



MIDDLESEX COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2010 – 2011 Competitive Grant Cycle Information Session

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Our Mission

- to improve the quality of life for the people of the County now and in the future by developing endowments, making grants that have impact, and assisting donors in meeting their philanthropic objectives



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Vital Statistics

- 105 Funds
- \$5 Million in pooled assets
- \$111,000 in competitive grants in 2009
- Total competitive grants total \$1.5 Million to more than 200 Nonprofit Organizations



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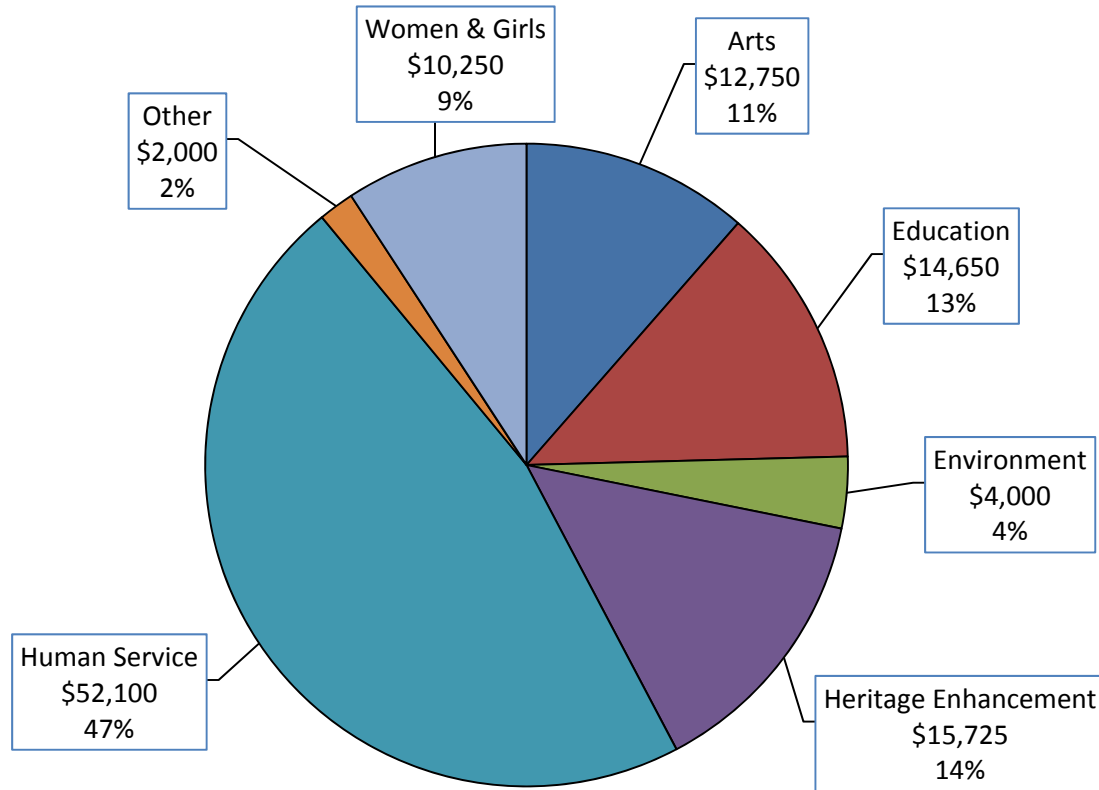
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2009 Competitive Grants by Focus Area





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Focus Areas

Arts

Heritage Enhancement

Education

Human Services

Environment

Women and Girls

Other / Animal Welfare

Our Geographical Area- Middlesex County

Centerbrook, Chester, Clinton, Cobalt, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Haddam Neck, Higganum, Ivoryton, Killingworth, Middle Haddam, Middlefield, Middletown, Moodus, Old Saybrook, Portland, Rockfall, Tylerville, Westbrook and Winthrop

 *Organizations may be located outside of the county if the project serves the people who live and work in Middlesex County.*



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Changes in 2010

- Competitive Grant Cycle opens earlier – *July 16th*
- LOIs are due earlier – *September 10th*
- LOI Format will be “Fill-In Form” using Adobe Acrobat
- Average grant amount to remain the same
- More emphasis on capacity building, less emphasis on new programs
- Collaborative Approaches
- Leverage additional resources
- Letter(s) of Support are required from principal(s) for school-based projects
- “3 Years Grant, 1 Year Off” instituted beginning with grants in 2009



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Grant Proposal Tips

- Follow the directions
- Narrative sections will be restricted to specific character/word counts – draft in Microsoft Word and use “Character/Word Count” to verify before pasting
- Make it easy to read – be specific and focus on your Program/Need Purpose & Goals
- Peer Review & Independent Proofread
- Collate Submissions – include documents requested; do not include collateral not requested
- Meet the deadline – submit early if proposals are ready
- *Provide Final Evaluations From Previous Grants no later than August 1, 2010*



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Application Process

- Friday, July 16th – Letter of Intent Materials will be mailed to all nonprofits on record with MCCF and will be posted to the MCCF website (www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org)

Provide Final Evaluations From Previous Grants no later than August 1, 2010

- Friday, September 10th – Submit the Letter of Intent form with required attachments and required copies in hard-copy form to MCCF *no later than 4:00 p.m.*
- ***If Invited***, submit a full grant proposal
 - Full grant proposal forms and information will be available on the website:

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Important Dates To Remember

- Friday, July 16 Competitive Grants Cycle Opens with LOI Form Distribution
- Wednesday, August 18 Grant Information Session, 9:00 a.m., at MCCF
- Thursday, August 26 Grant Information Session, 9:00 a.m., at Estuary Council of Senior Clubs, Old Saybrook
- Friday, September 10 **4:00 PM** LOIs due in MCCF Offices
- Monday, October 18 Notification Letters mailed to Organizations
- Friday, November 5 **4:00 PM** Grant Applications due in MCCF Offices
- Thursday, December 16 Board Approves Grants Committee Recommendations
- Tuesday, December 28 Notification Letters mailed to Organizations



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