Funders and Other Resources
For WNC Nonprofits

This list includes foundations and corporate funding sources that have recently supported nonprofit organizations in WNC. It also includes resources that provide other types of support, such as workshops or training. These organizations have agreed to be listed and the information contained is updated annually; however, please note that material is subject to change.

We advise contacting organizations directly to confirm deadlines and other details.
A.J. Fletcher Foundation
Website: www.ajf.org
Email: contact@ajf.org
Phone: 919-322-2580
Address: 909 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27605
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Education; Elderly, Infirm, & Indigent; Artistic Endeavors; Religious Faith; Media and Communication; Public Recreation
Grant Process: Letter of Inquiry; visit website for criteria and process

Allegra Image360 Asheville
Website: www.allegraasheville.com
Contact: Marina Barnett, Executive Administrator
Email: marketing@allegraasheville.com
Phone: 828-236-0076
Address: 2 Westgate Parkway, Asheville, NC 28806
Geographic Focus: Buncombe County
Other Resources: Posters with Purpose; 50 free 11x17 posters (restrictions apply)

AMY Wellness Foundation
Website: https://amywellnessfoundation.org/
Contact: Caitlin Trew-Johnson, Associate Director
Email: c.trewjohnson@amywellnessfoundation.org
Phone: 828-592-4083
Address: PO Box 854, Spruce Pine, NC 28777
Geographic Focus: Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties
Grantmaking Interest Areas: Social Determinates of Health. Check website for details or sign up for newsletter at info@amywellnessfoundation.org.

Appalachian Regional Commission
Website: www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/appalachian-regional-commission-funds
Contact: Olivia Collier, Appalachian Regional Commission Program Manager, Department of Commerce
Email: ocollier@nccommerce.com
Phone: 919-814-4656
Address: 301 North Wilmington Street, 4346 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4346
Geographic Focus: 29 Counties in Western North Carolina
Interest Areas: Economic Opportunities, Ready Workforce, Critical Infrastructure, Natural and Cultural Assests, and Leadership and Community Capacity
Grant Process: Contact organization to determine eligibility
Other Resources: Annual conference and training conferences (subjects vary by year). Also an Online Resource Center at www.arc.gov
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ArtsAVL
Website: www.artsavl.org
Email: hello@artsavl.org
Phone: 828-222-0436
Address: P.O. Box 507, Asheville, NC 28802
Geographic Focus: Buncombe County
Interest Areas: Artist Support Grant (individual artist career development), Grassroots Arts (program support for arts organizations), and Art Builds Community Grant (for artists and organizations in Buncombe County that fund arts-based community projects that inspire diverse groups of participants to be more active, involved, and civically engaged by creating together).
Grant Process: Visit artsavl.org/grants for guidelines and applications.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation
Website: www.bcbsncfoundation.org
Contact: Cindy Alvarado
Email: cindy.alvarado@bcbsncfoundation.org
Phone: 984-308-0631
Address: P.O. Box 2291, Durham, NC 27702
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Early Childhood, Health Communities, Healthy Food, Oral Health
Grant Process: Visit web site for guidelines, application process and deadlines

Buncombe County Aging Services Program
Website: https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/community-investment/grants/aging-services-funding.aspx
Contact: Jen Teague, Adult and Aging Services Program Manager, Buncombe County Health and Human Services
Email: Jennifer.Teague@buncombecounty.org
Phone: 828-250-5198
Geographic Focus: Buncombe County
Interest Areas: Home and Community Care Block Grant, support for programs that enable older adults (60 and over) to remain active and independent in their own homes
Grant Process: Call for applications begins in January, deadline is usually in February

Buncombe County Community Investment Grants
Website: www.buncombecounty.org/grants
Contact: Rachael Nygaard
Email: rachael.nygaard@buncombecounty.org
Phone: 828-250-6536
Address: 200 College Street, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28801
Geographic Focus: Buncombe County
Interest Areas: Aging, Affordable Housing, Economy, Education, Childcare, Environment, Racial Equity, Recreation, Resident Well-Being
Grant Process: Visit website for details about each of these grant programs: Affordable Housing Services Program, Aging Services Funding, Community Recreation Grants, Early Childhood Fund, Isaac Coleman Grants, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Strategic Partnership Grants, and Tipping Point Grants.
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The Cannon Foundation, Inc.
Website: www.cannonfoundation.org
Email: info@cannonfoundation.org
Phone: 704-786-8216
Address: P.O. Box 548, Concord, NC 28026
Geographic Focus: North Carolina, especially in rural areas
Interest Areas: Capital and equipment projects in Healthcare, Higher Education, Human Services, and Community
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

Carolina Foundation for Jewish Seniors
Website: www.carolinajewishseniors.org
Contact: Rachel Wolf
Email: rwolf@carolinajewishseniors.org
Phone: 336-854-8400
Address: P.O. Box 10383, Greensboro, NC 27404
Geographic Focus: North and South Carolina
Interest Area: Enhance the lives of Jewish seniors
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

