



Grant History
195 grants totaling \$1,214,526
Fall 1997 – Fall 2023

Fall 2023 (\$88,770)

The Bascom - \$2,500 for scholarships, instructors and supplies for Highlands arts programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,000 to support recruiting, programming and staff costs.

Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau - \$8,500 for academic programming for youth in grades K-12 at a new location in Highlands.

Child Medical Collaborative - \$8,500 to provide services for child victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$8,500 to purchase prescription medications.

Four Seasons - \$4,000 to address unfunded care needs of people living with life-limiting or terminal illnesses in Macon County.

Gordon Center for Children - \$8,500 to continue a free afterschool program for elementary school students in the Highlands community.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$4,000 for technology equipment.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$8,500 to augment its fuel fund.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$1,770 to support its education programs.

International Friendship Center - \$8,500 for its Highlands food pantry program.

The Literacy & Learning Center - \$8,500 to expand and enhance its afterschool programs.

ML Performing Arts Center - \$2,500 for the educational theatre program during the 2023-2024 school year.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$8,500 to support free civil legal assistance to, and advocacy for, low-income people who live and work in and around Highlands.

REACH of Macon County - \$3,000 for outreach efforts during Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking awareness months.

Fall 2022 (\$83,530)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$6,000 to support its Match Growth Initiative to grow the program to 35 or more matches between Bigs and Littles.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project - \$7,500 to increase access to free, preventive dental services and school-based dental education to residents of the Highlands-Cashiers plateau.

Child Medical Collaborative - \$5,945 toward funding highly trained medical providers to perform medical evaluations for children who are victims of child abuse in Macon County.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$10,000 to support the cost of purchasing prescription medications.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands - \$10,000 to expand its current services and offer counseling services in Spanish.

Gordon Center for Children - \$4,060 to support its Movement Enrichment Program and provide classroom and outdoor enhancements.

Highlands Biological Foundation - \$2,000 for its "Nature on the Go!" outreach programs.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$8,000 to replace a gas range in its kitchen.

International Friendship Center - \$10,000 to support the Highlands Food Pantry.

The Literacy & Learning Center - \$10,000 to offset costs of its free educational community programs.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$7,000 for the Plateau Poverty Law Initiative that provides free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income Macon County residents.

REACH of Macon County - \$3,025 to support outreach efforts to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Fall 2021 (\$75,380)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,000 to support Big and Little recruiting efforts and programming and enrichment activities and to help fund the program director's salary.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project - \$6,750 to increase access to free preventive dental services and dental education through a Dental Hygienist and educational materials for students at Highlands School.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$9,000 to support the cost of employing additional mid-level providers, either Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants, to reduce patient wait times.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands - \$4,500 to supplement fees of individuals, families, and couples who cannot afford to pay.

Gordon Center for Children - \$4,500 to offset supervision costs, snacks, and supplies for this free afterschool program.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$9,000 to assist with the costs of replacing educational toys, cots, student instructional supplies, and new library books.

Hospice House Foundation of WNC - \$4,500 to remodel a residential home built into the SECU Hospice House of WNC.

International Friendship Center - \$9,000 to increase its visibility and enhance its support of the underserved population through food boxes and social services.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$9,000 to offset the costs of its free, educational community programs.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$6,000 to support free civil legal assistance and advocacy for low-income people who live and work in and around Highlands.

REACH of Macon County - \$9,000 to assist shelter residents who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in obtaining permanent housing.

The Bascom - \$1,130 to support program, instruction, and materials costs for its Highlands Community Outreach and Education Initiative.

Fall 2020 (\$37,200)

Advance Highlands Education Committee - \$1,500 to address technology needs at Highlands School.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project - \$5,000 to provide emergency dental care to Highlands-area residents.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$4,000 for staffing and technology needs related to the use of electronic health records.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands - \$5,000 to supplement fees for individuals, families and couples who cannot afford to pay.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$1,200 to purchase cleaning supplies and personal protection equipment to meet COVID-related rules and regulations issued by NC DHHS.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,000 for its fuel fund that assists low-income community members with heating needs.

