

**Resourceful Communities, a program of The Conservation Fund
Creating New Economies Fund Grant Program**

Grants Awarded in 2023

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL GRANT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
Adelphia CDC	\$12,000	To support youth entrepreneurship programming and local food purchases.
AIMHigh- Keep Pressing	\$12,000	To support promotion of outdoor education and wellness that improves social skills, physical fitness, and mental health through structured play.
Beacon of Hope Services	\$13,000	To support the <i>Beacon Gets Fresh!</i> , which enables local food purchases and builds revenue-generating capacity.
Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation	\$10,000	To support a <i>Land Management Education</i> lunch and learn series.
Boiling Springs Community Garden	\$7,500	To support a community teaching garden.
Bolton United Methodist Church	\$10,000	To advance food security and support the purchase of locally- sourced produce from farmers of color.
Bunn UMC Food Pantry	\$3,000	To advance food security and support the purchase of locally- sourced produce at a rural church food pantry.
Carteret Local Food Network	\$7,000	To support a mobile market reaching food-insecure, low-resourced customers.
Centro Comunitario Hispano Americano (El Centro)	\$12,000	To support after-school programming for Spanish-speaking and bilingual students.
Cleveland Community Cares, Inc. dba Common Ground Cafe	\$10,900	To support the provision of healthy, fresh food to low-resourced seniors.
Colectivo Henderson Resiste (<i>Fiscal Agent: Bountiful Cities Project Inc.</i>)	\$10,800	To support a Spanish-language food business entrepreneurship program.
Cordova United Methodist Church	\$9,000	To advance food security and support the purchase of locally- sourced produce for a local food pantry.
Davidson County Local Food Network, Inc.	\$11,000	To support the <i>Davidson Local Food Network</i> food hub.
Dreaming Stone Arts and Ecology Center	\$8,800	To support community programming that integrates ecology, community resiliency, and art.
Edmonds Tennis and Education Foundation	\$5,000	To provide healthy food nutrition and education for children.
FMBC of Magnolia Ministries, Inc.	\$7,500	To support the <i>Mooretown Community Garden</i> project.
Franklin County Interfaith Council - Faith and Food Coalition	\$25,000	To support a coalition of churches increase food security and garden and cooking programming.
Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail	\$13,000	To support further community outreach and outdoor access programming throughout the Fonta Flora State Trail.

Full Spectrum Farms, Inc.	\$12,450	To support life coaching for low-income, neurodiverse populations in rural mountain communities.
Gang Free Inc.	\$11,600	To support civic engagement and environmental programming for teen girls.
Glen Alpine Food Pantry - Faith and Food Coalition	\$28,000	To support an eight-church network to advance food security through the purchase of locally sourced produce; and foster collaborative fundraising and training opportunities.
Hunger Coalition of Transylvania County	\$9,000	To support local food purchases for a pantry-of-choice and taste testing during distribution.
Lake James Environmental Association	\$8,850	To support increased access for multi-generational environmental science programming.
Lillington UMC Gardening for God Garden Project	\$10,900	To support the development of the Lillington UMC Garden and its staff as they grow produce for food pantries and a domestic violence shelter.
Live Oak UMC /Bladen Faith Coalition	\$16,500	To support a three-church network of pantries serving underserved communities in northern Bladen County.
Mabel Zionville United Methodist Church	\$8,500	To increase food security through the sourcing and distribution of local foods and hosting a canning class.
Macon Co Heritage Center DBA Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center	\$11,000	To create a native-plants garden.
Marshall Native Gardens Initiative (Friends of Madison County Library)	\$7,600	To support the development and installation of the <i>Chimney Swift Trail and Tower</i> .
McQueen Chapel UMC/Green Thumbs Victory Community Garden	\$12,500	To support of the Green Thumbs Community Victory Garden.
Meaningful Industries Collaborative Corporation (MICO)	\$10,500	To support the <i>AOL Internship Program</i> (Works Development, Meaningful Meals, and Know your Roots).
Mills River Farm Market	\$5,000	To support an advanced young entrepreneurs program at the farmers' market.
Mitchell Giving Gardens	\$5,400	To support increased community outreach to greater distribution.
Mitchell Quilt Resource Center (County of Mitchell)	\$11,600	To support the creation of a center that promotes heritage quilting as a cottage industry, educates a new generation of quilters, and makes quilting accessible to everyone.
Mountain Alliance	\$10,000	To support the <i>Avery Youth Programming's Leadership Development Program</i> .
NETworX Yadkin/Yadkinville United Methodist Church	\$8,500	To support an existing garden and cooking programming.
New Covenant United Methodist Church	\$5,000	To support the addition of gardening curriculum to an existing summer literacy camp.
Norman United Methodist Church (God's Garden)	\$10,000	To support the purchase of farming and tractor implements to improve the efficiency and yield of the garden and produce that goes to food pantries.
Northern Pitt County Improvement Association Inc. / Bethel Advocacy Committee	\$9,500	To continue community gardens, programming, and farmers' market to promote healthy eating.