Cherokee Preservation Foundation
Website: www.cherokeepreservation.org
Email: info@cpfdn.org
Phone: 828-497-5550
Address: P.O. Box 504, Cherokee, NC 28719
Geographic Focus: Near tribal lands in Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Clay, Graham and Cherokee counties, or any other county where tribal lands may be acquired
Interest Areas: Cultural Preservation, Economic Development, and Environmental Preservation
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

City of Asheville
Website: https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/community-economic-development/community-development/funding-programs/
Contact: Paul D’Angelo, Community Development Program Director
Email: pdangelo@ashevillenc.gov
Phone: 828-251-4098
Address: P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802
Geographic Focus: City of Asheville (Community Development Block Grant, Strategic Partnership Fund, Housing Trust Fund) and Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania counties (HOME program)
Interest Areas: City allocates federal funds for affordable housing and community development. The City also allocates limited general funds to City non-profit organizations whose activities directly meet stated City Council Strategic Goals through the Strategic Partnership Fund.
Grant Process: Visit website for additional information, and call for program eligibility. Deadlines are early February for CDBG, HOME, and Strategic Partnership Fund; Housing Trust Fund applications are taken throughout the year.
Other Resources: Loans for Affordable Housing from its Housing Trust Fund

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Community Foundation of Burke County
Website: www.cfburkecounty.org
Contact: Nancy Taylor, President/CEO
Email: nwtaylor@cfburkecounty.org
Phone: 828-437-7105
Address: P.O. Box 1156, Morganton, NC 28680
Geographic Focus: Burke County
Grant Process: Community Grant Cycle - Arts & Culture, Civic and Community, Conservation, Human Services, Health and Education; Burke Women's Fund - Women and Their Families; and Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists - Children Ages 0-18. Visit the website for details and information on how to apply.

Community Foundation of Henderson County
Website: www.cfhcforever.org
Contact: Brandon Baird, Program Officer
Email: BBaird@CFHCforever.org
Phone: 828-697-6224
Address: 401 N Main St, Ste 300, Hendersonville, NC 28792
Geographic Focus: Henderson County area
Interest Areas: Arts and culture, Civic affairs, Conservation, Education, Health, and Human Services
Grant Process: Prospective applicants should contact the program office to discuss their request prior to submitting an application
Other Resources: Nonprofit Business Center at Blue Ridge Community College, which offers online access to Foundation Center’s database, providing access to grant opportunities throughout the US. Also hosts nonprofit forum gatherings, nonprofit CEO forums, and periodic nonprofit workshops on a variety of topics.

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC)
Website: www.cfwnc.org
Contact: Diane Crisp, Senior Grants Manager
Email: crisp@cfwnc.org
Phone: 828-367-9904
Address: 4 Vanderbilt Park Drive, Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803
Grant Process: Grant programs listed below. Visit website for details and information on how to apply.

Asheville Merchants Fund Deadline: March 3, 2023 (every 2 years)
Grants of up to $50,000 over two years to improve the quality of life in Buncombe County by supporting innovative projects that strengthen the community through economic effects in the areas of: Innovative Economic Approaches, Quality Jobs & Workforce, Social Infrastructure, and Youth Success in School.

Biltmore Lake Charitable Fund Deadline: April 1
Grants of up to $10,000 to improve the quality of life in the Enka-Candler community by supporting education, economic development, health care and community development projects.

Black Mountain-Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund Deadline: March 1
Grants of up to $10,000 to strengthen charitable organizations serving the Swannanoa Valley by making grants relating to health and wellness, education, cultural and natural resources, and people in need.
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**Capacity Grants**

Grants of up to $8,500 to help nonprofits address prioritized areas of improvement so they can become more resilient and effective at serving the community. By invitation only.

**Cashiers Community Fund**

Grants of up to $12,500 to improve the quality of life in the greater Cashiers community by supporting projects that benefit the broad community and its residents.

**Gibbs Charitable Fund**

Grants to purchase equipment to assist in hearing, for medical treatment, or for other forms of treatment or therapy to assist the deaf or hearing-impaired in Transylvania County.

**The Fund for Haywood County**

Grants of up to $7,500 to improve the quality of life in Haywood County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

**Highlands Community Fund**

Grants of up to $10,000 to improve the quality of life in Highlands by supporting projects that benefit the community and its residents.

**Human Services**

Grants of up to $20,000 for outstanding programs or projects that promise significant help for economically-disadvantaged people in our mountain communities.

**Learning Links Grants**

Grants of up to $800 (per teacher) for public schools in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Rutherford, Polk, and Swain counties to fund hands-on learning activities in or out of the classroom.