International Friendship Center - \$5,000 for its food pantry that serves the immigrant population, as well as local indigent families and individuals, many of whom are disabled, unemployed, underemployed, or retired.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$5,000 to support two free afterschool programs.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$4,000 for free civil legal assistance and advocacy for low-income people who live and work in and around Highlands.

REACH of Macon County - \$1,500 to provide outreach related to elder abuse and human trafficking.

Fall 2019 (\$62,490)

The Bascom - \$2,500 for the Highlands Community Education and Outreach Initiative, a holistic development of community through the arts by providing in-house and off-site educational opportunities for all and advocating for enhanced quality of life.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project - \$8,500 to increase access to free preventive dental services and dental health education by low-income residents of the Highlands area.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$9,740 for the cost of a medical provider so that the primary care clinic can offer two sessions weekly. The clinic provides free health care services to uninsured, low-income residents, primarily from southern Macon and southern Jackson counties.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands - \$3,750 to supplement fees paid by individuals, families and couples who cannot afford to pay the therapists' full fees.

Gordon Center for Children - \$8,500 to offset the cost of supervision, snacks, and supplies related to activities, homework time, and free time during its free afterschool program.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$1,500 to help support its Kids in Nature programs.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$8,500 to purchase instructional supplies for teaching and to install coded door locks that allow teachers quick entry to locked spaces, yet still ensure that the children cannot access those rooms.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$8,500 for its free afterschool programs in which students are given individualized help and exposure to unique teaching methods. Trained instructors and tutors are able to work with any learning disability, enhancing the potential for success for each student.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$8,500 to expand free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income people who live and work in and around Highlands.

REACH of Macon County - \$2,500 to help implement a 24-hour crisis textline for victims of domestic, sexual violence, and human trafficking and to promote the availability of services.

Fall 2018 (\$58,000)

The Bascom - \$2,000 for its Community Outreach and Education Initiative.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc. - \$8,500 for equipment and personnel expenses for its Hygiene Program.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc. - \$8,500 to expand chronic disease management services.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Highlands - \$2,500 for mental health services to low-income and disadvantaged residents of Macon and Jackson counties.

Gordon Center for Children, Inc. - \$8,500 for its childcare, preschool and afterschool programs.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$3,000 for its Kids in Nature environmental education programs.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$8,500 to replace its phone system, upgrade its childcare management software, purchase teaching tools and supplies for new nursery and other classrooms and add an electronic code lock to the exterior door of the nursery.

The Hudson Library of Highlands, NC, Inc. - \$4,000 to enhance the library's children's area.

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. - \$5,000 for two after-school programs: After-School Enrichment (kindergarten through fifth grade) and Homework Helpers (sixth to twelfth grade).

ML Performing Arts Center - \$5,000 for its PAC Youth Theater Program that serves schools in Highlands and Cashiers.

REACH of Macon County - \$2,500 for outreach efforts to educate local community members about REACH's new mobile crisis team initiative.

Fall 2017 (\$54,500)

The Bascom - \$5,000 to deliver free educational programming in Highlands, as part of the Community Education Initiative.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc. - \$5,000 to support personnel expenses associated with its Hygiene Program.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc. - \$4,000 toward the purchase of equipment that will allow the clinic to expand and improve its educational programs for patients with chronic diseases and conditions.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$5,000 to help support the Kids in Nature environmental education programs.

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. - \$20,000 for its Community Learning Programs that support K-12 students, offers adult literacy, GED and ESL classes and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

ML Performing Arts Center - \$10,000 toward its Youth Theater Program.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center, Inc. - \$5,500 to replace or restore its upper and lower level water fountains. PCC provides affordable office space for non-profit and small and start-up organizations which provide community services, and would allow its tenants and their low-income clients a water source.

