

2011 COMPETITIVE GRANTS SUMMARY

York County Community Foundation seeks grant applications from qualified, York County 501 (c) (3) organizations across the interest areas of arts and culture, community/economic development, education, the elderly, children and youth, health and human services and the environment. **Priorities for the Foundation are projects that:**

- *Address a critical community need.*
- *Are of **strategic importance** that hold promise to make **lasting, significant impact**.*
- *Engage new partners in **cooperative efforts**.*
- ***Leverage new resources** – time, money, or know-how – to accomplish broadly accepted priorities.*

Additional Selection Criteria:

- *The quality of the application (complete, clearly written)*
- *Clear statement of need for the project or program*
- *Appropriate, realistic budget*
- *Ability to measure results*

Grants are **NOT provided** for:

- *Endowments, capital campaigns, budget shortfalls, or debt retirement.*
- *Recurring, annual operating expenses of an established organization.*
- *Projects requiring a multiyear grant commitment.*
- *Multiple projects to the same grant program.*
- *Sectarian religious projects.*
- *Organizations with discriminatory employment or program practices.*
- *Association dues.*
- *Scholarship, travel, conferences, or any form of direct financial assistance to individuals.*
- *Organizations with outstanding post grant reports due to the Foundation*

1. Nonprofit Strategic Alliances Program:

- Two or more nonprofit organizations consolidating services, locations or merging to advance their missions, improve service delivery, increase efficiency and strengthen sustainability.
- Maximum grant amount is \$15,000 for costs to facilitate and implement the alliance.
- No deadline. Nonprofit organizations pursuing strategic alliances should contact Jane Conover, Vice President of Community Investment at 848-3733 when they are ready to discuss their proposal.
- Applicants with viable plans will be invited to submit a full proposal and will be required to attend a Grants Distribution Committee meeting to discuss the proposal in person.
- Post grant report required.

2. Competitive Grants Program:

- Applications accepted to support project or program-specific expenses.
- Maximum grant amount is \$5000.
- Deadline for submission is **September 1, 2011 by 5 p.m.**
- Post grant report required.
- Qualified applications not funded by the Grants Distribution Committee will be made available to the Foundation's donor advisors to consider for funding.

Application materials for all grants are available at www.yccf.org/receive/grantsprograms or by contacting Sandy Aulbach, Grants Administrator at 848-3733.