

The Conservation Fund's Resourceful Communities Program

Grants Awarded in 2001

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association Tillery, NC	\$ 12,000	To support the 4th Black Land Loss Summit, highlighting land loss in the African American community, environmental justice and economic alternatives for farmers.
Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC	\$ 9,000	For research and planning support to identify "recycle-able" buildings in the community, and plan for an all-community Reunion.
Duplin County Economic Development Commission Kenansville, NC	\$ 12,000	To support staffing, planning, outreach and establishment of an African American-led community development corporation in Duplin County.
James Sprunt Community College/ Duplin County International Festival Kenansville, NC	\$ 4,000	To support the first International Festival held in Duplin County celebrating the diverse landscape, cultures and people in the county while providing outreach on public health, environmental and social justice and immigrant documentation.
Pocosin Arts Columbia, NC	\$ 11,000	To support community-based arts education programming and collection of oral histories in African American communities of Tyrrell County.
PRIDE of Kinston Kinston, NC	\$ 8,500	For planning and community outreach to revitalize Queen Street, the historic African American business district in Kinston; the plan included recommendations for an African American Heritage Museum, service/retail businesses and single-family affordable housing development.
Red Wolf Coalition Columbia, NC	\$ 8,000	To support educational and outreach activities in Tyrrell County and the region, with special focus on engaging hunters in supporting red wolf re-introduction efforts.
Roanoke River Partners Windsor, NC	\$ 7,500	To develop a sustainable small business feasibility study for the Roanoke River basin.
Sandhills Family Heritage Association Spring Lake, NC	\$ 15,000	For heritage research and outreach to support African American landownership in the Sandhills.
Town of Warsaw Warsaw, NC	\$ 5,000	To support community beautification projects in African American neighborhoods in Warsaw, Duplin County, NC.
Tri-County Services Wallace, NC	\$ 1,000	To support a community festival in African American neighborhoods, to engage residents in furthering small town revitalization efforts in Wallace, NC.
Tyrrell Action Group Columbia, NC	\$ 12,000	For operating support and computer equipment for an after school program in the Alligator community of Tyrrell County.
Tyrrell County CDC Columbia, NC	\$ 10,000	To support the Youth Corps Director position in operationalizing the Tyrrell County Youth Conservation Corps.

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Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project Marshall, NC	\$ 8,500 Page 9 of 10	To strengthen organizational capacity to address community food security issues and to facilitate target collaborative initiatives with organizations already involved with underserved communities.

Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association Tillery, NC	\$ 5,000	To support the 5th Black Land Loss Summit, focused on alternative income generation strategies and self-determination for Black farmers and landowners.
Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC	\$ 5,400	To develop a database of former residents and provide outreach and staff support for the Tillery Reunion.
Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC	\$ 10,500	To support a series of community organizing events, political and social debates, cultural performances and environmental education activities culminating in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the organization's establishment.
Duplin County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Kenansville, NC	\$ 2,800	To support a summer leadership development and environmental education program for African American youth in Duplin County.
Duplin County Community Development Corporation Kenansville, NC	\$ 2,500	To support development of a three-year strategic plan for the organization
El Centro Hispano of Kinston Kinston, NC	\$ 8,500	For organizational development, community outreach and planning to develop a resource center for Latino residents in three counties.
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Newton Grove, NC	\$ 8,500	To support creation and implementation of an English as a Second Language curriculum that integrates economic, social and environmental education and training for farmworkers.
HandMade in America Asheville, NC	\$ 6,500	To support grassroots data collection on economic, environmental and social impacts of tourism in Western NC.
Hollister REACH Hollister, NC	\$ 12,500	To support a comprehensive education, outreach and training program engaging rural landowners in addressing the economic, social and environmental issues related to septic tanks and alternative wastewater treatment systems.
James Sprunt Community College/ Duplin County International Festival Kenansville, NC	\$ 3,500	To support rental, fees, and marketing costs for the Duplin County International Festival.
Pocosin Arts Columbia, NC	\$ 9,500	For development and implementation of a regional folk art exhibit, Pocosin Arts Preserves, to help people better understand the connections between culture, the economy and the environment in Tyrrell County and the coastal plain.
Roanoke River Partners Windsor, NC	\$ 7,500	For community outreach / planning process and landowner contact to develop the Roanoke River Canoe Trail plan from the Town of Hamilton upstream to Roanoke Rapids.
Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help Warsaw, NC	\$ 6,000	To support a community-based outreach, education, planning and empowerment process that addresses economic, social and environmental issues in the Stewart Creek Apartments housing complex in Duplin County.
Sandhills Family Heritage Association Spring Lake, NC	\$ 12,500	For planning, outreach, education and organizational capacity-building to advance the land retention, cultural preservation and sustainable economic development programs of SFHA.
Town of Warsaw Warsaw, NC	\$ 3,000	For development and installation of an alternative irrigation system for the Stacy Britt Memorial Gardens in Warsaw.
Tri-County Services Wallace, NC	\$ 5,500	For support of a festival designed to bring together African American, Hispanic and European American community members for a day of celebration that supports a troubled- youth residential center in Wallace.

