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***Strengthening Our Communities Through Engaged Philanthropy*****2017 Community Impact Grant Cycle****INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation (CCGF) is pleased to announce its 2017 competitive grant cycle. The application cycle begins in January and awards are announced in early June. Funding for the competitive grant cycle is made possible through the Foundation's Community Impact Fund, which is supported by the Founders and all fundholders.

**FOCUS:** *Programs serving at-risk youth and which specifically address one of these areas:*

- ***Early Childhood Literacy and/or Quality-Rated Child Care;***
- ***Teen pregnancy and births to unwed young mothers;***
- ***Juvenile Crime and Gang Activity;***
- ***High School Graduation and/Workforce Readiness;***
- ***Youth Development and Innovative Education Strategies; or***
- ***Risk Reduction, including child protective, substance abuse, and/or mental health services.***

Grant proposals may request funding up to \$5,000.

Prospective applicants are welcome to discuss their proposal request prior to beginning the application process. Let us know as well, if you have issues with the fillable form. Contact Ellen Post for assistance. Note: CCGF staff do not vote.

Upon the Foundation's receipt of your Grant Application, you will be notified by email indicating that we received your submission. CCGF staff may contact you for additional information or to arrange a meeting with representatives of your organization for a site-visit. Not all applicants will be scheduled for a site visit. The notice of grant decision will be emailed to applicants in early June. Please note that an unsuccessful application does not reflect on the worthiness of a particular project. CCGF receives more requests than it can fund.

**2017 GRANT CYCLE TIME TABLE:**

**JANUARY 3 -** GRANT CYCLE OPENS  
**FEBRUARY 28 -** GRANT PROPOSAL DEADLINE  
**APRIL -** SITE VISITS SCHEDULED

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Foundation invites applications from non-profit, public charities and educational institutions serving the citizens of **Glynn, McIntosh, and/or Camden Counties**. Governmental agencies, religious, and civic organizations will also be considered if the grant is to be used strictly for charitable purposes as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, Section 170.

**Requirements:**

- Current I.R.S. determination letter;
- Registered as a nonprofit with the Georgia Secretary of State;
- Service to residents in the counties of **Glynn, McIntosh, and/or Camden Counties**;
- Board of directors with representation from the community/communities served;
- Annual plan and budget;
- Audited financial statements for the last fiscal year if annual budget is greater than \$500,000, or a review by an independent, certified public accountant if annual budget is less;
- Fulfilled reporting requirements of prior CCGF grants (**2016 recipients must provide a final report prior to submission of a 2017 proposal**); and
- Documentation of some matching support.

**Only one proposal may be submitted per applicant organization.**

**Preference will be given to those projects and programs that:**

- Show collaboration
- Show ability to mobilize diversified financial support and in-kind support and volunteers to sustain the program
- Document the need they seek to address using quality research methods
- Offer innovative strategies and creative solutions without duplicating services
- Demonstrate past performance in delivering quality service to the residents of more than one county in the service area

**Funding will not be considered for the following activities:**

**Retroactive funding (project dates must occur after June 2017)**

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| Capital Building Campaigns   | Annual fundraising campaigns    |
| Advocacy or lobbying efforts | Grants for religious activities |
| Endowment                    | Grants to individuals           |
| Debt or deficit reduction    | International NGOs              |
| Medical or academic research | Grants for re-granting          |

**Report:** Grants are awarded for a twelve month period, July through June. All successful grant recipients are required to provide the Foundation with a final report no later than 60 days after the twelve month grant period. Report guidelines and a copy of the report form will be furnished at the time the grant is made.

Note: 2016 Grantees will be required to submit their final report prior to submission of a 2017 proposal.

**Publicity and Media Coverage:** CCGF will issue a press release immediately after the awards are announced. Agencies are encouraged to undertake their own publicity after receiving a grant. The Foundation appreciates photographs, publications and videos of funded projects to use in its promotion/publicity.