



Twin County Community Foundation
Serving Carroll County, Grayson County and the City of Galax

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The Twin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of the 2018 Grants to the Carroll/Grayson/Galax Communities. The grants are made eligible to not for profit agencies and local government entities to promote the health, education, and welfare of the citizens of Grayson and Carroll Counties and the city of Galax.

The grants for the 2019 Fiscal year were awarded to:

One-on-One Literacy Program of Wythe & Grayson Counties, Inc. for “Eat for Life” health literacy programs for undereducated and under-insured members of the community.

Carroll County CPR Success Project for replacement of current manikins for CPR training for area rescue squads.

Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute, Inc. for the purchase of computers and software to Higher Education Center Laptop Lab.

Galax Backpack Buddies, Inc. for weekend food for children who would go hungry.

Mount Rogers Health District for vaccine-preventable disease initiative in the Twin County area.

Carroll County Wellness Center, Inc. for the wellness program.

Chestnut Creek School of the Arts to expand their daytime class schedule with arts projects and special populations.

The Book People of FUMC for purchase of books.

Free Clinic of the Twin Counties for expanding services.

City of Galax for playground equipment for Felts Park.

A total of 10 grants for \$313,020.00 were awarded for the 2019 grant cycle.

The next grant cycle application deadline will be August 1, 2019. All Carroll, Grayson, and Galax not for profit agencies that provide services for health, education, and welfare in the service area are invited to submit an application.

Also, the Twin County Community Foundation recently announced the establishment of the "Twin County Community Foundation Scholarship Program" through the Wytheville Community College Educational Foundation.

Beginning with the Fall 2019 semester, this new scholarship will provide free, "last-dollar" tuition and fees for graduates of Carroll County High School, Galax High School, and Grayson County High School who reside in the Twin County region and who enroll in any of five specific health programs: Nursing, Practical Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Technician, and Physical Therapist Assistant. Students who benefit from the scholarship will also give back to the community by completing volunteer service hours.

The new scholarship program will be available to seniors graduating from a Twin County high school in spring 2019 who meet the following criteria: (1) students must be residents of the Twin Counties who have lived in Galax, Carroll, or Grayson counties for at least their junior and senior year of high school; (2) students must have maintained a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average; and (3) students must have been accepted into one of the five identified programs at WCC. Also, in order to encourage life-long service to the community, recipients will be expected to volunteer 20 hours of community service in a Twin County area nonprofit or other approved agency for each year they receive scholarship assistance.

More information can be found at the Twin County Community Foundation website at www.twincountycommunityfoundation.org