**The McDowell Endowment**

Grants of up to $5,000 to improve the quality of life in McDowell County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

**Melvin R. Lane Fund**

Capacity building grants of $90,000 to $180,000 over three years to help human service organizations improve their operations, become more collaborative, and secure their future for the betterment of Western North Carolina's disadvantaged citizens.

**The Fund for Mitchell County**

Grants of up to $5,000 to improve the quality of life in Mitchell County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

**Pigeon River Fund**

Grants of up to $35,000 to improve the streams and rivers of Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties.
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Ramble Charitable Fund
Deadline: April 1
Grants of up to $10,000 to improve the quality of life in designated Buncombe County communities by supporting education, economic development, health care and other projects that promote community development.

Rutherford County Endowment
Deadline: March 1
Grants of up to $10,000 to benefit the broad community and its residents by strengthening charitable organizations serving Rutherford County.

Sudden and Urgent Needs (SUN) Grants
Deadline: Rolling
Grants up to $10,000 to assist human service nonprofit organizations experiencing an unforeseen crisis that impacts their ability to provide critical services.

Transylvania Endowment
Deadline: First Friday in February
Grants of up to $7,000 to improve the quality of life in Transylvania County by supporting projects that benefit its communities and residents.

Women For Women
Deadline: October 2023
Grants of up to $100,000 to improve the lives of women and girls in Western North Carolina.

The Yancey Fund
Deadline: March 1
Grants of up to $10,000 to improve the quality of life in Yancey County by supporting projects that benefit the communities and residents of Yancey County.

The Conservation Fund’s Resourceful Communities Program
Website: https://www.conservationfund.org/our-work/resourceful-communities/grants-and-other-resources
Email: smallgrants@conservationfund.org
Phone: 919-902-0889
Address: 77 Vilcom Center Drive, Suite 340, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Geographic Focus: Rural North Carolina Counties
Grantmaking Interest Areas: Community-based efforts that promote environmental stewardship, social justice, and community economic development. Previous projects supported include eco- and heritage tourism, youth leadership and development, nutrition programs, local food access initiatives, alternative energy production, and more. Funding is also available to help rural United Methodist Churches (UMCs) strengthen food ministries. Grants generally range from $8,000 - $12,000 with a maximum of $15,000.
Other Resources: Resourceful Communities offers a variety of services to help nonprofits meet their goals. These range from individualized technical assistance to small grantmaking to group workshops. Training and technical assistance topics include board development, fundraising, equitable partnerships, programming, and community engagement strategies. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more.

Dogwood Health Trust
Website: www.dht.org
Email: info@dht.org
Address: 890 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803
Geographic Focus: 18 Western North Carolina Counties and the Qualla Boundary

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Interest Areas: Dogwood seeks to make equitable community investments in Housing, Education, Economic Opportunity, and Health & Wellness.
Grant Process: DHT has several funding opportunities. Please visit the website to learn more.

The Duke Endowment
Website: www.dukeendowment.org
Phone: 704-376-0291
Address: 800 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28202
Geographic Focus: North Carolina and South Carolina
Interest Areas: Child Care, Health Care, Higher Education, and Rural Church
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

Duke Energy Foundation
Website: www.duke-energy.com/foundation
Contact: Dominique Johnson
Email: communityaffairs@duke-energy.com
Address: 526 S. Church St., Charlotte, NC 28202
Geographic Focus: Duke Energy service area (see Eligible County Listings on Grant Resources webpage)
Interest Areas: K-12 Education, Workforce, Nature, State Strategic Impact, Local Impact, Community Initiatives
Grant Process: The Foundation receives grant requests for funding during cycles specific to each investment priority. Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines.

Evergreen Foundation
Website: www.evergreenfoundationnc.org
Contact: Denise Coleman, Executive Director/Administrator
Email: dcoleman@evergreennc.org
Phone: 828-456-8005
Address: 28A Oak St., Waynesville, NC 28786
Interest Areas: Mental Health, Substance Use, and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties
Grant Process: Accepts applications four times per year in May, August, November and February. Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines.

Fund for Southern Communities
Website: www.fundforsouth.org
Contact: Alice Jenkins, Executive Director
Email: alice@fundforsouth.org
Phone: 404-371-8404
Address: 4153-C Flat Shoals Parkway, Suite 314, Decatur, GA 30034
Geographic Focus: Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina
Grant Process: Make a phone appointment with program officer, then submit a full proposal by deadline (generally a fall deadline, with some intermittent special initiative cycles). Visit website for details.

**Gannett Foundation**
Website: [www.gannettfoundation.org](http://www.gannettfoundation.org)
Email: foundation@gannett.com
Phone: 828-232-5841
Address: Asheville Citizen-Times, 14 O’Henry Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801
Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina
Interest Areas: Education/neighborhood improvement, youth, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, and cultural enrichment
Grant Process: Proposals accepted once a year in early February. Visit website for details.

