Regional Grants and Resource Sites – South Carolina

**Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation** is focused on enhancing education, preserving green space, sustaining the arts and sparking collaboration among its community partners. The Foundation’s geographic focus is on communities where members of the Blank family have deep roots: Atlanta; Maricopa County, Arizona; and Beaufort County, South Carolina.

**Byerly Foundation - Hartsville, South Carolina** determined that the quality of education within a community is one of the chief factors contributing to the quality of life for all its citizens. So, since The Foundation began making grants in 1998, public education has been a top priority. The Board also believes that a vital, growing community must have a strong economic structure and that many of the grants should help to enhance the economic development of the community. The third leg of the grant strategy is the aspect that deals with programs, projects and organizations that enhance the quality of living.

**Charles B. Keese Educational Fund** was established in 1941 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Keese of Martinsville, Virginia, for the purpose of aiding worthy men and women to obtain an education. You must be a resident of Virginia, North Carolina or South Carolina for a minimum of twelve months immediately prior to entering any educational institution.

**Community Foundation of Greater Greenville** awards grants to IRS qualified charities. Community Enrichment Grants are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Grants are available to nonprofit organizations that serve Greenville County. The Hollingsworth Funds, Inc. has a competitive grant process that is administered by the Community Foundation. The distribution of these funds is determined by the Hollingsworth Funds, Inc. Board of Directors. The Community Foundation of Greater Greenville serves as Trustee of the Walter Johnson Trust overseeing the administration and allocation of the funds. The income from this trust supports staff development for social service agencies.

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry** serves the counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper Counties in South Carolina. A key element of the community foundation's mission is "connecting people, resources, and needs." We achieve this objective by carrying out the intent of our donors through donor-directed grants and by implementing a grant making strategy to address community needs with unrestricted dollars.

**Duke Endowment** mission is to serve the people of North Carolina and South Carolina by supporting selected programs of higher education, health care, children's welfare, and spiritual life.

**Foothills Community Foundation** is a non-profit 501c(3) charity formed in 1999 to retain and nurture the charitable wealth in the four South Carolina counties of Abbeville, Anderson, Oconee and Pickens. The Foundation provides financial support for the charitable institutions and agencies serving the residents of the area.

**Frances P Bunnelle Foundation - Georgetown County** Strategic Initiative Grants - Currently, funding is targeted toward encouraging positive youth development. Applications were accepted by invitation only. Grants for the Common Good - Grants of up to $20,000 are awarded annually on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations doing exemplary work in any of three focus areas.

**Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation** mission of land conservation and artistic vitality for communities in the Chicago region and the Lowcountry of South Carolina honors the values and legacy of the founders by focusing on two of the conditions crucial to vital human communities: a healthy natural environment and artistic expression.

**Graham Foundation** The Foundation focuses geographically on Greenville, SC and upstate South Carolina. Grants outside of this region will be possible but unusual. The Graham Foundation has adopted six (6) primary areas of focus: Arts, Children. Education, Community Welfare, Environment and Religion.
**Joanna Foundation** makes grants only to organizations qualifying as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and not classified as private foundations. Areas of funding interest include Education, Youth and Social Services, Community Development, Environment, Arts & Humanities. Geographical areas of funding interest are the counties of Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Laurens and Newberry.

**New Morning Foundation** supports programs that have as their common objective a reduction in the incidence of adolescent and teenage pregnancies in South Carolina, related research-based initiatives, and local coalitions to address the needs of at-risk youth.

**Progress Energy Foundation** grants are a minimum of $10,000 and target specific issues within education, economic development and the environment. Grants are limited to organizations that serve Progress Energy customers in Florida, North Carolina or South Carolina.

**The Abney Foundation** makes grants for innovative and creative projects, and to programs which are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of education, health, social service and cultural affairs. Our primary focus is placed on higher education. Agencies applying for funds should be serving the citizens of South Carolina.

**V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation** The Foundation has emphasized environmental grant making since it was founded in 1991. We have also undertaken a grant making program in Greenwood, South Carolina, and supported medical research, especially in the field of eye research. The Foundation has three principal areas of interest: The Environment - Since its creation, the Foundation has allocated approximately 80% of its funds to strengthen environmental research and education, and to further the involvement of an informed public in environmental decision making. Greenwood and South Carolina - The Foundation is committed to grant making in the region, especially in the environmental, social and educational areas. The Foundation also supports medical research projects, with particular emphasis on eye research.

**Wachovia Foundation** is a private foundation that is funded annually by Wachovia Corporation. They provide grants to eligible 501c(3) tax-exempt organizations in two primary and two secondary focus areas. Primary Focus Areas: Education, Community Development. Secondary Focus Areas: Health and Human Services, Arts and Culture. Geographical areas: NC and SC.

**Watson-Brown Foundation** supports education directly by administering its own college scholarship program and by operating three house museums in Thomson, Georgia. The Foundation supports historic preservation in part through its Junior Board of Trustees, a group of talented high school students that awards $25,000 in grants annually to worthy projects and organizations in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) of Georgia and South Carolina.