

BURKE WOMEN'S FUND GRANTS

2022 Grants - \$9,009

Burke County Literacy Council – “Burke Work Opportunities” (\$1,585)

Funding to provide 6 weeks of classes that will provide information on working in Burke County, training for the workforce, and the opportunity to visit business locations including Western Piedmont Community College.

Christ United Methodist Church – “Sewing Initiative and Circle Kids Program” (\$3,924)

Funding to (1) provide industrial sewing machine, quilting table, and smart TV for the Sewing Initiative; and (2) provide funding for Circle Kids Programming to include music and supplies.

Options, Inc. – “A Fresh Start” (\$3,500)

Funding to provide basic household items and gas vouchers for women as they leave the shelter and begin new lives.

2021 Grants - \$27,660

Casting for Hope – “Here for You Project” (\$2,500)

Funding to provide patient financial assistance for women battling gynecological cancers.

Center for Rural Health Innovation – “Health-e-Schools Burke County Telehealth Expansion” (\$7,500)

Funding to purchase five Tytocare Pro devices, testing equipment, and supplies to assist Burke County school nurses in conducting telehealth visits.

Compassionate Hearts Clinic – “Mental Health Counseling for Patients of Compassionate Hearts Clinic” (\$2,800)

Funding to provide mental health counseling services for female patients of the Compassionate Hearts Clinic.

Glen Alpine United Methodist – “Food Pantry-Milk Money” (\$6,500)

Funding to provide a half-gallon of milk weekly for each family served.

Options, Inc. – “Safety Plan” (\$8,360)

Funding to provide safety devices for women and their families who live in fear of domestic violence.

2020 Grants - \$33,470

Compassionate Hearts Clinics – “Women and Families – The Best Practices Start at Home” (\$1,800)

Funding to provide an in-service educational session for up to 100 women on healthy eating by a nurse practitioner and a certified exercise physiologist.

COVID 19 Community Emergency Grant Response Fund (\$10,870)

Funds to support the Community Foundation of Burke County Community Emergency Grant Reponse Fund which provides assistance to nonprofits serving Burke County during the Covid-19 crisis.

Habitat for Humanity – “Habitat Restore Truck” (\$10,000)

Funding to purchase a 16' box truck used for picking up donations for the ReStore. This truck would replace current truck that is 14 years old and has over 129,000 miles.

Options – “Expressions of Healing” (\$7,350)

Funding to purchase playground equipment and art supplies for children.

The Meeting Place – “Security Features at Emergency Shelter and Family Transitional Home” (\$1,450)

Funding to purchase a Ring security flood light, single install cameras, and purchase a one year security subscription for the Suzy Fitzgerald Emergency Shelter for Women and Children and FACES, the organization's Family Transitional Home.

TOSS – “TOSScamp: The Art of Science” (\$2,000)

Funding for full scholarships for children to attend virtual TOSScamp.

2019 Grants - \$35,500

Assure the Future – “Go Baby Go” (\$2,000)

Funding for two modified ride-on cars for children with mobility challenges.

Blue Ridge Community Action – “Foster Grandparent Program” (\$7,500)

Funding to support a Foster Grandparent Coordinator to connect foster grandparents with organizations serving children in need and to reimburse foster grandparents for transportation funds.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Better Start Bags for Mothers” (\$5,000)

Funding for 75 bags that include diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, baby food, pacifiers, thermometer, other items, and informational resources and to provide funding for food, towels, hygiene products.

Foothills Conservancy – “Our Big Backyard – Adventures in Nature” (\$5,000)

Funding to purchase 50 fuel cell car kits for summer nature camp for children ages 8-12 and to purchase supplies for STEAM activities.

Options, Inc. – “Are You Aware?” (\$2,000)

Funding for ten Support Satchels, stipend and travel expenses for Victim’s Advocate, and marketing materials for a campaign to increase community awareness and prevention for rape and sexual assault victims.

The Meeting Place – “Re-flooring of the Suzy Fitzgerald Emergency Shelter” (\$6,000)

Funding to replace entire floor at emergency shelter for women and children.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments – “Burke County Transit” (\$8,000)

Funding for program to increase public transit ridership for women with limited English proficiency who are waiting for living in assisted/public housing.

2018 Grants – \$26,959

Burke Arts Council – “TOSS-Advanced After School Program” (\$500)

Funding for supplies for a newly developed after school high-school student art program.

Burke County Literacy Council – “Running for Literacy” (\$2,930)

Funding for a health literacy and running group program for 20 women.

