



2008-2009 Grants

Grant Programs:

AMF – Asheville Merchant Fund
BLCF – Biltmore Lake Charitable Fund
CGF – Cashiers GIFTS Fund
HGF – Highlands GIFTS Fund
MRL – Melvin R. Land Fund
OD – Organizational Development Fund
OG – Opportunity Grant
PRF – Pigeon River Fund
NSF – Next Steps Fund
Ramble – Ramble Charitable Fund
RCF – Rutherford Community GIFTS Fund
RRF – Recession Response Fund
SG – Strategy Grant
STK – Summertime Kids
WFW – Women for Women

Advancing the Arts: \$489,116

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$458,116

Competitive Grants: \$31,000

Asheville Art Museum Association, Inc. - \$6,000 to increase accessibility and aid in the long-term preservation of the architectural drawings and blueprints of Richard Sharp Smith and Douglas Ellington that make up a significant component of the Museum's permanent collection. (OG)

North Carolina Stage Company – \$25,000 to create an unprecedented marketing and branding campaign for Asheville's nonprofit performing arts community. (AMF)

Assisting People in Our Mountains: \$1,919,265

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$1,088,944

Competitive Grants: \$830,321

ABCCM - \$25,000 to enhance its Veterans Employment and Training Services program by developing a vegetable oil recycling program. Veterans will be able to find living wage work in the growing bio-fuels industry; local restaurants will be able to cut expenses on the disposal of this by-product, and our environment will benefit through the increased availability of alternative fuel sources. (AMF)

American Red Cross of Rutherford County - \$1,575 (RCF)

Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center - \$1,945 (STK)

Arts For Life - \$2,000 (STK)

Asheville Buncombe Youth Soccer Association, Inc – \$2,000 (STK)

Asheville City Schools - \$1,554 (STK)

Asheville Community Theatre Inc. - \$2,000 (STK)

Asheville Middle School - \$2,000 (STK)

Autism Society of North Carolina-Western Chapter - \$500 (STK)

Avery County Habitat for Humanity – \$2,000 (STK)

Big Ivy Community Development Club – two grants totaling \$8,000 (RRF)

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center - \$2,500 (RRF)

Blue Ridge Area Foundation - \$4,000 (OD)

Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County – \$1,000 (STK)

Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County - \$50,000 to expand programs for disadvantaged youth by recruiting more volunteers and increasing contributions from individuals to the organization and its endowment (MRL)

Bread of Life - \$3,000 (RRF)

Burke United Christian Ministries – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Calvary Episcopal Church - \$5,000 (RRF)

Catholic Social Services Diocese of Charlotte – two grants totaling \$7,500 (RRF)

Cherokee County Schools - \$2,000 (STK)

Children First of Buncombe County - \$2,000 (STK)

Children First of Buncombe County – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Community Action Opportunities - \$1,160 (STK)

Community Health Council of Rutherford County - \$1,828 (OG)

Daydreamz Project – \$1,875 (STK)

Family Resources of Rutherford County, Inc. - \$850 (RCF)

First Stage Youth Theatre - \$2,000 (STK)

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry - \$10,000 for recession related emergency relief for their food pantry.
(CGF)

Free Rein Center for Therapeutic Riding and Education - \$2,000 (STK)

Gods Way Fellowship – two grants totaling \$4,400 (RRF)

Grace Community Church - \$2,000 (RRF)

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,400 (RRF)

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Graham County Schools, Kids Castle After School Program – \$1,635 (STK)

Hand in Hand of the Swannanoa Valley - \$2,500 (RRF)

Haywood Christian Ministry, Inc. - \$1350 (RRF)

Helpmate – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Henderson County Council on Aging, Inc. - \$50,000 to expand a partnership with the Department of Social Services and serve more at-risk seniors, enabling clients to live independently in their own homes.
(MRL)

Hickory Nut Gorge Community Church Outreach - \$2,000 (RRF)

HIGHTS, Incorporated - \$2,000 (STK)

Highlands Emergency Council - \$1,435 (HGF)

Homeward Bound – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Industrial Opportunities, Inc. - \$7,000 toward purchasing furniture, small appliances, kitchen tools, pots and pans, dishes, supplies to equip its renovated kitchen as a life skills training. (OG)