Tyrrell Action Group Columbia, NC	\$ 10,500	For support of educational programs and activities that engage schoolchildren and integrate economic, social and environmental issues through the AfterSchool Program.
Tyrrell County CDC Columbia, NC	\$ 12,000	For Youth Corps Director support in developing and implementing forestry and eco-tourism projects and programs that will build local capacity to participate in eco-tourism efforts in the County and at Palmetto-Peartree Preserve.

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Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association Tillery, NC	\$ 7,800	To support the 7th Land Loss Summit, ensuring participation by Black farmers in educational workshops and generating access to new markets.
Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture Boone, NC	\$ 12,000	For operating and start-up support and coordination of outreach, education and project activities that will help women create economic opportunities through agriculture.
Center for Community Action Lumberton, NC	\$ 9,500	For support of a national conference on job loss and economic recovery in rural communities; and to create vision document for "growing new philanthropy" in southeastern NC rural areas.
Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC	\$ 9,000	To support production of a video-documentary on the history and heritage of Tillery, including the New Deal Resettlement, Tillery's role in the Black farmer class action lawsuit, and environmental justice organizing activities.
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center Harkers Island, NC	\$ 10,000	To implement community asset mapping process for use in identifying economic, environmental, cultural and social assets to support sustainable economic development.
Duplin County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Kenansville, NC	\$ 3,400	Youth development program engaging middle school students (females) in leadership development, entrepreneurship training, and intergenerational exploration of history and culture.
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Newton Grove, NC	\$ 10,000	To support development and implementation of a Micro-Ag MBA program that integrates economic, social and environmental education and training for farmworkers.
Georgetown Renaissance Community Association Jacksonville, NC	\$ 9,250	For planning, outreach, education and organizational development activities that identify, address, and engage citizens in economic, social and environmental improvement in the Georgetown community
Hollister REACH Hollister, NC	\$ 9,500	To engage rural landowners in addressing the economic, social and environmental issues related to septic tanks and alternative wastewater treatment systems in Warren County
New River Community Partners Sparta, NC	\$ 8,000	To support "kitchen table discussions" on new market creation and for special sustainable niche crop implementation by farmers in the New River Valley.
The NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families Fayetteville, NC	\$ 7,500	To support outreach and educational efforts to ensure that minority farmers and landowners build capacity and have access to funding and technical assistance programs
NC Rural Communities Assistance Project Pittsboro, NC	\$ 11,000	To support Healthy Homes for All program including outreach, education and technical assistance to Hispanic residents

Pantego Area Community Developers Pantego, NC	\$ 10,000	Community volunteer education, training and outreach to rural residents on benefits, costs, and social/economic/ environmental impacts of sewer system hook-up
Sandhills Family Heritage Association Spring Lake, NC	\$ 9,500	For organizational development, including Board training and completion of a fundraising plan for the Spring Lake Civic Center; and for program development, including entrepreneurial training and development of heritage tours.
Student Action with Farmworkers Durham, NC	\$ 10,000	For support of the Health Education Project of the Into the Fields program
Todd Community Preservation Organization Todd, NC	\$ 5,000	To support re-development of the Todd Island Park as a community "hub" and engage residents, youth and visitors in revitalizing the community.

