



Frequently Asked Questions

What exactly is a giving circle and where do the funds come from?

A giving circle is a way for people to come together, pool their financial resources, and have a greater impact than they would as an individual. Each member of the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County contributes \$550.00 per year as their membership contribution. \$400.00 is placed in a pass through grants fund, \$100.00 is placed in an endowment, and \$50.00 is contributed to administrative fees.

I'm having difficulty downloading the Letter of Inquiry forms. What do I do?

Contact Susan Barnes at Cumberland Community Foundation at 910-483-4449 or susan@cumberlandcf.org. She will be able to email or fax a copy of the forms to you in a Word or Adobe document.

Does the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County consider grant requests outside of Cumberland County, North Carolina?

No, our focus is on Cumberland County.

I have submitted a Letter of Inquiry for the 2012 grant cycle. What's next?

The Grants Committee will review all Letters of Inquiry, and organizations will be notified by a posting on our website no later than January 24, 2012 whether they are invited to submit a full grant application. www.cumberlandcf.org/WCCGrantInformation.php

May I submit more than one application from my organization?

No, each organization is able to put forth one letter of inquiry for each grant cycle.

Does the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County commit to multi-year funding?

Currently, the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County is only considering funding for one year intervals.

I missed the deadline to submit a Letter of Inquiry for the 2012 grant cycle, is there other funding available?

The Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County currently offers one grant cycle held in the winter each year. No other funding opportunities are available at this time.