About Us

- Established in 1994
- $68.5 million in assets
- 374 funds
- Over $81 million in grants and $7.8 million in scholarships
- Serves Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties
- 12 staff

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Grantmaking
Nonprofit Capacity
Community Engagement
Grantmaking

Through its grantmaking, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry seeks to build lasting community benefit, by making grants that directly support Lowcountry organizations resulting in a positive impact to the community.

Our focus is on the Lowcountry community and the people who call it home. We have a preference for organizations that serve those who are disadvantaged as we work to make a positive impact for those who are underserved or marginalized.

Our committees review applications and consider community impact, organization sustainability and collaboration as required criteria for most projects and programs.
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<th>Community Impact Grants</th>
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<td>Are designed to stimulate and help launch new programs and projects; or to help focus, enhance, and/or expand an organization’s existing programs and services. OR Investment (infrastructure) grants, which provide a critical enhancement to the organization’s capacity and/or sustainability.</td>
<td>Are designed with the same structure as Community Impact Grants. They are smaller in size with a maximum request of $10,000.</td>
<td>Are designed to retain a consultant to help existing nonprofits strengthen themselves organizationally, while increasing their capacity to govern and achieve long-term sustainability.</td>
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<td>“Serve people living and/or working south of the Broad River” - greater Bluffton; Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands</td>
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Our Grantmaking Goals

Through its grantmaking, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry seeks to:

- **BUILD** lasting **COMMUNITY** benefit
- **BUILD** strong nonprofit organizations to serve our local **COMMUNITY**

Basic Criteria Used in Grantmaking

- Community Impact
- Project Sustainability
- Organizational Capacity
- Collaboration

- Preference: *Projects or programs that support marginalized members of the communities we serve.*
We look to fund projects that empower individuals and do not create dependency, have long lasting benefit and can be sustained by the organization once the grant period is over. We are looking for projects based on best practices and supported by Board and Executive levels in the organization. If the project is being done by others, we ask you to work collaboratively with them. We generally do not fund a duplication in services.
Grant Deadline Date October 1, 2020

Community Foundation of the Lowcountry is seeking grant applications that will make a significant impact on the Lowcountry. Applications will be evaluated based on impact. There will be a preference for new projects or programs.

Multi-year applications will not be accepted.

Applications for staff positions will not be accepted.

Organizations that apply must be able to provide both a Social Justice Statement and a Diversity Policy.
We offer:

Organization Development Grants, available by application, for organizations that seek the services of a consultant to create plans to help increase agency sustainability and capacity. Grants are up to $5,000 and will support up to 70% of the consultant’s costs.

Various training and workshops throughout the year that provide knowledge and support to nonprofit agency staff.

Staff support for all Community Investment programs, including those for grantseekers.
Lowcountry Volunteer Connections - In conjunction with SoLo SCAVA, we help you recruit and retain volunteers, providing a platform for members of the community to find organizations they want to support with their time and talent.

The Giving Marketplace - We support your efforts to create a robust profile in GuideStar. Your profile is visible to all who visit The Giving Marketplace page on www.cf-lowcountry.org.

Community Conversations - We look for opportunities to provide a safe place for dialogue around important social issues in the Lowcountry community.
Community Investment

We look forward to working with you!

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