

## **Guidelines for Endowment - Community Grants Applications 2010**

The Gloucester Community Foundation is a public charity, which was established in 2000 to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Gloucester through philanthropy. The Foundation aims to facilitate and serve the philanthropic interests of its donors and meet the on going needs of non-profit agencies serving the Gloucester Community. The Foundation established the Community Endowment Fund which is supported by local citizens and businesses. It also manages a wide range of private funds established by individuals, families, corporations, and other foundations.

### Eligibility Requirements for Grants from the Community Endowment Fund

- The Foundation will normally make grants from the Community Endowment Fund to support new or specific ongoing projects or programs in the areas of social, educational, medical, environmental, cultural, and scientific welfare in Gloucester County.
- Grants will not be made to individuals, endowments, or tax-supported institutions
- The Board of Directors may grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
- Grants are made to eligible non-profit organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under 501(C)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Grants will normally range from \$250 to \$5,000.
- Grants may be made for operating expenses of a specific project; including equipment.
- Grants will not be made, however, for physical plant, day-to-day operating needs of the organization, or to churches or organizations or programs involving religious instruction or activity as specified by the IRS.
- The Foundation will strongly consider requests from organizations with an existing broad base of community support, challenge grants or matching grants that encourage financial support from individuals, businesses and/or other charitable organizations in the project or program.
- Organizations who receive grant funds from the Gloucester Community Foundation Endowment Fund will not be eligible for funds from the 2010 Safety Net Fund.

The Gloucester Community Foundation Grants Committee will be responsible for reviewing any grant request received by GCF, solicited or unsolicited, and making a recommendation to the Board for approval, modification or rejection. To ensure timeliness on a grant decision as determined by the Chairman of the Board, the Grants Committee may make its recommendation to the GFC Board Executive Committee in lieu of the Board. When a grant appears to meet the purpose of a fund over which the GCF board has advisory discretion, the Grants Committee will perform the necessary due diligence, including the review of applicable donor-advisor fund agreement and instructions to GCF, to ensure that the donor(s) intent is being met with each grant recommendation.