



2015-2016 Community Grants Program Request for Proposals (RFP)

BACKGROUND

As part of our **mission to enrich and improve the lives of seniors**, Carolina Meadows operates a Community Grants Program which invests in local not-for-profit agencies to help increase the quality of life for all in our community. Began in 2007, the Carolina Meadows Community grants program has awarded over \$950,000 to support crucial services for citizens in Chatham County, focusing on hunger relief efforts and improving the lives of seniors.

Carolina Meadows is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 Community Grants Request for Proposals (RFP). Grants in the range of \$2,000-\$15,000 will be awarded from a pool of approximately \$120,000. Agencies that serve Chatham County are eligible to apply. **The grants are available to fund programs supporting seniors, as well as hunger relief efforts in Chatham County.**

FUNDING

Grants in the range of \$2,000 - \$15,000 will be awarded for a term of one year. Grant funds may be requested for any administrative or program expenses and grants may be used for new projects or to maintain existing successful programs that have demonstrated effectiveness. Grant funds will be disbursed no later than December 15, 2015 and must be spent by December 15, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that serve citizens of Chatham County. Agencies are limited to one request. Agencies that have received funding from Carolina Meadows in the past and are in good standing with submission of required reports are eligible to apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Because of our mission to enrich the lives of seniors, priority this year will be given to programs that serve seniors. The other priority area for this year is hunger relief. Collaborative efforts with other agencies are encouraged.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application is available on our website at www.carolinameadows.org. Please adhere to the word limitation criteria and submit only the application (no additional documents). **Applications must be submitted via email to amy@carolinameadows.net by October 16, 2015.** Decisions will be announced no later than November 16, 2015. For questions, please contact Amy Gorely at amy@carolinameadows.net or 919-370-7213. *Thank you.*

ABOUT CAROLINA MEADOWS

Carolina Meadows, located in Chatham County, North Carolina, was founded in 1983 and is one of the nation's foremost continuing-care retirement communities.