



11th 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 \$3,800 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, Sunday, July 17, 2016.**

For more information on CCF and previous recipients see [www.weaverstreetmarket.coop](http://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. 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 \$3,800 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, 2017.

### **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 27 local nonprofit organizations for a total of \$19,270. Last year the committee received four grant proposals and awarded \$3,120 in grants.

**Grants will be awarded at WSM's Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 11, 2016.**

# 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 [brenda.c@weaverstreetmarket.coop](mailto:brenda.c@weaverstreetmarket.coop) by 10 pm on Sunday, July 17, 2016.**

# 2015 CCF Grant Recipients

Thanks to generous contributions from owners and customers, two local non-profit organizations received a total of **\$3,120 in grants from WSM's Cooperative Community Fund:**

**\$1,020** ▶ **TABLE On the Go**

A field trip project that enables children served by TABLE's programs to visit Maple View Farm and participate in two educational farm classes. The children enjoy a healthy picnic lunch with a demonstration on how to prepare the food at home, and they enjoy fun farm activities, including a hayride and a visit with the farm animals. The children take a class that lets them experience firsthand where the fresh milk in their weekend backpacks comes from. Another class allows them to explore the life cycle of apples and pumpkins.

**\$2,100** ▶ **PORCH Cooks**

A new nutrition program that helps PORCH's Food for Families recipients benefit more fully from the fresh food that they receive each month. Easy-to-prepare, healthy, and affordable recipes are tucked into each month's grocery bags. The bags are packed with many of the ingredients needed to prepare the recipes, including packets of herbs and spices. PORCH also offers cooking demos and tastings of the recipes.

## New! Information Sessions by CCF Grant Committee

The CCF Grant Committee will host three information sessions to answer questions applicants may have about the grant selection process, including eligibility, evaluation criteria, and proposal requirements. The committee will also guide the organizations through a self-assessment of project ideas.

**Tuesday, May 17, 9 to 11 am, Carrboro WSM**

**Wednesday, May 25, 9 to 11 am, Hillsborough WSM**

**Thursday, June 2, 9 to 11 am, Southern Village WSM**

## Co-op community fund endowment grows in 2015



Fall & Spring Wine Shows

**\$13,466**



Hope for the Holidays Purchases

**\$10,060**



Donated Dividends & Shares

**\$4,150**

Endowment now  
**TOTALS:**

**\$163,944**