

Mission Statement: The Harvest Foundation researches and responsibly invests in programs and initiatives to address local challenges in health, education and welfare.

The Harvest Foundation at the May 25, 2004, meeting approved 12 proposals totaling \$5.8 million, with \$1.2 million payable in 2004. The projects are aligned with the Foundation's mission, noted in italics above, that calls for grant-making to focus on initiatives and programs and to be grounded on research.

One of the largest grant approvals is for the implementation phase of the Foundation's K -12 reading and math initiative. This is part of a long-term education initiative and builds on planning grants approved by the Foundation in December 2003. These grants will enable the schools to carry out over the next three years the plans they have developed during the past several months. They are a major step in the systematic improvement of the area's schools over time. Additionally, another educational allocation has been approved to maintain progress toward the prospect of an institution of higher education for the Martinsville region.

Two major economic development grants were approved, a 12-month effort to continue the active involvement of Market Street Services in the region's economic development planning, and implementation and a three-year grant to C-PEG for the new public/private Partnership: "The Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development, Inc."

Three local community capacity building grants were authorized: (1) the National Trust for Historic Preservation, (2) the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and (3) the Southern Environmental Law Center. These three community development grants have the potential of beginning a transformation of the region. The grants will build and further support the economic development work growing out of the Market Street recommendations. The work the organizations would be doing would advance the *Quality of Life* recommendations in the Market Street plan to support straight-forward economic development addressed by the new public/private Partnership group.

They will convey additional know-how to the Martinsville area and the organizations bring a way of thinking and connections to national resources for our region that is not currently available. Together they will be an investment in the region that will produce some immediate as well as longer term results. In turn, this will help empower local residents to play a more informed and active role in improving the area. This will place our local organizations in the position to grow and evolve.

Chamber's Partnership for Economic Growth (CPEG): \$2,400,000 over three years to help support *Martinsville-Henry County Economic Development, Inc.*, a new Partnership between the City, County, and private sector dedicated to creating a climate where existing and new businesses and local entrepreneurs can create community wealth and quality jobs.

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Economic Development Implementation: \$128,410 to oversee, monitor, and help implement the newly developed Martinsville region community and economic development strategy.

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Henry County School District: \$1,620,000 over three years to implement a kindergarten through 12th grade literacy and math initiative.

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Martinsville City Public Schools: \$630,000 over three years to implement a kindergarten through 12th grade literacy and math initiative.

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Carlisle School: \$150,000 over three years to implement a kindergarten through 12th grade literacy and math initiative.

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Four-Year College Initiative: Up to \$75,000 to continue public affairs, policy and informational efforts to bring an institution of higher education to the Martinsville region.

Fieldale Community Center, Inc.: \$38,000 in support of the Center's immediate physical improvement and maintenance needs and to provide board development.

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Gateway Streetscape Foundation, Inc.: \$50,500 over two years to expand the greening program, utilizing inmate labor for litter and landscape beautification projects on public land.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation: \$450,000 over three years to launch several historic preservation and heritage efforts with Martinsville area partners that will improve the quality of life and promote economic growth.

Contact: Rob Nieweg, Esq. Regional Director Telephone: 202-588-6107

Piedmont Arts Association: \$11,000 for a professionally facilitated Long Range Strategic Planning Process for the Board of Directors.

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Southern Environmental Law Center: \$50,000 to build a constituency and to launch a Martinsville regional organization to maximize the beneficial development of the community's environmental resources and unique natural areas to create additional community wealth and jobs.

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The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy: \$212,220 over two years to further develop the Fayette Area Historical Initiative and promote a Martinsville regional African American heritage project that will support cultural and economic renewal.

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