



The Alleghany Foundation Awards More than \$1.7 Million to Area Projects
Economic development, health & wellness initiatives main focus of grant cycle

COVINGTON, Va. (Nov. 9, 2007) – The Alleghany Foundation announced that it has awarded 13 grants totaling more than \$1.7 million to support area projects designed to enhance the quality of life for citizens of the Alleghany Highlands. A salaried economic development position and a variety of health and wellness initiatives are among the projects receiving grants from the private foundation, which was funded by the sale of the region’s hospital to HCA in 1995.

A \$251,289 grant to the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation (AHEDC) will support the salary of a new executive director for a period of three years.

“This grant will enable the AHEDC to begin implementing economic development strategies in order to assist the Highlands in attracting and retaining new businesses, small business development, and additional travel and tourism opportunities.” , says Charlie Kahle, president of the Foundation board of directors.

“We are pleased that we have been able to support so many worthwhile causes that affect the quality of life here in the Alleghany Highlands,” Kahle adds.

The Foundation awarded five grants to improve the health of Alleghany residents during this funding cycle. Three grants totaling \$212,027 will support salaries and pharmacy services for the Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic in Low Moor over the next year. Additional grants will support healthcare initiatives, including a Diabetes Education Support Group Public Awareness Campaign and a Chronic Disease Prevention Project conducted in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Health to educate the community on the effects of obesity, diabetes, and tobacco use.

A grant of \$82,250 was awarded to the Alleghany Historical Society to stabilize the exterior of the C&O Freight Depot in Covington.

A fifty percent challenge grant was awarded to Dabney S. Lancaster Community College for the purchase of instructional laboratory equipment and materials for the study of allied health and forensic science training. The new multi-purpose laboratory will help train students in the Nursing and Administration of Justice curricula. The Charles P. Jones Memorial Library in Covington also received an \$8,979 grant to upgrade computer equipment.

Additional grants were awarded to the Alleghany Highlands YMCA and the Alleghany Highlands Humane Society to complete major construction projects.

A grant of \$237,036 was awarded to Jackson River Enterprises to build a storage facility and purchase a Bobcat to aid its recycling efforts. The new storage area will allow the facility to accommodate additional suppliers as well as provide increased employment opportunities.

The Allegheny Highlands Arts Council was awarded \$36,200 to study performance venues in the Allegheny Highlands, prepare a business plan, and provide recommendations for facility upgrades and future performances.

Beth Webb, executive director of The Allegheny Foundation, expressed thanks to the 12-member volunteer board that reviews each application twice annually.

“This board works tirelessly to continue the Foundation’s mission of enhancing the quality of life in the Allegheny Highlands,” says Webb. “I am grateful for each member’s contribution and for the meaningful impact their responsible stewardship has on our community.”

The Foundation awards grants twice annually. Nonprofit, 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organizations interested in requesting funding from the Foundation should submit an application, following the instructions outlined in the Foundation’s application guidelines brochure. In the 12 years since the Foundation was created, it has awarded nearly \$26 million to the following 68 area agencies in the Allegheny Highlands:-

- Allegheny County
- Allegheny County Parks and Recreation
- Allegheny County Public Schools
- Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office
- Allegheny County United Fire and Rescue Association
- Allegheny Health District
- Allegheny Highlands Arts & Crafts Center
- Allegheny Highlands Arts Council
- Allegheny Highlands Community Services Board
- Allegheny Highlands Economic Development Authority
- Allegheny Highlands Economic Development Corporation
- Allegheny Highlands Free Clinic
- Allegheny Highlands Genealogical Society
- Allegheny Highlands YMCA
- Allegheny Historical Society
- Allegheny Humane Society
- Allegheny Mountain Radio
- American Diabetes Association
- American Red Cross
- Appalfolks of America
- Art Museum of Western Virginia
- Bath County
- Bath County Health Department
- Bath County Historical Society
- Blue Ridge Public Television
- Boiling Springs Elementary School
- Boiling Springs Fire Department
- C.O.P.E.
- C & O Historical Society
- Callaghan Elementary School PTO
- Charles P. Jones Memorial Library
- City of Covington
- Clifton Forge Little League
- Clifton Forge Main Street
- Clifton Forge Nursery School
- Clifton Forge Public Library

Clifton Forge Volunteer Fire Department
Covington City Schools
Covington Fire Department
Covington Rescue Squad
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Diabetes Education Support Group
Falling Spring Elementary School PTO
Falling Spring Fire Department
Falling Spring Rescue Squad
Greater Alleghany Highlands School Health Consortium
Jackson River Enterprises
Jackson river Technical Center
League of Older Americans
Mill Mountain Theatre
Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District
Mountain View Elementary School PTO
Rockbridge Area Community Services Board
Safehome Systems
Science Museum of Western Virginia
Scott Hill Foundation, Inc.
Sharon Elementary School PTO
Sharon Volunteer Fire Department
Shenandoah Autism Center
Southwest Virginia AHEC
Southwest Virginia Second Harvest Foodbank
Special Olympics
Total Action Against Poverty
Town of Clifton Forge
Town of Iron Gate
Unified Human Services Transportation System
(RADAR)
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Western Virginia Emergency Medical Service Council

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Grants

C P Jones Library	\$8,979
Diabetes Education Support Group	\$20,000
YMCA	\$600,000
Allegheny Historical Society	
- exterior stabilization and renovation	\$82,250
Allegheny Highlands Free Clinic	
- Executive Director & Administrator Assistant Salaries	\$77,430
- Physician assistant salary	\$76,345
- Pharmacy services	\$58,252
Allegheny Highlands Economic Development	
- Executive Director salary	\$251,289
Allegheny Health District	
- Chronic Disease Prevention Project	\$64,225
Allegheny Humane Society	\$55,000
Jackson River Enterprises	\$237,036
Allegheny Highlands Art Council	\$36,200

Challenge Grant

DSLCC Lab equipment	\$147,500
TOTAL	\$1,714,506