**The Glass Foundation**
Website: [www.glassfoundation.org](http://www.glassfoundation.org)
Email: lglass@glassfoundation.org
Address: Two Town Square Blvd., Suite 310, Asheville, NC 28803
Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina
Interest Areas: Environmental education and preservation, and developmental and educational opportunities for children and youth
Grant Process: Grantseekers should visit website and review guidelines prior to submitting a proposal to determine if their approach and funding needs are consistent with the Foundation’s interests.

**Golden LEAF Foundation**
Website: [www.goldenleaf.org](http://www.goldenleaf.org)
Contact: Ted Lord, Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Email: tlord@goldenleaf.org
Phone: 252-442-7474
Address: 301 North Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804
Geographic Focus: Rural, economically distressed, and/or tobacco-dependent areas of North Carolina
Interest Areas: Economic development, agriculture, workforce preparedness
Grant Process: Visit website for application guidelines and forms. Foundation has an open door policy.

**Governor’s Crime Commission**
Contact: Diane Barber-Whitaker, Deputy Director
Email: diane.barber-whitaker@ncdps.gov
Phone: 919-733-4564
Address: 1201 Front Street, Raleigh NC 27609
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Criminal Justice Improvement, Crime Victim Services and Juvenile Justice
Grant Process: Visit website for application guidelines and forms
**Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation**  
Website: [www.hchealthfnd.org](http://www.hchealthfnd.org)  
Contact: Robin Tindall, CFRE, CEO and Executive Director  
Email: info@hchealthfnd.org  
Phone: 828-482-6510  
Address: 348 South 5th Street, Suite 221, Highlands, NC 28741  
**Geographic Focus:** Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties and the Qualla Boundary  
**Interest Areas:** Health and Access to Healthcare and Mental Health and Wellness  
**Grant Process:** Visit our website for guidelines, application process and deadlines

**Huffman-Cornwell Foundation**  
Website: [www.huffmancornwell.org](http://www.huffmancornwell.org)  
Contact: Jan Stephanides  
Email: huffmancornwellfoundation@gmail.com  
Phone: 828-433-1051  
Address: 211 West Park Drive, Morganton, NC 28653  
**Geographic Focus:** Burke County  
**Interest Areas:** Provide support to those who are working to improve the quality of life in Burke County primarily through education, arts and cultural activities, faith-based activities, and health and human services. Grant deadline is September 1.

**Ingles Market – Community Giving**  
Website: [www.ingles-markets.com/corporate/community-giving](http://www.ingles-markets.com/corporate/community-giving)  
Address: Ingles Markets - Corporate Giving Committee, PO Box 6676, Asheville, NC 28816  
**Geographic Focus:** Communities with Ingles stores  
**Interest Areas:** Education of Children, Eliminating Hunger, Meeting Specific Community Needs  
**Grant Process:** Submit requests on organization letterhead to the above address

**John William Pope Foundation**  
Website: [www.jwpf.org](http://www.jwpf.org)  
Contact: Lindsay Hollandsworth, Program Officer  
Email: info@jwpf.org  
Phone: 919-871-3329  
Address: 4601 Six Forks Road, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27609  
**Geographic Focus:** Applicants should be based in North Carolina and doing work in North Carolina in order to qualify for Joy W. Pope Memorial Grants in Arts and Human Services.  
**Interest Areas:** Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund for the Arts: projects in visual, performing, and literary arts that serve the greater community. Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund for Human Services: projects that deliver direct charitable services to people. Research grants will not be considered.  
**Grant Process:** Joy W. Pope Memorial Grant Fund applications are accepted July 15 – September 15 each year. A total of $100,000 will be awarded through each grant fund. Organizations should apply for an amount between $25,000 – $100,000. The Foundation may meet grant requests partially or entirely. As a result, the Foundation may issue one, two, or more grants through each fund. Visit the website for details.
Jubilee Community Church Inc.
Website: www.jubileecommunity.org
Contact: Bruce Mulkey, Administrator
Email: bruce@brucemulkey.com
Phone: 828-252-5335
Address: 46 Wall Street, Asheville, NC 28801
Geographic Focus: Primarily in Buncombe, Henderson, and Madison counties
Interest Areas: Nonprofit organizations assisting the homeless, hungry, young, elderly, poor, medical, international outreach, and local environmental issues.
Grant Process: Applications may be requested by contacting Jubilee! One-time grants may be awarded.

Junior League of Asheville
Website: www.juniorleagueofasheville.org
Email: juniorleagueofasheville@gmail.com
Address: P.O. Box 7315, Asheville, NC 28802
Geographic Focus: Asheville and surrounding areas
Interest Areas: The Junior League of Asheville is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Focusing on organizations that serve vulnerable individuals and children in Western North Carolina.
Grant Process: Rolling monthly grant/organizational spotlight, contact community@juniorleagueofasheville.org for more information. Be the Change Grant Process: Grants of at least $1,000 to 5 WNC organizations that serve vulnerable individuals and children in Western North Carolina. See website for application and deadlines.