Casting for Hope – “Casting for Hope Expanded Retreat Programming” (\$6,029)

Funding for a three day retreat for caregivers and women following diagnosis of ovarian or other gynecological cancer.

First Presbyterian Church – “Sweet and Savory Delights Bakery” (\$7,500)

Funding to support the Sweet and Savory Delights Bakery program that annually recruits Hispanic women in grades 9-12 who want to learn the art of baking and the skill of business operations.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments – “Fixed Route Public Transportation Service for Burke County” (\$10,000)

Funding to support the Fixed Route Public Transportation Service for Burke County.

2017 Grants - \$28,763

Burke County Literacy Council – “Running for Literacy” (\$1,700)

Funding to develop a health literacy and running group program for Project Flower

Catawba Science Center – “GALS Girls Actively Learning Science” (\$3,000)

Funding to support The GALS (Girls All Love Science) after-school program at Ray Childers and the expansion of that program at George Hildebrand.

Center for Rural Health Innovation – “Health-e-Schools Telemedicine Program” (\$7,100)

Funding to purchase equipment to add two Health-e-Schools Programs (telemedicine sites) to six existing sites in Burke County.

Library Foundation of Burke County – “Read, Exercise, and Discover (READ)” (\$4,800)

Funding to create a permanent community storywalk – “Read, Exercise, and Discover (READ)” on the Morganton Greenway system with a walking distance of 1-2 miles.

Oak Hill United Methodist Church – “Burke Augustine Literacy Project” (\$1,700)

Funding for tutors and training for the Burke Augustine Literacy Project

Oak Ridge Baptist Church – “Good Samaritan East Clinic” (\$5,963)

Funding to purchase equipment for the Good Samaritan East Clinic

Western Piedmont Community College – “Tutoring Support Camp; Camp Connect” (\$2,000)

Funding to facilitate a yearlong tutoring program as well as a summer writing/ tutoring project to academically benefit Limited English Proficiency boys from three BCPS middle schools.

Focus Grant

City of Morganton – “One Dime Blues: An Etta Baker Tribute” (\$2,500)

Funding for the printing and production of Etta Baker lesson plans for third grade BCPS students as part of the “One Dime Blues: An Etta Baker Tribute”.

2016 Grants - \$28,750

Assure the Future – “Circles De Esperanza” (\$1,250)

Funding for Circles de Esperanza (bilingual group designed to serve Spanish speaking participants) to purchase translation services and equipment.

Burke Arts Council – “TOSS” (\$1,200)

Funding to purchase materials and tools for the TOSS program (The Old School Studio), an afterschool initiative for young people and developing artists in Burke County.

Burke County Literacy Council – “Growing Healthy Living Skills” (\$2,000)

Funding for garden construction and preparation for families attending English as a Second Language program at Western Piedmont Community College.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Feeding the Masses” (\$3,000)

Funding to purchase canned meats and vegetables to be used for the Soup Kitchen.

Catawba Science Center – “GALS Girls All Love Science” (\$4,000)

Funding to support The GALS (Girls All Love Science) after-school program for grades 3-5 at Ray Childers Elementary School.

Good Samaritan Clinic – “Improving the Health of Women” (\$4,500)

Funding to provide hormone replacement therapy for female patients utilizing the Clinic.

Oak Ridge Baptist Church – “Compassionate Hearts Clinic” (\$2,500)

Funding to purchase equipment for Compassionate Hearts Clinic, located at OakRidge Baptist Church.

Options – “Taking Care of Business” (\$1,000)

Funding to build a carport for the client transportation van; and to equip the van with child seats.

South Mountain Children and Family Services – “Summer Fun” (\$1,200)

Funding for transportation to take children ages 3-18 on educational outings. Children attending will be those that are academically behind in school.

Strategic Alliance for Burke Youth – “Burke Girls’ Empowerment Summit” (\$1,000)

Funding to support 2nd annual Burke Girls Empowerment Summit which will occur on May 14, 2016.

The Meeting Place, Inc. – “Services and Case Management Enhancement” (\$3,500)

Funding to subsidize costs related to Shelter Managers at the Emergency Shelter for Women and Children.

Focus Grants

Girl Scouts Peaks to Piedmont – Camp Sunshine” (\$1,450)

Funding to send 20 underserved Burke County 3rd-5th grade girls to Camp Sunshine where they will focus on teamwork, social skills and building self-confidence.

The History Museum of Burke County – “The Desegregation of BCPS Systems” (\$2,150)

Funding to purchase equipment and materials needed to support the exhibit at the History Museum of Burke County.