Oriental United Methodist Church/Prime Time	\$8,500	To support a cooking and nutrition learning program for older adults.
Oxford UMC - God's Garden	\$8,000	To support a children's gardening program in partnership with the local Boys & Girl's Club focusing on wellness and education.
Pathways to Parks (Fiscal Agent: Conserving Carolina)	\$8,500	To support programs that connect rural people of color and communities with limited access to natural park resources.
Paul & Marion Ramseur Foundation	\$12,000	To support of a youth entrepreneurial farming program.
Pelham Community Center Inc.	\$12,000	To support a pilot local food access project for seniors.
Pender County Food Coalition	\$25,000	To support a 6-member coalition of churches and nonprofits working collaboratively in food security, while also supporting their work in community advocacy.
Piney Creek (Alleghany-Grayson Charge, United Methodist Churches)	\$10,000	To increase food security through the provision of local foods.
PowerPoint Church/Healthy Robeson Coalition	\$25,000	To support a 4-member coalition of churches and a nonprofit in distributing fresh produce boxes, teaching healthy recipes, and facilitating community conversations about health and public resources.
Robbinsville United Methodist Church	\$9,000	To support youth programming focused on canning, marketing and local value-added product sales.
Salem United Methodist Church / Washburn Community Outreach Center	\$9,500	To source and produce local produce for food distribution while offering resources for cooking and making healthy choices.
Salem United Methodist Church Simpson-Share the Bounty Food Pantry	\$11,500	To increase food security through the provision of local foods.
Salem United Methodist Church-Oxford	\$5,780	To support a local church garden's internship program with high school students.
Sandhills Family Heritage Association	\$6,000	To support the preservation and maintenance of an African American cemetery.
Seeds of Hope Wilson	\$7,000	To support the <i>Betsy Bee Program</i> , which teaches youth about beekeeping, and making and selling honey.
Shiloh United Methodist Church (Sparta)	\$8,500	To increase food security through the provision of local foods.
Sparta United Methodist Church	\$13,500	To support a weekly community meal, distribution of local produce, and cooking and nutrition classes.
Springs Holistic Center Inc.	\$10,000	To support the <i>Journey to Wholeness</i> summer program.
St. Peter's United Methodist Church	\$13,000	To support the incorporation of local food into St. Peter's youth <i>Reaching, Reading and Feeding</i> outreach program.
Stone Soup Menus Inc.	\$9,500	To upgrade cold storage and kitchen supplies.
The Learning Shack	\$12,000	To support a youth social enterprise that teaches youth sewing skills while making and selling jackets using locally-sourced fiber.

The Living and Learning Youth Center	\$4,000	To support an environmental justice and learning camp.
The Mary B. Mullen Bible Camp, Inc.	\$9,200	To support an African American girls garden education camp.
The Saluda Pop-Up Pantry	\$10,000	To support the <i>Farm to Neighbor Program</i> , which supplies local meat and produce to the food pantry, along with cooking demonstrations.
Tri-County Food and Faith Coalition	\$25,000	To support a coalition of churches to increase food security for underserved elders through the provision of local foods.
Triumph Team	\$10,000	To support the <i>Seed 2 Plate</i> project, a bilingual community teaching garden and literacy program for Robeson County youth.
UCAN United Communities Assistance Network	\$10,500	To support a summer camp where youth will learn the effects of climate change and AI on impoverished rural communities.
Uncomplicated Kitchen Inc.	\$9,800	To support a hands-on culinary literacy series for seniors.
Unity in the Community	\$10,000	To support the development of value-added products and upgrade product labeling and marketing to generate more income.
Versademics Learning Centers	\$8,500	To support a youth summer camp incorporating environmental and financial literacy activities.
West End United Methodist Church	\$8,200	To support the continuation of the <i>Healthy Neighbors Program</i> to provide food produce boxes.
WNC Farm to Table (Fiscal Agent: Carolina Common Enterprise)	\$12,000	To support an emerging food hub in NC's far western counties.
Yadkin County Coalition (Good Soil Program)	\$25,000	To support a coalition of churches to increase food security and food sovereignty for people in need through education and community building.
Zara Betterment Corporation	\$10,500	To support an intergenerational summer programming teaching the basics of food preservation and heritage cooking.