Interfaith Assistance Ministry - \$5,000 (RRF)

International Friendship Center - \$3,000 (RRF)

International Friendship Center - \$1,435 (HGF)

Jackson County Department on Aging - \$5,000 (RRF)

Latino Advocacy Coalition of Henderson County - \$44,200 to strengthen marketing and fundraising as well as complete a strategic plan for programs and services that assist the growing Latino population in Henderson County. (MRL)

LightShare, Inc. - \$3,450 (Ramble)

Loving Food Resources - \$5,000 (RRF)

Magical Moments Therapeutic Riding Center - \$1,200 (STK)

Mainstay, Inc. - \$5,000 (RRF)

MANNA FoodBank - \$50,000 to increase industry food donations and help meet the immediate challenges facing many of the 331 partner agencies in having food supplies to distribute (RRF)

MANNA FoodBank - \$50,000 for one year to expand the Teach One, Reach One (TORO) food stamp outreach program from five WNC counties into Graham, Haywood and Mitchell counties (WFW)

MANNA FoodBank - \$7,000 to support participation in a hunger study across WNC (OG)

Mars Hill Baptist Church – two grants totaling \$13,000 (RRF)

Mayland Community College dba Phillips-Gwaltney Child Development - \$1,000 (STK)

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$5,000 (RRF)

McDowell County Department of Social Services - \$2,518 (RRF)

Meals on Wheels of Brevard - \$1,000 (RRF)

Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County - \$1,536 (BLCF)

Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County - \$4,000 (OD)

Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County - \$5,000 (RRF)

Mountain Area Child and Family Center - \$5,000 (RRF)

Mountain Area Child and Family Center - \$1,800 (Ramble)

Mountain Area Child and Family Center - \$4,000 (OD)

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$1,575 (RCF)

Old Fort Crisis Ministries - \$3,000 (RRF)

Outreach Center – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Outreach Center - \$50,000 to increase staff capacity, raise resources and build a sustainable funding base that will enhance crisis-assistance programs for disadvantaged citizens of Burke and surrounding counties (MRL)

Penland School of Crafts - \$1,955 (STK)

Pigeon Community Development Center - \$3,000 (RRF)

Pigeon Community Development Center - \$1,350 (RRF)

Pisgah Legal Services - \$7,000 to purchase a new office work station to improve the efficiency of PLS day-to-day operations and will increase their fundraising and client outreach capacity (OG)

Pisgah Legal Services - \$50,000 for one year to sustain core, critical legal services in Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Rutherford, Polk, and Transylvania counties at a time when women are more vulnerable than ever to economic crises (WFW)

Pisgah Legal Services – two grants totaling \$35,000 for operating support to sustain legal services for families with children as they cope with financial and other crisis exacerbated by the economic recession (RRF)

Polk County Schools - \$2,000 (STK)

Polk Vocational Services - \$7,000 to replace a 15 year old HVAC Unit. (OG)

REACH of Clay County - \$7,000 for startup expenses related to opening a retail thrift shop to support the work of local agency addressing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. (OG)

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church – \$6,000 Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church (Ramble)

Rosman United Methodist Church - \$500 (RRF)

Rutherford Hospital Foundation - \$2,000 (STK)

SAFE of Transylvania Co. - \$1,000 (RRF)

Salvation Army of Rutherford County - \$1,575 (RCF)

Salvation Army of Rutherford County - \$3,110 (RRF)

Salvation Army-Waynesville - \$3,000 (RRF)

Southern Reconciliation Ministries - \$5,000 (RRF)

Swain, Jackson, Cherokee Youth Soccer Association - \$1,250 (STK)

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Therapeutic Horseback Riding Assoc. of WNC, Inc. - \$2,000 (STK)

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Town of Black Mountain – two grants totaling \$3,500 (RRF)

Town of Tryon - \$2,000 (STK)

Transylvania Christian Ministry – two grants totaling \$5,600 (RRF)

Tri-County Community College Foundation - \$2,000 (STK)

United Christian Ministries of Jackson County - \$1,600 (RRF)

URTV, Incorporated - \$1,000 (STK)

W.A.M.Y Community Action - \$5,000 (RRF)

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Western Carolina Rescue Ministries - \$5,000 (RRF)

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - \$7,000 to improve the heating and cooling system for their office and service building in Asheville (OG)