Fall 2016 (\$59,125)

The Bascom - \$20,000 to support a community arts education initiative that provides free classes and workshops to a large segment of the population lacking exposure to art.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc. - \$20,000 to upgrade radiology equipment to digital technology allowing more efficient diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc. - \$10,000 to expand its chronic disease management program.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$6,625 in support of its Computer Pals Program which helps children achieve academic improvement.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$1,000 to help with general operating expenses.

Gordon Center for Children - \$1,500 to aid in the purchase of a van used to transport children to various enrichment activities

Fall 2015 (\$58,445)

The Bascom - \$4,000 for a new electric kiln to be used by ceramic classes for high school students, several community youth programs and the Empty Bowls projects benefiting local food pantries.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$3,000 to fund retinal exams for clinic patients as part of a comprehensive program to treat diabetics.

Friends of Founders Park - \$5,000 for improvements planned for the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park in 2016.

Gordon Center for Children, Inc. - \$20,000 to offer enrichment programs and supervision for children enrolled in the early child care program and the afterschool program.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$5,000 to support the Kids in Nature program that provides quality outdoor programming to youth from afterschool groups, clubs, camps and other community agencies.

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. - \$20,000 to continue its literacy programs, which include GED, ESL, Adult Literacy, Primary ESL, Study Hall, After School Enrichment, Mobilizing Literacy, summer day camp, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and computer lab with language software.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center - \$1,445 for a project to use native plants to enhance landscaping.

Fall 2014 (\$52,100)

The Bascom - \$10,000 to deliver arts education programming in collaboration with a number of community partners.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$2,100 to continue the "323 Little Organics Program," a model positive activity for the child-adult matches to grow herbs and vegetables in community gardens.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project - \$10,000 to cover the cost of replacing dated equipment used in providing dental services and patient record keeping at the Clinic in Cashiers.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$10,000 to expand its chronic disease management program and to develop and implement a system to improve medical outcomes.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$2,500 to support the Kids in Nature Program in afterschool and summer programs providing experiential learning on ecological topics in the community.

The Literacy Council of Highlands - \$5,000 to continue the Children's Programming including After School Enrichment, Tutoring, ESL, Summertime Kids and book distributions.

ML Performing Arts Center - \$10,000 to support the Youth Theater Program that provides a comprehensive theater arts education to 8th-12th grade students.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center - \$2,500 to assist in renovating interior office spaces for nonprofit tenants to improve the center to better serve the community.

Fall 2013 (\$93,190)

The Bascom - \$15,000 to support Community Arts Education activities for students in collaboration with other organizations in the Highlands community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$4,990 to continue and expand "323 Little Organics," a positive activity for the child-adult matches to grow herbs and vegetables that are marketed at the local farmers market. This project utilizes real life experiences to provide business and life skills and to bolster the children's sense of competency and self-esteem.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$7,000 to support staff work in the Land Stewardship and community education programs related to the conservation and protection of the natural heritage of the Highlands Plateau.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$11,000 toward facilities improvements and program enhancements that are required for the 2014 Four Star Center license inspection.

Highlands United Methodist Church - \$20,000 to support enrichment programs and supervision for children enrolled in the early child care program and the after school program through the newly formed Gordon Center for Children.

Hudson Library - \$5,200 to enhance learning opportunities and library facilities for the children of Highlands.

The Literacy Council of Highlands - \$20,000 to continue its literacy programs currently being offered including: GED and ESL classes, Adult Literacy, ESL Study Hall, After School Enrichment, the Mobilizing Literacy program, summer day camp, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and computer lab with Rosetta Stone language software.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center - \$10,000 toward renovation projects to improve the community meeting areas and offices to better serve the community.

Fall 2012 (\$94,450)

The Bascom - \$20,000 to deliver arts education programming in collaboration with a number of community partners.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$14,450 to implement the school engagement project by establishing strong one-on-one mentoring relationships which have positive outcomes on children's academic performance, school behavior and attitude towards school.

Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project - \$20,000 to cover expenses associated with equipping a significant Clinic expansion.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$5,000 to share the costs of funding college education for teachers pursuing an Associate's Degree or higher in Early Childhood Education while working full time at the center.

The Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,000 for the food pantry program to supplementing decreasing federal funding for food assistance programs while experiencing increase in client families

Highlands School - \$10,000 to create an outdoor classroom.

ML Performing Arts Center - \$20,000 to ensure the continuation of the Youth Theater Program.

Spring 2012 (\$10,000)

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$10,000 to support after-school and individual tutoring programs in reading, ESL and academic courses that serve elementary to adult learners in the Highlands community.

Spring 2011 (\$17,000)

Highlands Biological Foundation - \$3,500 toward the installation of solar panels to heat water for one dormitory at the Highlands Biological Station.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust (HCLT) - \$6,500 to fund the Stewardship Coordinator position to maintain HCLT properties and trails, document required monitoring of easements, and develop the HCLT volunteers program.

Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (JMCA) - \$7,000 to support the "Sustainable Solutions Project" in Highlands that will foster community involvement through educational workshops, community forums and partnership meetings for planning that builds on natural resources and encourages sustainable development.

Fall 2009 (\$38,790)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$2,000 toward program coordinator that matches and supports 20 Highland School elementary students in one-on-one mentoring relationships.

Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project - \$10,000 toward operating expenses at the free dental clinic that provides full dental services for low income and uninsured children and adults in the Cashiers- Highlands area.

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$11,000 for operating expenses including staffing, pharmacy and medical supplies for this free clinic providing primary health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Highlands-Cashiers communities.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,790 toward heating and utility assistance for low income residents, including the elderly and working families in Highlands area.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$5,000 toward support of programs including after-school tutoring, GED classes, ESL Classes and adult literacy classes, especially using the computer lab at Peggy Crosby Center.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center - \$5,000 toward the replacement of windows for improved energy efficiency and safety, especially in the Early Head Start classrooms.

Spring 2009 (\$9,668)

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$6,668 for operating expenses including pharmacy and medical supplies for the free clinic providing health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Highlands and Cashiers communities.

International Friendship Center - \$3,000 for the food pantry at the Peggy Crosby Center.

Winter 2008 (\$5,740)

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$1,435 for general operations of the clinic.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$1,435 for heating and utility assistance.

International Friendship Center - \$1,435 for food pantry purchases.

The Literacy Council of Highlands - \$1,435 as a Summertime Kids Grants to support the Council's summer program.

Fall 2008 (\$7,000)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$2,000 to support the organization's Mentoring Program in Highlands.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families.

Summer 2008 (\$5,000)

Performing Arts Center - \$5,000 to underwrite new programming to expand audience in 2008.

Spring 2008 (\$18,425)

The Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation - \$7,000 to equip a new ceramic studio that will serve students and adults in the Highlands community.

Highlands Biological Foundation - \$4,425 to underwrite speaker costs and to market the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series, an annual public forum for regional environmental organizations and residents.

The Literacy Council of Highlands - \$7,000 to expand the computer lab and help children and adults learn basic skills.

Winter 2007 (\$15,000)

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$5,000 to help cover the cost for teaching staff and childcare operating expenses.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families.

International Friendship Center - \$5,000 for a transportation study to assess common needs and possible solutions for workers serving the community.

Fall 2007 (\$5,000)

International Friendship Center - \$5,000 to improve communication and outreach of *La Vida Montanera*.

Spring 2007 (\$43,700)

The Fine Art Center/Bascom-Louise Gallery - \$25,000 to partially fund the new position of Managing Director to provide professional organizational management and to develop and implement a sustained fundraising plan.

Highlands Biological Station and Nature Center - \$6,700 toward entranceway improvements at the Botanical Gardens that will complement educational programming on native plants of the Highlands Plateau.

Highlands Historical Society - \$5,000 toward restoration of the one-room "Bug Hill" cottage as an educational exhibit of Highlands' historical heritage. The cottage was built in the early 1900's as a tuberculosis sanatorium.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$7,000 to purchase reading tutorial software to assist the afterschool and adult literacy programs that are serving 65 participants yearly.