2015 Grants - \$43,532

Burke Charitable Properties – “Lighting Up for Safety” (\$2,832)

Funding to replace existing parking lot lighting in poor repair with LED lighting providing a bright, safe environment with less energy consumption.

Burke County Literacy Council – “Literacy on the Move” (\$5,000)

Funding to provide transportation for students, Moms, and their children to attend Project Flower (English language and literacy).

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Collaborative Food Pantry” (\$7,000)

Funding to purchase canned meat and vegetables to be divided equally among five pantries including Waldensian Presbyterian Food Pantry, East Burke Christian Ministries, East Burke High School Food Pantry, Oak Ridge Shekinah Food Pantry, and Burke United Christian Ministries Food Pantry.

First United Methodist Church, Valdese – “Children’s Feeding Ministry” (\$3,000)

Funding to hire a Hispanic translator to speak at local churches, group meetings; to translate current brochure into Spanish; to print brochures and posters; and to provide translators for intakes.

The Meeting Place – “Women’s and Children’s Shelter Staff Expansion” (\$5,500)

Funding to provide an additional shelter worker to maintain normal hours year-round, increase effectiveness in serving guests, and provide transitional-type referrals and assistance.

Southmountain Children and Family Services – “SPARCS of Light for Troubled Teens” (\$1,200)

Funding to obtain training for one SPARCS of Light for Troubled Teens training in order to offer group therapy.

Strategic Alliance for Burke Youth – “Burke Girls’ Empowerment Summit” (\$1,000)

Funding to support a day-long event focused on the development and empowerment of girls ages 11-18.

Focus Grants

Habitat for Humanity – “Woerner Way Gardens” (\$2,500)

Funding to construct five raised garden beds, buy plants, amend the soil and irrigated in the Woerner Way subdivision.

St. Matthews United Methodist Church – “St. Matthews Baby Closet Supply” (\$5,000)

Funding to purchase diapers and baby supplies for low-income families in Burke County.

Valdese First Christian Church – “Dry Bottoms Diaper Ministry” (\$5,000)

Funding to purchase diapers and baby supplies for low-income families in Burke County.

Waldensian Presbyterian Church – “Burke County Community Gardens Initiative” (\$5,500)

Funding to create a collaborative network of community gardens across Burke County including St. Mary’s/St. Stephens Episcopal Community Garden in Oak Hill, Waldensian Church’s Praley Street Garden in Valdese, the Morganton Day School Garden, and the garden at Forest Hill Elementary School.

2014 Grants - \$28,740

Assure the Future – “Burke County Circles Initiative - Teen Circles” (\$927)

Funding to purchase curricula to work with girls and boys, aged 7-17, to support the social and emotional well-being of participants in the Circles Initiative program who are coping with the impact of domestic violence.

Blue Ridge HealthCare Foundation – “Lean In, Go Far!” (\$3,000)

Funding for program materials and transportation for third and fourth grade girls to attend the STEAM academy, Phifer Wellness Center, and NC Universities.

Burke Hospice and Palliative Care – “Footprints on My Heart” (\$2,099)

Funding to create an education and bereavement support program for women and their families who are facing heartbreak after the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant mortality.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Forklift Purchase” (\$5,539)

Funding to purchase a new forklift that will allow workers to more easily and efficiently move food through the BUCM warehouse.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Sweet Delights Bakery” (\$5,000)

Funding to hire a part-time Project Manager that will support the bakery in carrying out their business plan, support the sustainability of the project, and provide employment opportunities for young Hispanic women.

First United Methodist Church, Valdese – “The Children’s Feeding Ministry” (\$4,000)

Funding to purchase food, needed clothing and school supplies for students and their families. The Ministry is designed primarily to provide food on weekends, holidays, and during summer vacation to students from low income families who qualify for free and reduced meals at school.

Options, Inc. – “Searching for Success” (\$3,175)

Funding to purchase 3 laptops, a printer, a router and needed start-up materials for shelter use. The laptops will assist shelter residents in applying and searching for jobs on-line as well as allow students to complete homework.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club – “After School Program” (\$5,000)

Funding for 40 afterschool program scholarships for families who cannot afford the \$5 per week fee.

2013 Grants - \$44,540

Barium Springs Home for Children – “Growing Catawba Valley Healthy Families” (\$7,000)

Funding for a program which targets first-time parents in Burke County who face multiple stress factors that place them at high risk of child maltreatment. Families can enroll during the pregnancy up to the baby's 3rd month of infancy and services may continue for up to five years.