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice – two grants totaling \$9,000 (RRF)

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - \$4,000 (OD)

Yokefellow Service Center – two grants totaling \$5,510 (RRF)

Yokefellow Service Center - \$1,575 (RCF)

YWCA of Asheville - \$64,000 years to continue its Drop-In Child Care service for low-income women participating in the YWCA’s New Choices Program (WFW)

Building Community and Economic Vitality: \$1,456,024

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$964,599

Competitive Grants: \$491,425

Asheville Design Center - \$25,000 to support the initial funding of an Executive Director (SG)

Bethel Rural Community Organization - \$1,350 (RRF)

Bountiful Cities Project - \$5,000 (RRF)

Buncombe County - \$7,000 for “Participatory Planning Process” in the Swannanoa Community as well as training and resource materials for the other 15 organized community club groups in Buncombe County (OG)

Center for Participatory Change - \$35,000 for one year to continue to provide intensive services to four emerging Latina worker-owned small businesses across WNC (WFW)

Community Housing Coalition of Madison County - \$5,000 (RRF)

Community Services of Swain, Inc. - \$7,000 to help support the purchase of furnishings and equipment for the new Senior Center facility. (OG)

Davidson's Fort Historic Park, Inc. - \$7,000 to upgrade the fort's website for better marketing and promotions. (OG)

Foothills Industries of McDowell County - \$2,000 (STK)

HandMade in America Foundation - \$25,000 to develop and document the process incorporating artists into designing custom architectural features and home furnishings near the beginning of the home design concept (AMF)

Hominy Valley Recreation Park - \$2,500 (BLCF)

Jewish Community Center of Asheville, Inc. - \$5,000 (RRF)

Land Trust for the Little Tennessee - \$10,000 to help guide the pattern and character of future development and land use in northern Macon County (NSF)

McDowell County Public Library - \$500 (RRF)

Mediation Center, Inc. - \$10,000 to provide culturally competent training and outreach coaching as part of the Buncombe County Gang Violence Prevention Program (SG)

Mountain BizWorks, Inc. - \$50,000 for one year to continue the Women's Business Center (WBC) to provide business planning programs, coaching and support services to assist economically disadvantaged women to start small businesses (WFW)

Mountain BizWorks, Inc. - \$50,000 for their small business recession recovery project (RRF)

Mountain BizWorks, Inc. – \$25,000 to provide its Foundations Business Planning Course and Growth through Objectives one-on-one business consulting program (SG)

Mountain Projects Community Action - \$3,500 (RRF)

OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling - \$60,000 for a Mortgage Default and Delinquency Intake Specialist and a Housing/ Financial Counselor to increase the program's efficiency and capacity for mortgage default and delinquency counseling and to fund a temporary Tax Preparation specialist (RRF)

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$48,600 to strengthen the organizational and financial sustainability of Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity and the Rutherford Housing Partnership and encourage access to safe and affordable housing for people in need (MRL)

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$2,400 (RRF)

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,575 (RRF)

Service Center for Latinos - \$6,000 (RRF)

Town of Marshall - \$25,000 to build a handicapped accessible fishing pier on Blannerhassett Island in the French Broad River (PRF)

Town of Waynesville - \$10,000 to support a consultant to work with a citizen's steering committee to undertake a comprehensive revision to the Town's unified development ordinance. (NSF)

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County - \$7,000 to collaborate with Latino-led nonprofits in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania Counties (OG)

Village Conservancy, Inc. - \$10,000 for implementation of the Pathways System in the Cashiers Crossroads area (SG)

Village Conservancy, Inc. - \$10,000 to secure funding to support the salary of a full-time planner/administrator for the Cashiers Village Council, especially for implementation of the Pathways System in the Cashiers Crossroads area (NSF)

Western North Carolina Alliance - \$10,000 to develop effective citizen advocates for land use planning to encourage local governments to employ the tools of the Mountain Landscape Initiative Toolbox (NSF)

Western North Carolina Regional Economic Development - \$25,000 to provide technical assistance, marketing and food manufacturing support for small businesses using the Blue Ridge Food Ventures (BRFV) facility, a shared-use food processing center located on the A-B Tech Enka Campus (AMF)

