

**Bradley Community Benefit Grants  
(Proposal)  
at the  
Polk County Community Foundation**

~ 2008 ~

Marjorie M. & Lawrence R. Bradley realized their charitable dreams by creating a grantmaking corporation. They left virtually their entire estate to the Board of the Polk County Community Foundation with instructions to create a permanent fund which would benefit Polk County by making grants in perpetuity. The ***Marjorie M. & Lawrence R. Bradley Endowment Fund of Polk County, North Carolina*** made its first grants in 2007. Income from this sizeable endowment fund is being distributed to the Polk County community via several grantmaking programs.

What types of projects will be funded by Bradley Community Benefit Grants? All Bradley Community Benefit Grants must fall within the parameters of the Bradley vision:

*Bradley Community Benefit grants shall significantly improve the quality of life of Polk County residents for generations. The Bradley Board shall seek grantmaking opportunities which result in long-term impacts for our community as a whole and which may require a long-range view.*

Has the Bradley Board set specific grant criteria? In 2008 and 2009, preference will be given to grants that support one of the following two areas of interest; however, the Bradley Board will consider all grant proposals which are breakthrough proposals and meet the overall vision of the Bradley Community Benefit Grants to provide significant long-term benefits to our Polk County community.

1. Areas of Interest:

- a. Direct Land Preservation and Conservation. Funded proposals would protect the natural assets of Polk County.
- b. Community Gathering Spots. Grants will be awarded for new or expanded infrastructure (land, paths or buildings) that provides a locale for neighborhood or county-wide conversations, meetings, classes, recreation, cultural experiences and events.

The intended gathering may be informal, free, and small like two neighbors walking dogs in a new local park and exchanging greetings. Or, the intended gathering may be a highly structured gathering requiring a participation fee from a self-selected group in the larger community like those who would like to see an event or take a class.

The gathering itself is not eligible for a grant; the grant proposal should describe the creation of a setting that will serve our community for generations.

2. Other Proposals: The Bradley Board will consider all grant proposals that are breakthrough proposals – as opposed to incremental improvements- which fit within the overall vision of the Bradley Community Benefit Grants.

Are there any grants which definitely won't be funded? Grants will not be awarded for events, any type of maintenance expenses or projects outside the vision statement.

Which organizations may apply? Qualified organizations include Polk County nonprofits and organizations primarily supported by tax dollars. Organizations based outside of Polk County that propose to complete a charitable or civic project that directly and primarily benefits Polk County may be eligible for a grant depending on the nature of the project. If your donors do not receive tax deductions for contributions to your organization, or your organization is located outside of Polk County, please contact our Grants Manager for details about eligibility.

Grant Proposals: This grant proposal is the first step in this grantmaking process. Applicants may be contacted for additional information and/or an interview.

Total grant funds available in 2008: \$140,000

Questions? For additional information concerning this grant proposal, or help with your unique situation, please contact our Grants Manager, Cathie Campbell, at the Polk County Community Foundation.

You may visit us at 255 South Trade Street, Tryon, NC or at [www.polkccf.org](http://www.polkccf.org); call 828-859-5314; or email: [ccampbell@polkccf.org](mailto:ccampbell@polkccf.org).

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Grant Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Response Date: By June, 2008

Subsequent Deadlines: Additional deadlines may be announced.

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**I. COVER SHEET: (must be submitted in this form on one page)**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director/President/Board Chair/Principal/CEO:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a contact person for this grant proposal, if different from above:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your organization's nonprofit status? \_\_\_\_\_

( 501(c)(3)? Unit of Government? Church? Other? )

Is your organization more than five years old? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your organization based in Polk County? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

Will this endeavor primarily, directly and uniquely benefit the residents of Polk County? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes / no)

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### **II. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

#### **A. Please answer the following questions in two pages or less.**

- Summarize your organization's mission in two or three sentences.
- Describe how your grant proposal is a breakthrough proposal that fits the overall vision of Bradley Community Benefit Grants.
- Explain how the funding of your proposal enables significant long term benefits to the Polk County community.
- In what ways will this funding yield civic pride for generations to come and celebrate and enhance the unique attributes of our community?
- Who will be involved in carrying out the plans outlined in this request? Include a brief summary of the qualifications of the key individual(s) involved.

#### **B. Attach a rough budget.**

### **III. Required financial statement for nonprofit organizations.** Submit a statement of your nonprofit organization's actual income and expenses for your last complete fiscal year. Please indicate dates of your fiscal year. (eg. Jan. 1, 20xx – Dec. 31, 20xx)

Financial statements are not required for units of government.

Please deliver proposal to:

Polk County Community Foundation  
255 South Trade St.  
Tryon, NC 28782

Incomplete, incorrectly formatted, late, emailed or faxed proposals will not be considered. If you wish, you may schedule an appointment well in advance of the deadline with our Grants Manager. During your appointed time, you may ask the Grants Manager to certify that your proposal has been turned in on time and is complete.