



The Alleghany Foundation Announces Awards to Area Projects

Wellness, quality of life, community services are primary focus

COVINGTON, Va. (November 5, 2009) – The Alleghany Foundation announced today that it has awarded \$820,853 in 15 grants to 12 area organizations for projects designed to improve and enhance the quality of life for citizens of the Alleghany Highlands.

Support for wellness programs and community services and investments in the area's historic and scenic assets were the main focus of the grants awarded by the private foundation, which was funded with \$35 million in proceeds by the sale of Alleghany Regional Hospital to HCA in 1995.

"The Foundation is committed to investing in programs that have a positive impact on our region," said Charles Kahle, Foundation President. "We are pleased that we've been able to support so many worthwhile causes that make the Alleghany Highlands a better place to live," he added.

Over \$168,000 was awarded to The Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic: \$77,430 for administrative costs for the positions of executive director and administrative assistant for one year, \$76,635 for the position of a nurse practitioner for one year, and \$14,080 will help cover pharmacy services costs for one year.

Alleghany County was awarded \$150,000 for engineering and planning costs related to the development of Phase II of the Jackson River Scenic Trail. The trail spans 17 miles along the former Chesapeake & Ohio railroad bed, and was purchased by the county in 2004 because of its recreational, scenic and cultural value. Alleghany County also received \$34,900 to update its online Geographical Information System (GIS)

The C & O Historical Society received a \$149,000 challenge grant for the construction of a passenger depot based on the original depot built in Smith's Creek Yard in 1896. The depot will serve as a gateway for both the Society's Railroad Heritage Center and the community.

The Town of Clifton Forge will use a \$100,000 Foundation grant to remove blighted structures as part of its Neighborhood Improvement Project. Olde Town Covington will be able to offer matching grant opportunities to improve the facades of Downtown Covington's historic buildings, thanks to a \$52,500 grant.

Also receiving funding this cycle from The Alleghany Foundation are:

- Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board: \$47,877 to purchase a handicap accessible bus, wheelchair, hospital bed and six arm chairs for its Adult Day Care Center.
- Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District: \$42,400 to continue its environmental education program for Alleghany County and City of Covington Schools.
- Local Office on Aging: \$35,000 for a passenger van for its Senior Transportation Services to assist with the Congregate Meals Program.

- Alleghany Highlands Arts Council: \$31,525 to hire technical assistance for one year to upgrade office technology and set up a new efficiency system.
- Alleghany Highlands YMCA: \$5,000 to purchase prizes for drawings at the after prom party for Covington and Alleghany County High Schools.
- Jackson River Enterprises: \$2,351 to purchase a tilt dumpster and two pallet jacks for its warehouse.
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College: \$2,155 to purchase three emergency phones with Automated External Defibrillators as part of its enhanced security system.

“The Alleghany Foundation board members work tirelessly to continue the Foundation’s mission to enhance the quality of life in the Alleghany Highlands,” says Beth Webb, executive director of the Foundation. “Each application is reviewed extensively with that goal in mind.”

The Alleghany Foundation is a nonprofit foundation based in Covington. Since its formation in June 1995, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$29 million to 58 organizations for programs to benefit Alleghany Highlands residents.

The Foundation received 31 grant requests during this funding cycle, according to Webb. 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. For more information about the Alleghany Foundation, please visit www.alleghanyfoundation.org.

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Grants

Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic	\$168,145
- Executive director, assistant costs	\$77,430
- Nurse practitioner	\$76,635
- Pharmacy service costs	\$14,080
Alleghany County	\$184,900
-Jackson River Scenic Trail	\$150,000
-Geographical Information System upgrade	\$34,900
C&O Historical Society	\$149,000
- Passenger depot challenge grant	\$149,000
Town of Clifton Forge	\$100,000
-Neighborhood improvements	\$100,000
Olde Town Covington	\$52,500
- Historic building improvements	\$52,500

Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board	
- Handicap bus, wheelchair, bed, chairs	\$47,877
Mountain Soil & Water Conservation District	
- Environmental education program	\$42,400
Local Office on Aging	
-15-passenger van for senior transportation	\$35,000
Alleghany Highlands Arts Council	
- Data technician and technology upgrades	\$31,525
Alleghany Highlands YMCA	
- After-prom party prizes	\$5,000
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	
-Emergency phones with defibrillators	\$2,155
Jackson River Enterprises	
- Tilt dumpster and pallet jacks	\$2,351
TOTAL	\$\$820,853