Enhancing the Environment: \$681,119

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$365,155

Competitive Grants: \$315,964

American Farmland Trust - Southeast Field Office - \$24,000 to assist the Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board and local partners with implementation of their newly developed Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan (AMF)

Clean Air Community Trust - \$12,500 to support a storm water management project as a component of the Asheville Green Opportunities Corps program (PRF)

Clean Water for N.C. – \$6,000 to support continuation of the WNC Stream Monitoring Information Exchange (SMIE) which trains and coordinates more than 130 volunteers to monitor water quality and report pollution problems (PRF)

Conservation Trust for North Carolina - \$17,500 toward survey and stewardship costs related to acquisition of 64 acres of Haywood County property which includes the headwaters of Richland Creek along the Blue Ridge Parkway (PRF)

EnergyXchange - \$4,550 (OG)

Friends of Dupont Forest - \$6,669 toward development of Muddy Sneakers, an environmental education program (OG)

Haywood County Schools Foundation - \$32,050 to fund the Water Quality Curriculum Coordinator for Haywood County Schools (PRF)

Haywood Waterways Association, Inc. - \$49,500 to support coordinated community efforts to address water quality issues especially non-point source pollution, implement the Haywood Watershed Action Plan, and increase public appreciation of water resources through educational programs and publications (PRF)

Haywood Waterways Association, Inc. - \$24,935 toward improving surface water in Hyatt Creek community by improving residential sewage systems serving 46 households (PRF)

Land-of-Sky Regional Council - \$17,000 to provide training and educational materials to grading contractors, developers, realtors and the general public to implement water quality related recommendations from the Mountain Ridge and Steep Slope Protection Strategies report (PRF)

North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts - \$25,000 toward the Aquatics Station, water quality workshops and volunteer costs during the national Canon Envirothon to be held in Asheville in August 2009 (PRF)

North Carolina Council of Churches - \$7,000 to support expansion of educational programs on clean energy and energy conservation in Asheville and surrounding counties (OG)

RiverLink, Inc. - \$5,250 to conduct strategic planning for implementation of a paddle trail along the French Board River (PRF)

RiverLink, Inc. - \$10,000 for continued support of the Muddy Water Watch program (PRF)

RiverLink, Inc. - \$4,000 (OD)

Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council - \$20,000 to continue a project in the Bethel Community encouraging conservation of rural lands to improve water quality of the Upper Pigeon River in Haywood County (PRF)

Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council - \$25,000 to support technical and field support staff in the development and use of Geographic Information System for the Pigeon River Watershed of Haywood County (PRF)

Town of Maggie Valley - \$10,000 toward construction of public access for fishing in Jonathan Creek at Parham Memorial Park (PRF)

Western North Carolina Alliance - \$7,500 (OD)

Western North Carolina Green Building Council - \$7,500 (OD)

Improving Educational Opportunities: \$2,856,690

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$2,323,076

Competitive Grants: \$172,119

Scholarships: \$361,495

Andrews Elementary School - \$7,000 toward development of an outdoor classroom pavilion to advance the communal, cultural, and educational resources of the Andrews region (OG)

Avery Middle School – four grants totaling \$3,018 (LL)

Blue Ridge Literacy Council - \$15,000 for one year for operating support to continue providing low-income women the English communication and literacy skills they need to gain employment, better their income, and reach a higher level of independence (WFW)

Blue Ridge School - \$7,000 to purchase building materials to construct a covered pavilion outdoor classroom and improvements to the nature trail to enrich the education experience of students of this pre-K-12 school in Cashiers (OG)

Blue Ridge School - \$800 (LL)

Bountiful Cities Project - \$7,000 to implement the Building Roots program at Hall Fletcher Elementary School in West Asheville (OG)

Bowman Middle School - \$616 (LL)

Brush Creek Elementary – three grants totaling \$2,231 (LL)

Candler Elementary - \$7,000 to provide each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teacher with a multimedia cart that will provide an immediate hands-on learning environment for their students (BLCF)

Cherokee Middle School – three grants totaling \$2,400 (LL)

Community High School - \$4,000 (RRF)

Cullowhee Valley Elementary School - \$800 (LL)

Deyton Elementary School – two grants totaling \$1,274

Gouge Elementary - \$700 (LL)