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust
Website: www.kbr.org
Contact: Alison Duncan, Grants Administrator
Email: alison@kbr.org
Phone: 336-397-5521
Address: 128 Reynolda Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5123
Geographic Focus: Rural and urban communities around the state and in Forsyth County
Interest Areas: Health Improvement Program (increasing equitable access to care and equitable health outcomes), Local Impact Program (creating an inclusive economy in Forsyth County), Healthy Places NC initiative (improving people’s health and well-being in ten of NC’s most under-resourced rural counties) and Great Expectations initiative (ensuring that children in Forsyth County enter kindergarten ready to learn and leave set for success in school and life).
Grant Process: Rolling grant cycles throughout the year; each cycle begins with a funding opportunity announcement released on website. After reviewing eligibility requirements, contact the grants assistant to arrange a phone consultation. Depending on alignment with goals and strategies, the grants assistant may then schedule an appointment with you and your regional program officer. If your idea or project might be a fit, the Trust will send you a link to the online application after your meeting with the program officer.

Land-of-Sky Regional Council
Website: www.landofsky.org
Email: info@landofsky.org

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Phone: 828-251-6622  
Address: 339 New Leicester Hwy. Suite 140, Asheville, NC 28806  
Geographic Focus: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties  
Grant Process: Periodic opportunities to meet funding representatives and learn about grant opportunities related to human services and economic, community, and workforce development.  
Other Resources: Area Agency on Aging, Economic and Community Development, Workforce Development, Volunteer Services, Transportation and Transit, and Mountain Mobility programs; contact for more information.

Lowe’s Foundation  
Website: https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-foundation  
Email: community@lowes.com  
Address: Lowe’s Foundation, 1000 Lowe’s Blvd., Mooresville, NC 28117  
Geographic Focus: United States, with a focus in the Charlotte, North Carolina region  
Interest Areas: Skilled Trades Education  
Grant Process: The Lowe’s Foundation is launching a new program in 2023 to directly support community & technical colleges and community-based organizations to recruit, train and employ the future skilled trades workforce with an emphasis on under-represented communities such as women, minorities, and rural areas. Please visit our website for program updates, guidelines, and application information.

Macon Community Funding Pool  
Website: https://www.maconnc.org/community-funding-pool.html  
Contact: Karen Wallace, Director, Macon County Public Library  
Email: k.wallace@fontanalib.org  
Phone: 828-524-3600  
Address: Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin NC  
Geographic Focus: Macon County  
Interest Areas: Social services, health, education, and cultural areas  
Grant Process: Application cycle is announced through news/social media outlets. Visit website for guidelines and application forms.

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation  
Website: www.mrbf.org  
Contact: Christine Mayers, Grants Manager  
Email: info@mrbf.org  
Phone: 336-726-1400  
Address: 500 West 5th Street, Suite 800, Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
Geographic Focus: Southeastern United States  
Interest Areas: The Babcock Foundation partners with organizations and networks working to alleviate poverty and increase social and economic justice in 11 Southern states. We support collaborative, multi-strategy, place-based work focused on democracy and civic engagement, economic opportunity, and supportive policies and institutions. We believe sustained, general-support grants are critical to helping organizations remain nimble and effective. In addition to grantmaking, we make strategic investments aligned with our mission and values.  
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

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**Mebane Foundation**
Website: [www.mebanefoundation.com](http://www.mebanefoundation.com)
Contact: Larry Colbourne, President
Email: info@mebanefoundation.com
Phone: 336-936-0041
Address: 232 South Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028
Interest Area: Education
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

**Nantahala Health Foundation**
Website: [www.nantahalahealthfoundation.org](http://www.nantahalahealthfoundation.org)
Contact: Lori A. Bailey, Executive Director
Email: l.bailey@nantahalahealthfoundation.org
Phone: 828-634-1527
Address: 1547 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC 28734
Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary
Interest Areas: Improved health and wellness, Addressing Social Determinants of Health
Grant Process: Visit website for information on guidelines, application process, and deadlines

**New Belgium Brewing Company**
Website: [www.newbelgium.com](http://www.newbelgium.com)
Contact: Meghan Oleson, Community Programs Manager
Email: nbbgives@newbelgium.com
Phone: 970-494-0524
Address: 500 Linden, Ft. Collins, CO 80524
Geographic Focus: USA
Interest Areas: Bicycle Advocacy, Climate Change, Public Land + Water, Social Equity
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and requirements

**North Carolina Center for Nonprofits**
Website: [www.ncnonprofits.org](http://www.ncnonprofits.org)
Contact: Salima Thomas
Email: info@ncnonprofits.org
Phone: 919-790-1555
Address: 5800 Faringdon Place, Raleigh, NC 27609
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Serving all 501c3 nonprofits in North Carolina
Other Resources: The N.C. Center for Nonprofits is a statewide network for nonprofit boards and staff members. The Center provides resources and information to nonprofits, helps organizations save time and money, and keeps groups up-to-date on issues facing the nonprofit sector. Dues are on a sliding scale based on an organization’s budget size. The Center also organizes workshops, forums, and training for staff, boards, and community leaders. Visit the Center’s website for resources and more information.

