

Shore Community Grants for Yadkin County 2025 (up to \$12,000)

This funding opportunity is made possible by the Wayne A. Shore Endowment Fund, which was established by a bequest from Mr. Shore who lived in East Bend.

The final deadline for submissions on Oct. 9 at 5pm

Grants of up to \$12,000 may be awarded to organizations serving the following focus areas in Yadkin County:

- Animal Welfare
- Arts and Culture (that contribute to a vibrant community)
- Community Development and Engagement
- Economic Security and Opportunities
- Health and Wellness
- Human Services and Basic Needs
- Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Stewardship
- Workforce Development and Entrepreneurial Cultivation

Collaborations

Collaborative grants undertaken in partnership with multiple nonprofit organizations are also favorably viewed. Projects of a particular scope may benefit from each organization's expertise or mission area. Collaborations often create more effective and sustainable programs or services. All collaborations must support a specific effort, share responsibility, and work together to develop a jointly agreed-upon structure.

Tax-Funded Agencies

Typically, priority is given to requests from organizations that do not have access to tax funds.

Grants will not be awarded for:

- Fundraising events, sponsorships, memberships, advertising or promotional products
- Capital campaigns, endowment, or annual campaigns
- Activities that do not demonstrate measurable, sustainable outcomes
- Clubs, sports teams, student travel, or other services limited to a select membership
- Cemeteries
- Political or lobbying activities prohibited by the IRS
- Organizations that grant out funds to other non-profits
- Public agencies for mandated or otherwise government-funded services
- Individual grants or awards

Applicant organizations must:

- Be an IRS-registered organization with a letter determination as tax-exempt 501(c)(3) (excluding 509(a) private foundations) or be a governmental or quasi-governmental agency.
- Have been in existence for at least three years (based on date of IRS determination letter) and have achieved a record of effective service and sustainability.
- Have a current Charitable Solicitation License from the Secretary of State. Details on this requirement can be found online here. <https://www.sosnc.gov/divisions/charities/licensing>

If you are unsure if your organization meets any of these requirements, we urge you to contact the Foundation before beginning an application to discuss your situation.

Review Process

All proposed projects and organizations must satisfy the basic requirements before being reviewed against the criteria. Organizations and projects not meeting the basic criteria will be disqualified and not considered for further review.

Applications that meet the basic criteria will be reviewed and scored by an independent volunteer team of community representatives, followed by the Foundation Board of Directors review.

Based on questions raised in the review, applicants may be asked to submit additional, clarifying information for grant consideration. The SFF Board of Directors will make the final grant award decisions.

Application Deadline and Decision Notification

The application must be completed by 5:00 p.m. on October 9th. Before submitting your application, ensure your organization's name and contact are on each supplemental document uploaded. Please do not send additional e-brochures or other collateral e-materials.

Applicants will be notified of grant decisions in late November. Funds will be dispersed to awarded organizations in early December.