Grandfather Academy - Charter School - \$797 (LL)

Greenlee Primary School – two grants totaling \$1,600 (LL)

Hampton Preschool and Early Learning Center - \$10,000 for building renovations and program improvements at the former Cashiers Community Childcare center (CGF)

Hampton Preschool and Early Learning Center - \$5,000 (RRF)

Hominy Valley Elementary School - \$10,000 to purchase SMART Boards, laptops and speakers for their technology carts in order to support and enhance daily instruction (BLCF)

Hot Springs Elementary – three grants totaling \$1,899 (LL)

Laurel Elementary School - \$500 (LL)

Literacy Council of Buncombe County - \$32,000 to replicate the Augustine Project, a program with a proven track record of improving literacy, and to hire a development director to increase and diversify funding to sustain the project and the Literacy Council overall (SG)

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc.- \$1,435 (HGF)

Madison Middle School - \$800 (LL)

Mars Hill Elementary – two grants totaling \$1,600 (LL)

McDowell County Schools - \$2,361 (RRF)

Mitchell High School - \$800 (LL)

Mountain Discovery Charter School - \$800 (LL)

Newland Elementary School – three grants totaling \$2,400 (LL)

Pinnacle Elementary School - \$800 (LL)

Pisgah Elementary School - \$14,000 to equip every 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classroom with SMART Boards, data projectors, laptops and document cameras (BLCF)

Polk Central Elementary School - \$784 (LL)

Robbinsville Elementary School – three grants totaling \$2,103 (LL)

Robbinsville Middle School - \$731 (LL)

R-S Central High School - \$800 (LL)

R-S Middle School – \$799 (LL)

Rutherfordton Elementary School – two grants totaling \$1,600 (LL)

Saluda School - \$797 (LL)

Sand Hill - Venable Elementary - \$12,500 to purchase Dell computers to replace old iMac computers that cannot support many of the new educational software programs (BLCF)

Smoky Mountain High School - \$800 (LL)

Sunny View Elementary School - \$726 (LL)

Swain County East Elementary School – three grants totaling \$2,329 (LL)

Swain County Middle School - \$800 (LL)

W.W. Estes Elementary School - \$3,750 (Ramble)

Promoting Quality Health: \$2,069,406

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: \$1,916,530

Competitive Grants: \$152,876

Blue Ridge Community Health Services - \$7,000 to provide needed start-up supplies and equipment for a new school-based health center in Henderson County (OG)

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation - \$5,000 (RRF)

Buncombe County Medical Society - \$7,500 (OD)

Centro de Enlace - \$4,198 (RRF)

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers - \$6,668 (RRF)

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers –\$1,435 (HGF)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$1,575 (RCF)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$2,510 (RRF)

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County – two grants totaling \$6,500 (RRF)

Good Samaritan Clinic, Inc. – Morganton - \$2,500 (RRF)

Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River, Inc. - \$7,000 to perform a needs assessment of school children and their families in Mitchell and Yancey Counties to determine how a school-based telemedicine network can best meet their needs (OG)

Graham Children's Health Services of Toe River, Inc. - \$5,000 (RRF)

Irene Wortham Center - \$7,000 to initially fund Long Term Follow Up services for consumers with mental illness or physical disabilities without co-occurring developmental disabilities (OG)

Macon County Public Health Center - \$25,000 to implement a Health Equity initiative in six western counties (SG)

McDowell County Dread Disease Association - \$2,500 (RRF)

McDowell Mission Ministry – two grants totaling \$9,900 (RRF)

MemoryCare - \$6,000 for the Dementia Education Project for Primary Care Practices (OG)

Mitchell Community Health Partnership – two grants totaling \$10,000 (RRF)

Three Streams Family Health Care Center - \$5,000 (RRF)

Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine - \$4,500 (RRF)

UNC Asheville - \$7,000 for operating support for the Lead Paint Prevention Program (OG)

Western North Carolina AIDS Project - \$5,000 (RRF)

Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind - \$7,000 to start up the Asheville Community Low Vision Center (ACLVC) which will be operating at Asheville facility of Industries for the Blind (OG)

Yancey County Schools - \$7,000 to assist with the expenses for the “Getting on the Right Track” project, a refurbishment project of Mountain Heritage High School’s community track (OG)

