $1,350 for the Benevolence Program.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County - $3,500 for the Mental Health Program.

Haywood Christian Ministry - $1,350 for utility assistance.

Mountain Projects Community Action - $3,500 for Recession Response.

Pigeon Community Development Center - $1,350 for their Food Pantry/Supplemental Food Distribution Program.

Baptist Children’s Home - $4,800 to teach independent-living skills to older youth who are preparing to leave the Haywood County facility.

Haywood Community College Foundation - $7,000 to provide resources for small business entrepreneurs.

Pigeon Community Development Center - $7,000 to involve Haywood County’s Latino community in multicultural after-school and summer programming.

Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) - $25,000 to integrate mental health and substance abuse services into primary medical practices and clinics for uninsured adults and children in Haywood County.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - $4,525 to provide mentor services to children in Haywood County.
Spring 2007 ($38,555)

**Baptist Children's Homes of NC** - $10,000 to teach nutrition, fitness and healthy life skills to children.

**LifeSpan** - $7,000 for a creative arts program serving people with developmental disabilities.

**North Carolina International Folk Festival** - $6,555 for telephone equipment that will increase the organization’s efficiency.

**REACH of Haywood County** - $15,000 to raise awareness of and help prevent elder abuse.

Fall 2006 ($7,000)

**Haywood Baptist Association Relief Center** - $7,000 to purchase refrigeration equipment to support its food distribution program. The program serves indigent residents from the food pantry and from the Federal Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Spring 2006 ($30,000)

**Haywood Arts Regional Theatre** - $5,000 for the replacement of the lighting control board, which has been damaged by floods and lightening.

**REACH of Haywood County** - $25,000 to develop and implement an Elder Abuse Program, which will educate the public, institutions, professionals, businesses and organizations on the issue while informing them of services available for victims.

Spring 2005 ($29,800)

**Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County** - $25,000 to update its data collection system to improve patient care and services, allow the clinic to work from the most current patient and hospital records, and provide more appropriate patient education and referral.

**Junior Achievement of Western North Carolina** - $4,800 to expand its program to eight additional classrooms in Haywood County to prepare young people for the world of work through hands-on experience and adult role models.

Fall 2004 ($3,500)

**Haywood County Public Library** - $3,500 to purchase equipment needed to begin library programs at a new branch library in the rural community of Fines Creek.

Fall 2003 ($20,000)

**Haywood County Council on Aging** - $10,000 to purchase computers to equip a new resource library and a sound system to begin on-site educational workshops.

**Mountain Projects - Haywood Youth Projects** - $10,000 to create a volunteer program for youth.

Spring 2003 ($13,600)

**Junior Achievement of Western North Carolina** - $8,000 to expand service to 7th grade students in Waynesville Middle School.
**KARE (Kids Advocacy Resource Effort)** - $5,600 to begin a child abuse awareness outreach program in Haywood County churches.

*Fall 2002 ($20,000)*

**NC International Folk Festival** - $5,000 toward renovating the Folkmoot Friendship Center so it can be used by community groups throughout the year.

**REACH of Haywood County** - $15,000 to hire a new, part-time Family Outreach Coordinator to assist women wanting to make a permanent departure from the cycle of abuse.

*Spring 2002 ($22,500)*

**Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County** - $15,000 toward the expansion of the Canton Clinic.

**Haywood County Health Department** - $7,500 to launch a pilot exercise, education and nutrition program called Healthy Kids at Lake Junaluska Elementary to improve student health.

*Fall 2001 ($43,500)*

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of WNC, Inc.** - $13,500 toward start-up of a branch office to expand mentoring programs in Haywood and Jackson counties.

**Center for Participatory Change** - $15,000 to increase the capacity of five grassroots organizations serving disenfranchised populations: Pigeon Community Development Club in Haywood County; REEP, an African American group in Cherokee County; Hands Together/Manos Unidas, in Burke County; Latino Advocacy Coalition in Henderson County; and One Dozen Who Care, in Cherokee County.

**Southwestern Child Development Commission** - $15,000 for the Family Resource Center to implement a pilot program of respite service for family caregivers coping with elderly or adult disabled in seven southwestern counties.

*Spring 2001 ($10,500)*

**Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park** - $7,500 to create “Food from the Ground Up,” a new hands-on curriculum about soil quality that will feature field trips to Purchase Knob in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for all Haywood County sixth graders.

**Voices in the Laurel** - $3,000 to help with organizational development for this performance-oriented children’s choir in Haywood County.

*Fall 2000 ($10,897)*

**Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County** - $3,397 to strengthen administrative capabilities for this Haywood County clinic and also help start a similar program in Jackson County.

**Haywood County Council on Aging** - $7,500 to start a new program of building high-quality sectional handicap ramps that can be quickly installed at residences and then later reused for others in need.

*Spring 2000 ($16,000)*

**Haywood Arts Repertory Theatre** - $4,000 towards the purchase of a sound system for the performing arts center at the Shelton House in Waynesville.
Haywood Christian Ministry Inc. - $2,000 towards its Zero Tolerance Project, a community education project addressing domestic violence.

KARE (Kids Advocacy Resource Effort) - $10,000 to hire an abuse prevention and community education coordinator for Haywood County.

Spring 1999 ($13,828)

Haywood County Literacy Council - $10,828 for a first-time position coordinating tutoring in the local public schools.

Haywood County Schools Foundation* - $3,000 toward a first-time full time executive director position, to expand private support for the public schools for the future.

Spring 1998 ($15,000)

Haywood County Arts Council* - $5,000 for supplies and equipment to expand a theater program involving youth in all aspects of drama.

Haywood County Government - $10,000 toward start-up of a shelter in Haywood County for local juveniles who have suffered from abuse or neglect.

Fall 1997 ($18,800)

Haywood Christian Ministry Inc.* - $5,000 to equip a free medical clinic that serves low-income and elderly people in Haywood County.

Haywood County Council on Aging* - $6,000 to coordinate volunteers who provide household repairs for the elderly.

KARE (Kids Advocacy Resource Effort)* - $7,800 for a new telephone system and copier for this growing Haywood County child advocacy group.

1996 ($11,500)

Haywood Arts Repertory Theatre* - $5,000 for infrared hearing system at the Performing Arts Center at Shelton House.

Mountain Microenterprise Fund* - $2,000 towards a local match requirement to help this small business loan program expand into Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Clay, Macon, Graham and Cherokee Counties as well as the Qualla Boundary.

United Way of Haywood County* - $4,500 to purchase and stall computer hardware and software to increase the productivity and effectiveness of this organization.

1995 ($10,000)

AWAKE (Adults Working and Advocating for Kid’s Empowerment)* - $2,000 toward production of “A Parent’s Journal,” for use by a coalition of children’s advocacy centers in Jackson, Haywood and Macon counties.

Haywood County Literacy Council* - $2,000 for long range planning consulting for this group that currently tutors 55 children in the schools and 40 adults in the community.
Mountain Dispute Settlement Center* - $2,000 to expand mediation services to Haywood County residents.

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice* - $4,000 to help fund the first-time offering of a Community Penalties Program in the seven counties of the 30th Judicial District, which includes Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Swain counties.

1994 ($2,500)

REACH of Haywood County* - $2,500 to hire staff to provide a program in the Haywood County schools on teen dating and violence prevention.

*The Fund for Haywood County advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions during these cycles, serving an important leadership role. The Fund for Haywood County began providing financial support in the spring of 1998 after meeting its initial fundraising goals.