Winter 2006 (\$15,000)

The Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation - \$5,000 to support the organization's capital campaign to build a new facility. The funds will go toward the early construction costs.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$5,000 to help cover the cost for teaching staff and childcare operating expenses.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families during the winter.

Fall 2006 (\$5,000)

Fibber Magee's Closet - \$5,000 to help the Highland Woman's Club pay the mortgage on their first Club-owned building that houses Fibber Magee's Closet, a clothing store where Highlands residents can buy quality used clothing at reasonable prices.

Summer 2006 (\$12,500)

Highlands Historical Society - \$5,000 to replace a wall damaged by heavy rains that has caused ongoing erosion and property damage.

Highlands Studio for the Arts - \$2,500 for scholarships for the "Instant Theatre," a special summer children's theater program.

International Friendship Center - \$2,500 to assist the center in providing services to immigrant workers and their families including visa applications, living arrangements, health issues and jobs.

Performing Arts Center - \$2,500 for an awning on the front of the building that will provide a dry area for passenger drop off.

Spring 2006 (\$34,500)

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$25,000 to help start a free health clinic for people of limited resources who live or work in the Highlands-Cashiers area and do not have health insurance.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust - \$2,500 toward the acquisition costs for the Pine Street Park in Highlands.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$7,000 to equip the Computer Lab to provide adult students with after-hours access to programs for learning English and/or studying for the GED.

Winter 2005 (\$6,500)

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival - \$1,500 towards the cost of underwriting free family concerts presented in the community during the summer season.

Highlands Emergency Council - \$2,500 to purchase fuel for heating for senior citizens and families.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$2,500 towards the purchase of equipment for a Computer Lab that will serve as a Learning Lab with language software for the ESL (English as a Second Language) program.

Fall 2005 (\$12,500)

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$2,500 toward the cost of creating a demonstration area to teach students, contractors and property owners about the latest techniques in stormwater management from the state-of-the-art technologies system installed at the HCCDC.

Highlands Community Child Development Center - \$4,000 to install an elevated walkway and interpretative signage for the rain garden. The site incorporates state-of-the-art stormwater runoff management practices and will be used to inform and educate students, local developers and government officials.

Highlands School - \$2,500 toward achieving the school improvement plan goal of assuring that all Highlands School students entering at kindergarten are able to read at grade level by third grade. The funds will be used for teachers and assistants to attend sessions in reading instruction at the NC Reading Association annual conference.

Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund (of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina) - \$1,000 toward the relief effort. These funds will be forwarded to the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in southern Mississippi to help with unmet needs in the heart of the disaster.

Town of Highlands/Land Steward of the Highlands Plateau - \$2,500 toward the eradication of Japanese Knotweed, a non-native plant that has invaded the corridors and streets of the Town of Highlands, crowding native plants, eliminating wildlife habitats and blocking scenic vistas.

Spring 2005 (\$30,373)

Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 - \$500 toward replacing tents and other camping gear damaged by storms during the troop's annual campout.

Highlands School - \$2,500 to fund staff development for mathematics faculty to attend Accelerated Math Training.

The Instant Theatre - \$2,500 to cover a portion of cost for rent, scripts, textbooks, props, costumes, set materials and instructor fees that will allow the organization to offer free acting classes to local middle school students.

International Friendship Center - \$23,400 to expand services to immigrant workers and their families including referral and assistance with housing, employment and translation.

Macon County Sheriff's Department - \$1,473.60 to purchase winter clothing for inmates who pick up trash along the highway in Highlands as a part of the Community Inmate Beautification Project.

Fall 2004 (\$10,150)

Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation - \$5,000 for an afterschool visual arts program for kindergarten and first-grade students at Highlands School related to curriculum developed by the NC Dept. of Instruction.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$1,000 for a program coordinator to develop a community-based mentoring program that includes recruitment, screening and training of adult volunteers to serve as mentors.

