



Hampton Roads
Community Foundation

**Community Leadership Partners
2019 Grant Program Guidelines**
Application Deadline: May 24, 2019 at 5 p.m.

About Us

The Community Leadership Partners, an active giving circle of Hampton Roads Community Foundation, is a group of South Hampton Roads civic leaders who use their resources to improve our region. The Partners share a desire to learn about philanthropic opportunities that support nonprofits' needs and help strengthen our community.

Focus Area

In 2019 the Community Leadership Partners will fund nonprofit organizations providing **intervention and/or re-engagement programs serving disconnected youth ages 16-24***. Partners will also fund **prevention programs for middle school or high school students who are at high risk of disconnection due to:**

- Homelessness and/or the foster care system
- Emotional, physical, or sexual abuse and/or human trafficking
- Mental/behavioral health issues and/or substance abuse
- Involvement in the juvenile justice system

Grant applications should explain how the program for which funding is sought addresses **one or more** of the following:

- Workforce training and/or employment placement
- Mental/behavioral health services
- Drop-out prevention and academic success
- Temporary shelter and/or permanent housing opportunities
- Independent living services for older youth

Programs must measure outcomes and have a plan for program sustainability beyond the grant year.

The Community Leadership Partners **will give preference** to nonprofits that:

- Collaborate with other organizations to reduce duplication of services
- Use innovative methods incorporating evidence-based best practices

**Disconnected youth are teenagers and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither working nor in school.*

MeasureofAmerica.org, Measure of America of the Social Science Research Center, www.measureofamerica.org/disconnected-youth.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/disconnectedyouth>.

Community Leadership Partners Grants

Community Leadership Partners anticipate awarding grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000. The Partners reserve the right to award both smaller and larger grants. Applicants may be contacted by a member of the Partners to schedule an in-person site visit over the summer.

Note: Only one grant application from any eligible nonprofit organization will be accepted.

Eligible Organizations

Community Leadership Partners will accept grant applications from **nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations** that provide program services and serve clients within any of the five major cities of South Hampton Roads (Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk or Virginia Beach). Organizations must have an established track record of service of at least one year as evidenced by the filing of an IRS Form 990.

Eligibility Restrictions

The Community Leadership Partners will **NOT** fund the following:

- Support for specific individuals
- Purchases or activities that occur prior to grant decisions
- Deficit funding
- Lobbying to influence legislation
- Religious activities
- Multi-year grant requests

Note: Public schools are not eligible to apply for funding, but may participate in partnerships with a nonprofit applicant sponsoring programs to benefit public school students.

How to Apply for Funding

Application Submission — Deadline Friday, May 24, 2019, 5 p.m.

Applications must be completed using our on-line grant application, accessed by [clicking here](#).

For questions regarding the online application, please contact Sarah Ellis at sellis@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 622-7951.

For questions about your proposal, please contact Kate Wilson at kwilson@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 622-7951.

***Note:** We invite you to attend an **information session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019** from 3 to 4 p.m. at the community foundation office. At this session, we will answer questions about these grant guidelines and the grant application process. Attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.*

*In addition, interested nonprofits are invited to attend the foundation's **training to learn more about "Making Outcomes Count" on Monday, May 13** from 3 to 4:30 p.m.*

Register for either of these sessions by contacting Sarah Ellis at sellis@hamptonroadscf.org.