

GREENSBORO ASSOCIATION
GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

August 3, 2023

Committee Members: Anthony Acheson, Karen Gowen (Co-Chair), Debbie Kasper, Mike Metcalf, Mary Meyer, Tim Nisbet, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer (Co-Chair)

Greensboro Association (GA) grants are made possible by the generosity of our membership in support of this community we all love and to ensure its vitality for generations to come. Funded by annual gifts and endowment funds from the Fund for Greensboro, the Grants Program provides support to a variety of community organizations and initiatives that reflect the GA's mission and goals. The GA's grants committee currently encourages grant requests for specific initiatives and one-year community projects as well as supporting grants for operating expenses for previous grant recipients.

In July 2023, the Grants Committee awarded \$27,500 through its annual grants program to 18 grantees, in support of outstanding community programming, town initiatives, and general operations for organizations that provide essential services to the Greensboro community. The generosity of the GA membership has allowed our annual grants awards to steadily increase and we look forward to continuing this trend in support of a vibrant Greensboro.

Annual Grants	Description	Award
AWARE	General funding	\$2,500
Bend Revitalization Initiative	Lamoille Valley Rail Trail trailhead amenities	\$1,500
Caspian Public Beach	General funding	\$1,000
Circus Smirkus	SMIRKFEST - Community festival	\$1,000
Craftsbury Saplings	General funding	\$1,000
Craftsbury Community Care Center	Activities program	\$1,000
4 Seasons of Early Learning	Food for 4000+ meals	\$2,500
Greensboro Cemetery Commission	Road construction	\$500
Greensboro Fire Department	Battery powered ventilation fan & general operations	\$2,000

Greensboro Historical Society	Video recorder for living history of Greensboro residents & events	\$1,000
Greensboro Free Library	Modern Times Theater beach performance & general operations	\$1,500
Greensboro Nursing Home	Hoyer Lift	\$1,500
Greensboro Ski Trails (Craftsbury Outdoor Center)	Maintenance of Greensboro Ski Trails	\$1,000
Greensboro Swim Program	Swim Instruction	\$2,000
Hardwick Food Pantry	Food	\$2,000
Hardwick Rescue Squad	General operating funds to offset increased payroll	\$2,500
Rural Arts Collaborative	General funding	\$1,000
Smith's Grocery	Community events - movie night & arts and crafts workshops	\$2,000
TOTAL		\$27,500

Immediately following the devastating storm that flooded our area on July 10th, 2023, the GA began fundraising through our Community Relief Fund to support flood recovery throughout the greater-Greensboro area. In the first week following the flood, the GA Grants committee awarded \$20,000 to groups working directly with community members who were impacted by this disaster, coordinating immense volunteer efforts, and providing essential food, supplies, and shelter.

We are continuing to raise donations for additional waves of funding to support the flood relief and rebuilding efforts that are just getting started. The GA's Grants Committee is continuing to communicate with local groups and funders to identify gaps and areas of greatest need as we look to clear the wreckage and rebuild our community even stronger than before!

Community Relief Fund	Grant Description	Award
Center for an Agricultural Economy	Food Voucher Program	\$5,000
The Civic Standard	volunteer coordination, community meal, emergency shelter	\$2,000
Greensboro United Church of Christ	emergency food/fuel/shelter	\$1,000

Hardwick Area Food Pantry	Food	\$5,000
Northeast Kingdom Organizers (NEKO)	coordinating cleanup efforts for individuals - providing supplies and volunteer coordinating	\$5,000
Smith's Store	emergency food/fuel fund	\$1,000
Willey's General Store	Hardware supplies, tools for volunteer work crews	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$20,000

Our local nonprofits, businesses, farms, and community are going to be strained from the impacts of the floods and the financial support from our membership will be crucial in the coming year. Thank you to all for being part of this important work.

Thank you for keeping donations local so we can be sure people are getting their essential needs met. The GA's immediate response and ability to get funding into the hands of first responders through our Community Relief Fund has been vital as state or federal funding sources are still undetermined and our local organizations rely on operating capital to be able to respond to the overwhelming need.

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi Ranz-Schleifer and Karen Gowen (Co-Chairs)