



The Alleghany Foundation Announces Grant Awards to 16 Area Projects
2010 Grants Total One of Highest Funding Levels in Foundation's History

COVINGTON, Va. (Nov. 12, 2010) – The Alleghany Foundation announced today that it has awarded \$911,238 in 16 grants to 13 area organizations for projects designed to enhance the quality of life for citizens of the Alleghany Highlands.

Support for wellness and education initiatives as well as investments in education and training programs led those projects funded during the semi-annual grant cycle for the Foundation, which was initially created through proceeds by the sale of Alleghany Regional Hospital to HCA in 1995. Combined with the more than \$2.6 million awarded in May, the 2010 awards total one of the highest levels of funding in the private foundation's history.

"The global economic downturn continues to impact many families locally," said Charles Kahle, Foundation President. "Through these grants, we can offer many opportunities and services to Alleghany Highland citizens that might be difficult to fund through other resources."

The largest grant of \$203,743 was awarded to Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (DSLCC) for a 40-foot student safety training tower, nacelle training unit and other critical lab components to provide hands-on training for students in the College's newly created Wind Turbine Service Technology program. According to Dr. Richard Teaff, DSLCC president, the new program is one of many at DSLCC developed to train students to fill new technology jobs needed by regional employers.

"Since the Wind Turbine Service Technology program began this fall, enrollment has far exceeded expectations," says Teaff, noting that an existing wind farm a little over an hour from campus and others proposed for Highland County, Roanoke County and other areas will increase the potential demand for skilled technicians. "The equipment funded by this grant will allow us to expand existing instructional resources and greatly enhance the program. Students will learn climbing and safety skills and hands-on repair of the critical components of wind turbines. Through the generous support of the Alleghany Foundation, local residents will have the opportunity to learn advanced technologies and their application to this emerging green jobs industry."

Other major grants include more than \$166,000 to the Alleghany Highland Free Clinic for a physician's assistant, administrative salaries and pharmacy services, and \$141,000 to the Alleghany Highlands YMCA to complete renovations of the old Jeter Watson School to serve as the YMCA West Child Care Program. Improvements will include a commercial kitchen, security doors and cameras, fencing, and other upgrades.

"The Foundation is proud to continue its support for education as well as health and wellness initiatives for individuals and families in the Alleghany Highlands," says Ward Robens, Jr.,

interim executive director for The Alleghany Foundation. "These projects are in keeping with the spirit of the Foundation's creation more than 15 years ago."

The Foundation also awarded an \$84,000 grant for the construction of a permanent Farmer's Market on Main Street in downtown Covington. The proposed market, to be designed by the Virginia Tech architecture department, will house 30 vendor spaces, restrooms, conditioned space for refrigeration needs, seating area, and a public green space. Once finished, the market will be open on Wednesdays and Saturday morning from May to October.

"We were able to reuse building materials and recyclable metal from a structure no longer being used by the Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge," says Jacob Wright of The Wright Real Estate Company and a volunteer organizer of the project. "The Virginia Tech students and volunteers dismantled the building, and once plans are approved, we'll begin construction on the market structures." Wright added that the Masonic Theatre donated the building construction material to support this regionally beneficial project.

Also receiving funding this cycle from The Alleghany Foundation are:

- Alleghany Highlands YMCA: \$5,000 for support of high school after prom parties
- Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce: \$90,000 legal expenses for the Citizen's Committee that is studying community consolidation. This award was granted in October but included in the November grant cycle.
- C&O Historical Society: a \$68,000 matching grant for the Railway Heritage Center Yard Expansion Project
- C.O.P.E: \$5,000 for food purchases to supplement SWVA Second Harvest food donations. The volunteer agency served more than 13,000 individuals in 2009.
- Diabetes Education Support Group: \$6,500 for kits and supplies for public screenings and public education on diabetes prevention and care.
- Garth Newel Music Center: \$9,280 for the creation of a string music education program for the youth, taught at three locations in the Alleghany Highlands.
- Jackson River Enterprises: \$47,580 for the purchase of a new baler, two recycling trailers and the upgrading of six recycling trailers.
- Special Olympics-Area 18: \$58,697 for the purchase of a 12-passenger handicapped accessible van and uniforms for the athletes in competitions.
- The Alleghany Historical Society: \$21,875 to replace sidewalks, damaged concrete and to install a security fence on the track side of the C&O Depot complex.
- The Izaak Walton League: \$4,000 for materials to rebuild the rifle range shelter on U.S. Forest Service property at the Low Moor Shooting Range.

Robens praised the volunteer effort of the 12-member board of directors, whose diligent analysis of each proposal has helped to ensure the success of the Foundation's efforts over the past 15 years.

"Our board works countless hours each year to award grants that have direct impact on the quality of life in the Alleghany Highlands," he says. "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 approximately \$33 million to 63 organizations for programs to benefit Alleghany Highlands residents.

The Foundation awards grants twice annually, in May and November. 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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The Alleghany Foundation

November 2010 Grants

Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce	
- Legal services for Citizens' Committee (awarded in Oct.)	\$90,000
Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic	
- Physician Assistant, Admin Salaries, Pharmacy Services	\$166,563
Alleghany Highlands YMCA	
-Jeter Watson Renovation Project	\$141,000
-After Prom parties	\$5,000
C.O.P.E	
-Food pantry food purchase	\$5,000
C&O Historical Society	
-Railway Heritage Center Improvements	\$68,000
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	
-Wind Turbine Tech Program Safety Training Tower, Nacelle	\$203,743
Diabetes Education Support Group	
-Public education program and screenings	\$6,500
Garth Newel Music Center	
-Youth Strings Music Education	\$9,280
Jackson River Enterprises	
-New equipment and upgrades	\$47,580
Olde Town Covington, Inc.	
-Covington Farmers Market	\$84,000
Special Olympics-Area 18	
- 12-passenger van and uniforms	\$58,697
The Alleghany Historical Society	

- C&O Depot Complex Improvements	\$21,875
The Izaak Walton League of American -Rebuild Low Moor Rifle Range Shelter	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$911,238