



## The Community Foundation of South Alabama 2009 Grant Initiatives

The Board of Directors of The Community Foundation of South Alabama (CFSA) set the goal of its initiatives to make a greater impact among communities by providing larger grants to fewer nonprofits reaching broader areas throughout its eight-county service area. The Foundation's Grant Distribution Committee, comprised of eight board members from diverse populations of our communities, sets the initiatives each year. For 2009, the Grant Committee recommended, with the board's approval, to fund the Youth Grant Allocation Board and the Community Economic Development Initiative another year; and to enter a grant matching program with the Alabama Child Caring Foundation to provide healthcare access to uninsured children. More information on this matching program can be found on our website at [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com).

Therefore, CFSA will offer major competitive grants for only one initiative in 2009, **Youth Programs for At-risk Youth**. Please read the criteria below before applying. Approximately \$50,000 will be available.

The **deadline** for applications is **January 5, 2009**. Grants will be awarded in March.

Grant initiatives are open to qualified nonprofits with an IRS 501(c)(3) tax determination and to government agencies in all eight counties The Community Foundation serves, including Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington Counties.

Grants are drawn from the Community Endowment to which the public donates through the Sustaining Membership program.

### **YOUTH PROGRAM CRITERIA**

- targets at-risk youth, ages up to 25 years old
- provides multiple services such as mentoring, education, skills training, and leadership

#### **1. How do I apply?**

You may request an application from our office or download the Common Grant Application Form, Cover Sheet, and Budget Form from our website. Be sure to follow all directions on the application itself and send in all required attachments. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please **EMAIL** the completed application and attachments as a **.pdf file** to [program@communityendowment.com](mailto:program@communityendowment.com) by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date. You must also **MAIL** to us the **original signed, complete application with attachments AND one copy of the entire**

**application.** We must receive your application by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date. If you have any non-electronic attachments, i.e. annual report, newsletter, mail two copies of those. You should 3-hole punch all material. Do not send material in any folders or binders or stapled.

## **2. How is the grant making conducted?**

The grant committee develops and publicizes a Request for Proposals (RFP) in August. After the application deadline, the committee will review all qualifying applications and make site visits, if necessary. Evaluations will be based upon the following criteria: the completeness of the application, the weight of the need, and the impact of the program/agency. In some cases, follow-up visits by The Foundation staff and/or committee members will be made to observe the agency and its program/project. Once the committee selects recipients, recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval. At that time, recipients will be contacted and grants awarded.

Grantee Requirements:

- Grantee must sign a Grant Agreement.
- Grantee must publicly acknowledge The Community Foundation as a sponsor of the project or program through publications and/or website.
- Grantee receiving \$20,000 or more will be required to submit a quarterly report along with a year end report due within twelve months of the grant. Form is on the website.
- Grantee receiving less than \$20,000 are required to submit a year end report within twelve months of the grant. Form is on the website.

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS WILL PRECLUDE FUTURE GRANTS.**

## **3. No grants are made to or for:**

- Individuals
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- National fundraising drives
- Conference or seminar expenses
- Tickets for charity benefits
- Political organizations or candidates for public office
- Lobbying activities
- Scholarship funds or endowment funds of another charity
- Budget deficits

## **4. How can I learn about next year's grant information?**

The best time to learn about the upcoming goals of these committees is to visit the Community Foundation's website: [www.communityedowment.org](http://www.communityedowment.org) in September or you can contact The Community Foundation's Program Officer at (251) 438-5591 to request information and learn any new details. Or write to The Community Foundation of South Alabama, P.O. Box 990, Mobile, Alabama, 36601.