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North Carolina Community Foundation
Website: www.nccommunityfoundation.org
Contacts: Colby Martin, Community Leadership Officer, cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org, 828-358-0030
         Tyran Hill, Program Officer, thill@nccommunityfoundation.org, 828-772-1886
Address: 3737 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Support the work of charitable organizations serving the communities within their statewide
network of affiliate foundations, as well as a wide range of interests as directed by their fundholders.
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process and deadlines
NCCF Affiliate foundations in Western North Carolina:

   Avery Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/northwestern/avery-county
   Cherokee County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/cherokee-county
   Clay County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/clay-county
   Graham County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/graham-county
   Haywood County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/haywood-county
   Jackson County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/jackson-county
   Macon County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/macon-county
   Madison County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/madison-county
   Swain County Community Foundation:  
   https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/communities/western/swain-county

North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation
Website: www.ncgskfoundation.org
Email: info@ncgskfoundation.org
Phone: 919-483-2140
Address: P.O. Box 13398, Research Triangle Pk, NC 27709
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest Areas: Advancement of education, science and health.
Traditional Grant Process: Grants from $25,000 and up for the promotion of science, health, and education (can
be paid at once or over several years). The primary focus is to provide seed funds for new or worthwhile
educational programs benefiting a broad geographical region of the state. Deadlines are January 1, April 1, July
1, and October 1.
Ribbon of Hope Grant Process: Grants of $25,000 for community projects furthering science, health, and
education with specific emphasis on local communities. Deadlines are April 1 and October 1.
**North Carolina Humanities**  
Website: [www.nchumanities.org](http://www.nchumanities.org)  
Contact: Caitlin Patton Stanley, Director of Grants and Compliance  
Email: cpatton@nchumanities.org  
Phone: 704-687-1520  
Physical Address: 320 E. 9th Street, Suite 414, Charlotte, NC 28202  
Geographic Focus: North Carolina  
Interest Areas: Culture and humanities. Projects focused on exploring the nature of community, cultural heritage, citizenship, and supporting lifelong learning using the lenses of humanities disciplines including history, literature, philosophy, and ethics.  
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines  
Other Resources: North Carolina Humanities offers grant funding for community projects. North Carolina Humanities also offers programs for libraries, museums, cultural centers and others through its North Carolina Center for the Book reading and literature initiatives and Museum on Main Street exhibition tours.

**North Carolina Land and Water Fund (known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund prior to Sept. 2020)**  
Website: [www.nclwf.nc.gov](http://www.nclwf.nc.gov)  
Contact: Applicants should contact field representatives:  
   - Western Region - Damon Hearne, 828-476-6758, damon.hearne@ncdcr.gov  
   - Central Region - Chelsea Blount, 336-689-5519, chelsea.blount@ncdcr.gov  
   - Eastern Region - Jill Fusco, 984-297-4171, jill.fusco@ncdcr.gov  
Phone: 919-707-9120 (general enquiries)  
Address: 1651 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1651  
Geographic Focus: North Carolina  
Interest Areas: Four grant programs include land acquisition, stream restoration, innovative stormwater, and planning. The goals of the fund are to improve water quality, sustain ecological diversity, and protect historic sites and military installations.  
Grant Process: Any state agency, local government, or nonprofit corporation whose primary purpose is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's natural and cultural resources is eligible to apply. Applications are due in mid-February and decisions are made in the fall. Apply at [https://nclwf.nc.gov/apply](https://nclwf.nc.gov/apply).

**North Carolina State Parks – Trails Program**  
Website: [https://trails.nc.gov/](https://trails.nc.gov/)  
Contact: Amanda Smithson, Mountain Region Trails Specialist  
Email: amanda.smithson@ncparks.gov  
Phone: 828-963-9522, ext. 202  
Address: NC Division of Parks and Recreation, 9872 NC Hwy 105 S, Suite 6, Banner Elk, NC 28604  
Geographic Focus: Western 31 Counties  
Interest Areas: The State Trails Program helps non-profit organizations and agencies plan, fund, and develop trails of all kinds (greenways, hiking, biking, equestrian, paddle, and off-highway vehicle trails). Grant funds are currently administered through the Recreational Trails Program grant, an assistance program of the Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration.  
Grant Process: Visit [https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants](https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants) or call for details  
Other Resources: Technical assistance for open space, trails, conservation, and funding
Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund
Website: https://www.wellsfargo.com/privatefoundationgrants/ferebee
Contact: Wesley Reardon
Email: grantadministration@wellsfargo.com
Phone: 1-888-234-1999
Address: c/o Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee, MAC D4000-062, One West Fourth Street, 2nd Floor, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Geographic Focus: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain counties; the Cherokee Indian Reservation
Interest Areas: Arts, culture, and humanities; Environment, animals; Education; Health; Human services; Public/society benefit. Grants are also awarded in the form of scholarships to worthy and talented young men and women who reside in said counties pursuing their college or university degree within the state of North Carolina. For information regarding these scholarships or to apply for a scholarship, visit www.csascholars.org.
Grant Process: Visit website for online application process. Deadline is September 30.

