



MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Middlesex County Community Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is now accepting Letters of Intent for its 2008-09 competitive grantmaking process. Letters of Intent are sought from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and 170(c)(1) governmental agencies serving the various communities of Middlesex County. Grants of \$500 or more will be awarded to organizations that provide positive impact in the following focus areas: Arts, Education, Environment, Heritage Enhancement, Human Services, Neighborhood Enhancement, Safer Communities and Women and Girls.

Interested organizations should read details of submission requirements on the Community Foundation's website, www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org or call the Community Foundation, 347-0025, to be emailed or sent the RFP. All Letters of Intent must be received at the Community Foundation Office, 211 South Main Street, Middletown by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

The Community Foundation is particularly looking for grants that add value to, and have a positive impact on, the health and vitality of the Middlesex County community. Grant proposals should address a need within the focus area and demonstrate impact on the organization, project, community or persons served. The Community Foundation seeks Letters of Intent [and proposals, when requested] for projects that possess some of the following elements:

- address a documented need or concern of the focus area;
- recognize and build on a community's or organization's strengths and assets;
- build the capacity of community organizations and/or individuals to help themselves over the long term;
- foster cooperative approaches to community issues through collaborations based on shared visions and mutual responsibility; and
- serve as a catalyst for attracting other resources.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. Its mission is to work with charitably-minded individuals and organizations to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds; and to support local non-profit organizations through effective grantmaking to address community needs. Since its founding in 1997, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$1.1 million in grants to more than 150 organizations for the arts, cultural and heritage programs, educational activities, environmental improvements, and for health and human services.

For answers to questions, visit the Community Foundation's website for details or call Ann Faust at 860-347-0025 or email Ann@MiddlesexCountyCF.org.