International Friendship Center (Centro de Amigos) - \$2,500 to increase office space and expand services to meet current needs for medical and legal referrals, promotion of an improved quality of life for non-English speakers, community education and the integration of the international population into the community at large.

Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance - \$1,650 to purchase audio-visual equipment for community presentations on important environmental issues like the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid problem facing Highlands and the surrounding area.

Fall 2004 – Special Grant (\$4,150)

Cullasaja Gorge Fire & Rescue Squad – a special gift of \$4,150 by the Highlands Community Fund Board to aid those affected locally by hurricanes and flooding. The Cullasaja Gorge Fire & Rescue Squad was the first to respond to people in the area and continue to help devastated individuals and families as they recover and rebuild.

Spring 2004 (\$10,000)

Carpe Diem Farms - \$2,500 to support an experiential adventure afterschool program for Highlands School students using horses as the primary "staff" to help at risk children grow and develop to their full potential.

Highlands School - \$2,500 toward a new playground structure for elementary age youth.

The Instant Theatre Company - \$2,500 to fund classroom space and provide scripts, textbooks, classroom supplies and teaching materials for community youth theater program.

Peggy Crosby Center - \$2,500 to support psychological and financial counseling for families who do not have the resources to pay for private counseling.

Winter 2004 (\$1,700)

Highlands Community Christian Chorale - \$700 toward materials and supplies to establish a centralized storage space of music for community-wide use.

Peggy Crosby Center - \$1,000 toward the installation of a new telephone system at the Center to serve nonprofit tenants and other organizations in the community.

Fall 2003 (\$15,000)

Bascom-Louise Gallery - \$2,500 to continue an afterschool program for middle school youth that do not receive art education in the public school.

Highlands Community Child Development Center, Inc. - \$2,500 toward construction of a new childcare center.

Highlands Historical Society - \$2,500 towards the cost of connecting the sewer line from the Highlands Historical Village to the town system.

Literacy Council of Highlands - \$5,000 to research and develop an outreach program to address adult illiteracy.

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center/International Friendship Center (Centro de Amigos) - \$2,500 toward the part-time salary of an assistant director/office manager who is bi-lingual for this ecumenical, multi-cultural organization.

Spring 2003 (\$4,950)

Highlands Land Trust - \$2,450 to print 5,000 brochures entitled *Designing Your Home and Garden to Protect the Beauty of Our Mountains*.

Literacy Council of Highlands Inc. - \$2,500 to purchase the Wilson Language System tiles teaching tool.

Fall 2002 (\$15,000)

Bascom-Louise Gallery - \$5,000 for a community outreach program to teach middle school students to use art as a way to learn about local environmental issues.

Performing Arts Center - \$10,000 to purchase equipment needed for community groups to offer educational and arts presentations.

Spring 2002 (\$12,500)

Highlands Historical Society - \$7,500 toward the relocation and restoration of the old Hudson Library as a cultural interpretive center.

Highlands Land Trust - \$5,000 for expansion of the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series to educate the public about protection of natural resources.

Spring 2001 (\$3,200)

Literacy Council of Highlands* - \$3,200 to expand operations and to begin a 12-week “English as a Second Language” program for Hispanic women and children in Macon County.

Fall 2000 (\$12,000)

Performing Arts Center - \$12,000 for a part-time coordinator to oversee ticket sales, bookings, and fundraising for this new, year-round performing arts facility in Highlands.

Spring 2000 (\$1,500)

Highlands Cashiers Conservation League - \$1,500 to support a lecture series on the Highlands Plateau to increase awareness about the importance of the local natural environment.

Spring 1999 (\$10,500)

First Presbyterian Church* - \$7,500 for a Pre-School Parent Education Program.

Highlands Land Trust* - \$3,000 toward a summer educational program.

Fall 1997 (\$5,000)

Literacy Council of Highlands* - \$5,000 to purchase two computers and related materials for its tutoring programs.

**The Highlands Community Fund advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions during these cycles, serving an important leadership role. The Highlands Community Fund began providing financial support in the spring of 1999 after meeting its initial fundraising goals.*