Perry N. Rudnick Endowment, a component fund of Community Foundation of Henderson County
Website: www.cfhcforever.org
Contact: Brandon Baird, Program Officer
Email: BBaird@CFHCforever.org
Phone: 828-697-6224
Address: 401 N Main St, Ste 300, Hendersonville, NC 28792
Geographic Focus: Primarily Buncombe, Henderson, Polk and Transylvania counties (fund serves the WNC area)
Interest Areas: Arts and Culture, Conservation, Education, Health, Human Services, Youth
Grant Process: Advisors of the Fund consider first a "Letter of Intent" as submitted by prospective grantees. From these, Advisors select a pool of organizations to be "Invited" to submit a Full Proposal. Some requests meeting the funding guidelines may be declined as more Letters of Intent are received than funds are available for grants. The Advisors reserve the right to hold a request until the next funding cycle. Deadlines: Cycle One: Letter of Intent - July 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - September 30; Grant Awards - Mid December. Cycle Two: Letter of Intent - January 1; Full Proposal by Invitation Only - March 30; Grant Awards - Mid June.

Pisgah Health Foundation
Website: https://pisgahhealthfoundation.org/
Contact: Lex Green, CPA - President
Email: lex@pisgahhealthfoundation.org
Phone: 828-435-3773
Address: 153 West Jordan Street, Brevard, NC 28712
Geographic Focus: Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison and Haywood counties
Interest Areas: Social Determinants of Health in WNC
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

Polk County Community Foundation
Website: www.polkccf.org
Contact: Noah Wood, Director of Grants
Email: grants@polkccf.org
Phone: 828-859-5314
Address: 255 S. Trade Street, Tryon, NC 28782
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Geographic Focus: Polk County, North Carolina and Landrum, South Carolina
Grant Process: Letter of Intent; visit website for criteria and process

**RHI Legacy Foundation**
Website: [www.rhilegacyfoundation.com](http://www.rhilegacyfoundation.com)
Contact: Jill Miracle, Community Impact Director
Email: jill.miracle@rhilegacy.com
Phone: 828-202-4630
Address: P.O. Box 352, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
Geographic Focus: Rutherford County
Interest Areas: Healthy Eating, Active Living, and Chronic Disease
Grant Process: See the Grants tab on website for timelines and qualifications. Proposal Summaries are required, after which specific organizations are invited to apply. Funding is normally awarded in October.

**The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation**
Website: [www.rahf.org](http://www.rahf.org)
Contact: Malvika Khitha, Grants Coordinator
Email: innovationsincare@rahf.org
Phone: 212-265-3115
Address: 200 Park Avenue South, Suite 1705, New York, NY 10003
Geographic Focus: United States
Interest Area: Support the development of innovative, nursing-driven models of care that promote equitable, person-centered, and trustworthy care for marginalized communities
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process, and deadlines

**SECU Foundation**
Website: [www.ncsecufoundation.org](http://www.ncsecufoundation.org)
Phone: 844-296-4832
Address: P.O. Box 25966, Raleigh, NC 27611
Geographic Focus: North Carolina
Interest areas: Promotes local and community development by primarily funding high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

**Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.**
Website: [http://www.sierranevada.com/donations](http://www.sierranevada.com/donations)
Email: donations@sierranevada.com or info@sierranevada.com
Phone: 530-893-3520
Address: 1075 East 20th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Interest Areas: Support and help improve communities and causes near and far
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process
Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Legacy  
Website: www.somnclegacy.org  
Contact: Trish Mahoney, Program Officer  
Email: tmahoney@sistersofmercy.org  
Phone: 828-281-8184  
Address: P.O. Box 16421, Asheville, NC 28816  
Geographic Focus: 24 counties in Western North Carolina  
Interest Areas: Health care, educational, and social service organizations that focus on economically disadvantaged women, children, and the elderly. Will fund program expenses, organizational operating expenses, limited start-up, and building renovation/equipment expenses.  
Grant Process: Review website and contact Trish Mahoney to discuss eligibility. Submission is by invitation only. Deadlines are April 1, August 1, and December 1 (two-step application process involves submission of a Grant Application Summary, typically due 30 days prior to the cycle deadline- see website for details).  

