



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

of Northeast Alabama

CFNEA Summit Grant: The purpose of the Summit Grant is to encourage short-term projects of (12 months) to provide advancement in community leadership development, training, and organization technology advancement, to strengthen not-for-profit organizations.

Funding:

- Funding amount up to \$10,000.00 per application
- Funding duration 1 year
- Eligible for 1 grant per organization every 3 years
- Pre-application May 3, 2024 – May 15, 2024
- Grant Application May 16, 2024 – June 11, 2024
- Grant reviews June 18, 2024 – July 10, 2024
- Grant disbursements in August 2024
- Funding source Stringfellow Health Fund
- \$30,000.00 in funding available

Grant Parameters: Grants from the Summit Grant are restricted to 501(c)(3) qualified public charities physically located and operating for at least one year in one of the Foundation's nine (9) county service areas (Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Randolph St. Clair, and Talladega). The Foundation welcomes grant applications that focus on the following areas:

1. Community Leadership Development and Training

- Local city council
- School boards
- Not-for-profit senior leadership staff
- Not-for-profit board
- County commission

2. Organizational Technology Advancement

- Improve gifts and donor tracking systems
- Improve ability to work remotely
- Update current technology
- Improve financial tracking system
- Improve cyber security

Funding Restrictions: In compliance with federal regulations and Community Foundation policies, the following types of grants will not be considered or funded:

1. Organizations that have discriminatory policies and/or practices based on race, color,

national origin, age, disability, sex/gender, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, or political beliefs;

2. Organizations with no 501(c)(3) IRS status unless you are a government/state agency;
3. Organizations on the National Charity Watch List;
4. Grants for dinners, fundraising, and marketing events;
5. Grants to endowments or other discretionary funding pools;
6. Grants for capital campaign contributions (for building construction) or use of funds to cover capital campaign feasibility studies or campaign implementation expenses. This does not include regular maintenance;
7. Grants for prizes, awards, and scholarships;
8. Grants for entertainment expenses;
9. Grants for lobbying-related expenses;
10. Grants for event sponsorships;
11. Organizations that do not have a physical location in one of the nine-county service areas;
12. Organizations that do not serve residents in our 9 county service area;
13. Grants to organizations operating less than one year;
14. Grants to individuals;
15. Grants to religious organizations for religious purposes;
16. Grants to organizations for projects outside CFNEA's nine (9) county region;
17. Grants for political purposes or to influence elections; and
18. Organizations that have an existing/open grant from the Foundation may not apply for a new grant within the same fund until the current grant documentation is completed and closed. For a grant to be considered completed and closed, the not-for-profit partner must have successfully submitted their Final Grant Report.

Approved Funding Areas: The following are examples of areas of funding available for community leadership development, training and organizational technology advancement. If your request includes an area not covered on this list please contact the Vice President of Community Partnerships Fred Smith at fsmith@cfnea.org or 256-282-1381 ext. 26

1. Professional program trainers for approved training
2. Tuition/registration, mileage, and lodging to attend conferences, workshops, courses, or trainings
3. Training curriculum
4. Technical software and hardware
5. Technical support for new software installation and upgrades
6. Technology to support technological upgrades
7. Gift and donor tracking systems
8. Financial tracking system
9. Cyber Security software

Grant Requirements: Applicants will agree to complete a CFNEA grant agreement, mid-year, and final report. Applicants will also agree to attend a yearly leadership summit where they will present the impact their grant award has had in their community and for their organization. Individuals receiving training must attend the leadership summit.