Blue Ridge Community Action – “Burke County Circles Initiative” (\$900)

Funding for a new collaborative project that works with families to build capacity and transition the family out of long-term poverty.

Blue Ridge HealthCare Foundation – “Beyond the Treatment” (\$3,500)

Funding for a program for low income, uninsured, or under insured Burke County women over the age of 18 which will provide assistance with transportation, prescription medicine, childcare, and prosthetic needs.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Feed the Children” (\$7,500)

Funding for meals for children 0 – 18 who live in Burke County and are considered economically disadvantaged.

Good Samaritan Clinic – “Managing the Triple Threat of Diabetes” (\$4,000)

Funding for intensive medication management for women with diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol.

Mimosa Christian Counseling Center – “At Risk Family Stress” (\$5,000)

Funding for a proactive/preventive counseling and therapy program to address family stressors, especially as related to child negligence and/or abuse and provide women's life skills/self improvement program.

Options – “Safety Goggles” (\$5,000)

Funding for the purchase and installation of 5 exterior surveillance cameras at the only Domestic Violence Shelter in Burke County.

Waldensian Presbyterian Church – “Providing Feminine Hygiene” (\$4,000)

Funding to provide feminine hygiene products for clients.

Focus Grants

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Project Independence” (\$5,000)

Funding for equipment for a new program that will educate and mentor 15 young Hispanic women to develop/manage a part-time bakery business. Net income will be applied towards an educational scholarship fund for young woman in the Hispanic community who participate in the program.

Foothills Service Project – “Women Building for Women” (\$2,640)

Funding for building materials for 6 ramps that will serve low income disabled women.

2012 Grants - \$36,600

Barium Springs Home for Children – “Catawba Valley Healthy Families” (\$3,300)

Funding for a program which targets first-time parents in Burke County without a support network who face multiple stress factors that place them at high risk of child maltreatment.

Blue Ridge HealthCare – “More for Moms - Burke County Public School Nurse Program” (\$2,500)

Funding to support the More for Moms program which aids pregnant teen in Burke County Public Schools.

Burke County Literacy Council – “Project Flower: Transportation, Technology, and Training” (\$3,300)

Funding for transportation, technology and training for a literacy program targeting immigrant populations who have limited literacy skills in any language.

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Project Warmth” (\$8,000)

Funding to support the Project Warmth program which assists single mothers as head of household with utility bills.

Good Samaritan Clinic – “Teeth in Need” (\$2,000)

Funding to support Teeth in Need, a dental program.

Options, Inc. – “In-House Therapy” (\$7,500)

Funding to support an in-house therapy program for Options clients.

The Meeting Place One, Inc. – “Burke Women’s Shelter” (\$5,000)

Funding to support the Burke Women’s Shelter.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club – “After School Childcare” (\$5,000)

Funding to support an after school/summer childcare program.

2011 Grants - \$30,600

Burke United Christian Ministries – “Project Dignity” (\$5,000)

Funding to purchase underwear for clients.

First United Methodist Church, Valdese – “The Children’s Feeding Ministry” (\$4,000)

Funding to support a children’s backpack food ministry program.

Good Samaritan Clinic – “Complete Physical Exams for Female Patients” (\$5,000)

Funding to support increased access to physical exams through expanded office hours and hiring of a second family nurse practitioner.

Options – “Opportunities for Empowerment” (\$2,000)

Funding for transportation and medical assistance for Options’ clients.

The Meeting Place One, Inc. – “FACES Families Adjusting Changing Evolving Safely” (\$9,600)

Funding to support the FACES women’s emergency shelter.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club – “After School/Summer Childcare” (\$5,000)

Funding to support the Boys and Girls Club after-school/summer programs at Mountain Crest School.

2010 Grants - \$4,500

Appalachian Family Innovations – “Stewards of Children Training” (\$1,500)

Funding for a program for overburdened mothers (and their spouses/partners) identified as having stressors known to place them at high risk for child maltreatment.

Burke County Literacy Council – “Project Flower Transportation” (\$1,000)

Funding for transportation to a literacy program for immigrant population who have limited English skills.

First United Methodist Church, Valdese - “The Children’s Feeding Ministry” (\$2,000)

Funding for a food program designed to provide nutritional foods to supplement/maintain the students through the weekends during the school year and to provide 5 lunches per week during the summer months. Program participants live in the Valdese school district and attend Valdese Elementary, Heritage Middle, or J. Draughn High School.