

ENDOWMENTS: COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDS

The Community Foundation offers 4 competitive grant programs which focus on Early Childhood Education, the Future of Northwest Mississippi, Place-Based Education & Civic Engagement, and Technology in Education. The Community Foundation's competitive grant programs are offered twice a year with **deadlines of March 1st and September 1st**. Nonprofit organizations that work in the Community Foundation's service region are eligible to apply. These counties include Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Leflore, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica.

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI

Provides support to nonprofit organizations in the 11-county region for the following focus areas:

1. Health (examples: sustainable food systems like farmers' markets, community gardens, mobile food markets, etc.)
2. Active Living (example: support for bike lanes, walking trails, parks, etc.)
3. Oral health for children
4. Education (examples: cultural and historical education (including support for museums); public libraries for educational exhibits (traveling or permanent); youth leadership programs; arts education; or after school mentoring / tutoring programs)

PLACE-BASED EDUCATION & CIVIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Provides support as 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.
- 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.

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TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

Provides support to nonprofit organizations for the following purposes:

1. Summer technology camps and workshops for teachers
2. Innovative technology workshops for students outside their regular classroom
3. Entrepreneurship support utilizing EverFi
4. Ways to use technology to advance learning
5. Early childhood learning through technology

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Provides support for childhood education programs, such as Parents for Teachers, Baby University, and other programs that show promise for effectiveness.

Other examples include:

- First Regional Library Early Childhood Resource and Referral Center's Words on Wheels Bus, is supported through the Entergy Charitable Foundation contribution for Early Childhood Education
- Excel by 5, which assists with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and other Excel by 5 programs gaining certification to move early childhood education forward in the community