St. James Charities Foundation  
Website: www.stjamesepiscopal.com (under the drop-down menu Other Ministries, Community Service)  
Contact: The Rev. Christie Olsen, Associate Rector  
Phone: 828-693-7458  
Address: 766 N. Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792  
Geographic Focus: Henderson County  
Interest Areas: Hunger, homelessness, health, and education  
Grant Process: Download application via website and submit by May 15 via email, mail, or in person.  

Stonecutter Foundation, Inc.  
Contact: Terri Barringer  
Email: tbarringer@stonecutterfoundation.org  
Phone: 828-521-1653  
Address: 230 Spindale Street, Spindale, NC 28160  
Geographic Focus: Primarily Rutherford County  
Interest Areas: Education, Arts & Humanities  
Grant Process: Written letter to Foundation outlining request and project. Contact Foundation for deadlines.  

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County  
Website: www.unitedwayabc.org  
Contact: Deborah Calhoun, Director of Community Partnerships  
Email: deborah.calhoun@unitedwayabc.org  
Phone: 828-255-0696  
Address: 50 S. French Broad Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801  
Geographic Focus: Buncombe County  
Interest Areas: Services and supports in alignment with the United for Youth Network and its Bold Community Goal  
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines, application process and deadlines  
Other Resources: Visit www.handsonasheville.org for volunteer resources
United Way of Henderson County  
Website: www.liveunitedhc.org  
Contact: Sarah Kowalak, Director of Community Impact  
Email: skowalak@liveunitedhc.org  
Phone: 828-692-1636, ext. 1107  
Address: 32 Smyth Avenue, Suite 100, Hendersonville, NC 28792  
Geographic Focus: Henderson County  
Interest Areas: Education, Income, Health, and Basic Needs/Crisis Services  
Grant Process: Call United Way staff to discuss eligibility criteria, then submit funding proposal. Visit website for deadlines and details (next open cycle begins November 2021).

Wells Fargo Foundation  
Website: https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/  
Contact: Rodrick Banks, Senior Community Relations Consultant  
Email: rodrick.banks@wellsfargo.com  
Phone: 704-383-4251  
Address: 301 S. College Street. Charlotte, NC 28202  
Geographic Focus: Greater Charlotte and Western North Carolina  
Interest Areas: Housing Affordability, Financial Health, and Small Business Support  
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

WNC Bridge Foundation  
Website: www.wncbridge.org  
Email: info@wncbridge.org  
Phone: 828-227-4815  
Address: 294 Overlook Road, Asheville, NC 28803  
Geographic Focus: 18 counties of Western North Carolina  
Interest Areas: Elder Care, Emergency Wellness, Youth Development, Food Security, and Safe Housing  
Grant Process: Visit website for guidelines and application process

WNC Nonprofit Pathways  
Website: www.nonprofitpathways.org  
Contacts: Jeannette Butterworth, Senior Consultant, jeannette@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-280-8122  
Niconda Garcia, Program Consultant, niconda@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-761-1883  
Debbie Haeger, Administrative Consultant, debbie@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-242-9028  
Address: P.O. Box 7667, Asheville, NC 28802  
Geographic Focus: Western North Carolina  
Other Resources: The mission of WNC Nonprofit Pathways is to help strengthen the nonprofit organizations that are vital to the future of Western North Carolina by providing education and training for nonprofit organizations, as well as resources for self-assessment and links to helpful tools and information. Please visit the website to explore services offered for Building Skills and Strengthening Organizations

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**WNC Nonprofit Pathways Nonprofit Fundamentals Certificate Program**

Website: [http://nonprofitpathways.org/services/building-skills/pathways-nonprofit-fundamentals-certificate-program/](http://nonprofitpathways.org/services/building-skills/pathways-nonprofit-fundamentals-certificate-program/)

Contacts: Niconda Garcia, Program Consultant, niconda@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-761-1883
Debbie Haeger, Administrative Consultant, debbie@nonprofitpathways.org, 828-242-9028

Address: P.O. Box 7667, Asheville, NC 28802

**Geographic Focus:** Organizations based in and serving the 18 counties of WNC

**Other Resources:** Affordable, practical, and accessible courses on all aspects of nonprofit management. Scholarships also available.

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**Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc.**

Website: [www.zsr.org](http://www.zsr.org)

Email: info@zsr.org

Phone: 336-725-7541

Address: 102 West Third Street, Ste. 1110, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

**Geographic Focus:** North Carolina

**Interest Areas:** State-Level Systemic Change, Collaborative Problem Solving, Community Progress Fund, Inclusive Public Art, and All for NC Fellowship

**Grant Process:** Visit website for information and online submission process

**Other Resources:** Sabbatical Program, Non-Profit Internship Program, Fellowship Program, and Summer Internship Program