



10th Annual

Cooperative Community Fund Grants

Call for Applications



Apply today for our grant awards!

Through the Cooperative Community Fund (CCF), **Weaver Street Market** will award a total of \$3,000 in grants for one or more community projects.

This year's funded projects will focus on the community initiative—**"Access to Healthy Food"** (such as Community Agriculture, Hunger Relief, Nutrition and Cooking Education, Healthy Food Environments, Advocacy, Food Waste).

Application packets are due by 10 pm, Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

For more information on CCF and previous recipients see www.weaverstreetmarket.coop.



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Weaver Street Market's Cooperative Community Fund (CCF) was established in 2001 as an endowment fund whose interest is awarded annually as grants to local nonprofit groups. This year's funded projects address "Access to Healthy Food." A committee comprised of owner volunteers evaluates the grant applications and selects the recipients. This year the committee has a total of \$3,000 to disperse in one or more grants.

To be eligible for a CCF grant, an organization must meet the following requirements:

- Be an IRS-certified nonprofit organization (or have a fiscal sponsor that is).
- Work in Orange, Chatham, Durham, or Alamance Counties, North Carolina.
- Work in an area related to the community initiative—"Access to Healthy Food."
- Agree to submit a press release to local media and otherwise publicize the award, and submit a brief statement of accomplishments to WSM by April 1, 2016.

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

- The alignment of your project with the focus—"Access to Healthy Food"
- The benefits of your project to the community
- Innovation and collaboration demonstrated in the project
- Your organization's ability to accomplish the project goals
- The benefit of the grant on your organization's long-term goals

Since its first grant award in 2006, the CCF has presented grants to 26 local nonprofit organizations for a total of \$16,150. Last year the committee received seven grant proposals and awarded \$2,700 in grants.

Grants will be awarded at WSM's Annual Meeting on September 9, 2015.

CCF Grant Application



CCF Grant Applications must be submitted electronically and must include the following components:

1. Cover Page that includes:

- Name of Organization
- Project Title
- Tax ID #
- Address (with County)
- Contact Person and Title
- Phone number(s)
- Email(s)
- Organization Website

2. Project Proposal that includes:

- a. Project Title
- b. Project Description that includes
 - project goals
 - how the project aligns with the focus “Access to Healthy Food”
 - a discussion of how the project meets the evaluation criteria
- c. Project Budget
(including the CCF grant amount being sought and other sources of funding)
- d. Project Timeline

3. Organizational Documents that include:

- a. 1-page description of the goals and purpose of your organization
- b. a list of current board members
- c. your current organizational budget
- d. a copy of your organization’s IRS letter verifying its nonprofit status

NOTE: To qualify for consideration, all requested documents must be submitted at the time of application. **Email your application packet to brendac@weaverstreetmarket.coop by 10 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.**

2014 CCF Grant Recipients

Thanks to generous contributions from owners and customers, four local non-profit organizations received a total of **\$2,700 in grants from WSM's Cooperative Community Fund:**

\$750 to Hillsborough's new charter school, The Expedition School, for materials to build raised gardens and a rain barrel irrigation system for its edible schoolyard. The gardens are an integral part of the school's studies in sustainability and environment and its mission of providing a healthy eating culture. The gardens will provide hands-on learning experiences in sustainable agriculture practices, as well as safe harvesting and cooking of seasonal produce.

\$700 to sponsor one day's meals served by Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals on Wheels to 140 elderly and homebound members of the community. The volunteer-based organization provides a daily balanced meal and human connection for homebound individuals unable to prepare meals for themselves. The organization provided 33,800 meals in 2013 and with rapid growth in the elderly population, it expects to serve 40,000 annually by 2015.

\$700 to Orange County Partnership for Young Children to fund two workshops in its leadership development series for community gardens. Community gardens provide low-resource families with young children a place where they can grow their own food. The workshops address two ongoing challenges facing the gardens: garden management and sustainability. The hands-on workshops will address these challenges by providing the skills and tools the community gardeners need to take on the role as garden managers.

\$550 to TABLE for educational materials to help sustain its growing Snack-Chef Program. Through SnackChef, TABLE volunteers prepare healthy snacks for children at low-income after school centers. The children learn how to prepare the snacks themselves. They are then sent home with the ingredients and a recipe so that they can teach family or friends how to make the healthy snack. TABLE will use the funds to develop and print recipes for healthy snacks and for lesson plans that include interactive activities about healthy eating.

