



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Northwest Mississippi

Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi Place-Based Education & Civic Entrepreneurship Grant Application

Please provide the following information:

1. Legal Name of Organization: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. Phone: _____ Fax: _____

4. E-mail: _____ Website: _____

5. Grant contact person: _____

6. Grant contact phone, fax, email (if different from above): _____

7. Program name: _____

8. Purpose of Grant for Place-Based Education & Civic Entrepreneurship (one sentence):

9. Amount requested: \$ _____ Total Program Cost: \$ _____

10. Counties served by your organization:

Bolivar
Coahoma
DeSoto
Leflore

Marshall
Panola
Quitman
Sunflower

Tallahatchie
Tate
Tunica

11. Have you previously applied for a grant from the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi?

Yes If yes, when? _____ No

Signature, Chairperson, Board of Directors

Date

Printed Name

Signature, Executive Director

Date

Printed Name

WHAT IS PLACED-BASED LEARNING & CIVIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP?

It is a teaching and learning process that uses local environment and community as the context for learning. Place-Based Learning focuses on utilizing local resources as teaching tools. Students are involved in problem-solving and other meaningful tasks; they work autonomously to construct their own learning which culminates in realistic, student-generated products. The place of learning is the local community and environment. Students are engaged in learning that is connected to real work that meets a real community need and the work is student driven. There are three goals to the **Northwest Mississippi Endowment for Place-Based Education & Civic Entrepreneurship:**

- **Goal 1** - *Engaging K-12 Students in Real-World Geographic Issues* by following the standards in “Geography for Life”, and engaging them in real-life problems related to environments, economics and cultures. Teachers and students will engage in the study of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other appropriate technologies such as videography and sound recording.
- **Goal 2** - *Supporting Innovation in Professional Development of K-12 Geography Educators* again using the stands of “Geography for Life” and helping students learn about how the world works.
- **Goal 3** - *Establishing Geography’s Position and Importance in the K-12 Curriculum* working through partnerships with state geographic alliances, business roundtables, governmental agencies and caucuses, as well as associations of nonprofit organizations.

Placed-Based Education is designed to improve students, educators, local citizens and policy makers to be lifelong learners and agents of positive change, with local places – as well as the larger world – as their classroom. Young people will be encouraged to think about issues of vocation and service, to encourage them to consider how they can best use their intellectual gifts and heritage to pursue careers in ways that will serve and enrich their communities.

Description of Program for which grant is sought:

Please provide the following information in this order and with the headings as listed. Please limit your description to **no more than three pages**, not including Grant Budget Forms and Attachments.

1. SUMMARY

- ❑ Briefly describe your organization's history and mission
- ❑ Briefly describe your organization's programs, activities and accomplishments
- ❑ Have you had any experience in Place-Based Education and/or Civic Entrepreneurship programs?
- ❑ Explain why your organization is requesting this grant, what outcomes you plan to achieve, and how you will spend the funds if the grant is made

2. PURPOSE OF GRANT

- ❑ State the needs and opportunities as well as the target population to be addressed
- ❑ Describe how people in the target population will benefit and the estimated number of target population
- ❑ List the grant's goals, measurable objectives and action plans, and tell whether this program is a new or ongoing part of your organization
- ❑ Give your timetable for implementation
- ❑ Describe availability or potential for matching funds as well as other partners in the program and their roles
- ❑ List similar programs in your region, if any, and explain your program's relationship to them
- ❑ Give the qualifications of key people who will ensure this program's success
- ❑ Give long-term strategies for funding this program after the grant period
- ❑ Describe ways this grant will raise your organization's visibility and increase its capacity

3. EVALUATION

- ❑ Describe plans for evaluation of the program, including how success will be defined and measured
NOTE: As part of the Evaluation process, CFNM will be asking for numbers served/reached by race and age-range in the Progress and Final Reports. We will also be asking for stories concerning your grant.

4. BUDGET

- ❑ Complete and attach the Grant Budget Form
- ❑ List of priority items in the Grant Budget Form, in case the Community Foundation is unable to meet your full request
NOTE: If the grant request is for a specific project/program, please list only revenues and expenses items for the requested project or program. If the request is for general operating expenses, please include revenues and expenses for the organization.

GRANT BUDGET FORM

(Please provide the program budget in the format and order as listed below.)

Organization's fiscal year: _____
Time period covered by this budget: _____ to _____

REVENUE: Include a description and the total revenue expected for each budget category for this program. Please indicate which sources of revenue are committed and which are pending.

| | Committed | Pending |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Grants/contracts/contributions | | |
| Local Government | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| State Government | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Federal Government | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Foundations (itemize) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Corporations (itemize) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Individuals | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Other (specify) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Earned Income | | |
| Events | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Publications and Products | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Membership Income | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| In-kind support | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Other (specify) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

EXPENSES: Include a description and the total expenses for each of the following budget categories (pages can be added for the detailed budget).

| | Amount requested from Community Foundation: | Total project expense: |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Salaries | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Payroll Taxes | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Fringe Benefits | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Consultant/profession fees | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Insurance | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Travel | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Equipment | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Supplies | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Printing/Copying | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Telephone/Fax | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Postage and Delivery | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Rent | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Utilities | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Maintenance | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Evaluation | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Marketing | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Other (specify) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

ATTACHMENTS:

MUST HAVE EACH OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED

- ❑ Copy of the current IRS determination letter indicating 501(c)3 tax-exempt status
 - ❑ Copy of the current Certification of Registration as a charitable organization with the Mississippi Secretary of State
 - ❑ Copy of the most recently filed IRS Form 990 (if you do not file Form 990, then a copy of most recent annual financial statement)
 - ❑ List of governing board members with occupations and contact information
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Grants Process:

Please submit only one copy of your proposal, stapled (not bound) to:

Peggy Linton
Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi
315 Losher Street, Suite 100
Hernando, MS 38632

For questions, you may contact Peggy at: 662.449.5002 or plinton@cfnm.org

CFNM Grants Committee and CFNM Board meet quarterly
Grant Application Deadlines:
November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1