

**Saluda Community Fund
at the
Polk County Community Foundation**

- 2008 -

The Saluda Community Fund celebrates Saluda! An anonymous donor established this competitive grant fund in 2006 to benefit Saluda organizations that are serving the residents of Saluda. The donor feels Saluda is “the most unique place on the planet; there is a sense in people of being where they belong.” The generous gift that established this visionary fund was made in honor of the donor’s family and in celebration of the citizens of Saluda.

The Saluda Community Fund is a permanent endowment fund so funds will be available in perpetuity to award grants to benefit the Saluda community. Any gifts to the Saluda Community Fund will increase the grant budget by increasing the size of the endowment. Anyone who wishes to support and celebrate community life in Saluda may make a gift to this fund at any time.

Which organizations may apply? Qualified organizations include Saluda nonprofits and organizations primarily supported by tax dollars. Saluda churches and other civic organizations working on a particular charitable project or civic event 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 a church, please contact our Grants Manager for details about eligibility.

What types of grants may be awarded? Grants may be awarded for (a) civic events in Saluda which are open to residents of Saluda and may be attended by others as well, (b) non-recurring expenses or capital projects like repairs to roofs, remodeling and the purchase of equipment which will last for some years (however, no more than one-half of the annual distribution should be awarded for the capital projects of any one organization), and (c) other special projects considered worthwhile by the Polk County Community Foundation.

Total grant funds available in 2008: \$10,000. All funds may be awarded in the first cycle. If funds remain after the first cycle, there will be a second grant cycle. Please inquire.

Questions? For additional information concerning this or other grant applications, 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; call 828-859-5314; or email: ccampbell@polkccf.org.

	Deadlines	Notification Dates
First Cycle	Tuesday, April 1, 2008 by 1:00 p.m.	By May 16, 2008
Second Cycle (If funds available)	Tuesday, September 2, 2008 by 1:00 p.m.	By October 10, 2008

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I. COVER SHEET:

Date of Application: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

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

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Person, Title (if different from above):

Phone Number (if different): _____

What is your nonprofit status? _____

Enclose IRS 501(c)(3) letter (required) or explain your charitable status (Unit of Government? Church? Other?)

Is your organization more than five years old? _____

Project Title: _____

Grant Request: \$ _____ When will you use the grant funds? _____

Total Project Budget: \$ _____

Is your organization based in Saluda? _____ (yes / no)

Will this endeavor benefit the residents of Saluda? _____ (yes / no)

II. ATTACHMENTS

A. On a separate sheet, please provide brief answers to each of the following questions. Please type or print clearly. (Your answers may be used to publicize successful grants.)

1. Summarize your organization's mission in two or three sentences.
2. What is your charitable endeavor?
3. Explain how this event or capital project will benefit the residents of Saluda.
4. 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.
5. If you receive a grant, how will you make other Saluda residents aware of your grant from the Saluda Community Fund at the Polk County Community Foundation?

B. Attach a detailed project budget on a separate sheet.

C. Required Financial Statement. A statement of your organization's actual income and expenses for your last complete fiscal year is required.

D. Optional Letters. Your application may be stronger if you include one or two letters of recommendation which explain why this grant would benefit the Saluda Community.

Please deliver applications to:

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

Incomplete, incorrect form or format, late, emailed or faxed applications 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 application has been turned in on time and is complete.