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Alligator Community Association Alligator, NC	\$5,500	To support community outreach, organizing and planning to develop community vision of environmental assets, economic opportunity and improved social conditions.
Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project Asheville, NC	\$ 6,000	To promote greater access to sustainably grown healthy local food to underserved populations through Farm-to-School program.
Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association Tillery, NC	\$ 6,000	To support the 8th Black Land Loss Summit and Black Farmer Ag-Expo, focused on economic, environmental and social solutions to the farming crisis; and introducing farmers directly to new market networks.
Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture Boone, NC	\$ 7,000	To support Food Systems Conference that will help the High Country community establish community-based food system, creating economic opportunity for low-resource farmers.
Blue Springs-Hoke County Community Development Corporation Raeford, NC	\$ 7,000	To implement a comprehensive community assessment for developing a housing strategy for Hoke County.
Cape Fear Resource Conservation & Development Wilmington, NC	\$ 12,000	To plan and begin implementing adaptive re-use of a former African American high school building for senior housing, a small business incubator, technology center and shared use commercial kitchen facility for value-added food production.
Clean Water for NC Durham, NC	\$ 10,000	To support experiential training in stream restoration and energy conservation upfits in low-income residences for urban youth in distressed neighborhoods.
Concerned Citizens of Tillery Tillery, NC	\$ 8,500	To support community outreach and economic growth through website development and video production about the historic Tillery community.
Conservation Trust for North Carolina Raleigh, NC	\$ 8,500	To partner with Black Family Land Trust to improve understanding among traditional conservation land trusts about minority landowner issues; and to expand outreach to low-income and minority landowners.
Elkland Art Center Todd, NC	\$ 5,900	To expand community outreach by design and production of a mobile puppet theater.
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Newton Grove, NC	\$ 10,000	To support language classes that integrate information for migrant farmworkers, including functional English language phrases needed to ensure economic security, social equity and environmental safety.

Halifax County Black Caucus Tillery, NC	\$ 7,000	To support community outreach and civic awareness training in Halifax County.
HandMade in America Asheville, NC	\$ 10,000	To support an economic development project that will brand Mitchell County as "home of the perfect Christmas tree" and utilize displaced local workers and provide scholarships to local youth.
Hollister REACH Hollister, NC	\$ 9,500	To engage rural landowners in addressing the economic, social and environmental issues related to septic tanks and alternative wastewater treatment systems in Warren County
Hot Springs Health Project Marshall, NC	\$ 6,000	To produce wholesale and retail guides to increase local agriculture and craft income.
New Life Community Development Corporation Roper, NC	\$ 8,000	To market affordable housing opportunities to first-time, minority homebuyers, including intensive outreach, home buyer qualification, and community engagement in designing natural resource-based amenities (trails, greenways, open space) into community plans.
NC Association of Community Development Corporations Raleigh, NC	\$ 500	To support transportation expenses for engaging rural grassroots community members in advocating for sustainable rural community development priorities.
The NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families Fayetteville, NC	\$ 8,000	To support outreach and educational efforts to ensure that minority farmers and landowners build capacity and have access to funding and technical assistance programs.
NC Rural Communities Assistance Project Pittsboro, NC	\$ 7,500	To help rural, low-wealth communities address threats to safe drinking water and/or adequate wastewater treatment.
Operation Spring Plant Oxford, NC	\$ 5,000	To support education, outreach and technical assistance to Black farmers in developing new markets and accessing conservation techniques and funding programs.
Partnership for the Sounds Columbia, NC	\$ 5,000	To produce a film highlighting local African American cultural traditions.
Roanoke River Partners Windsor, NC	\$ 10,500	Outreach, education and communications to generate grassroots support for sustainable economic development, especially in underserved communities of the Lower Roanoke River region
Roanoke River Partners Windsor, NC	\$ 12,000	To purchase the Hamilton Rosenwald School and create a cultural destination for visitation by residents and tourists in the Lower Roanoke River basin.
Sandhills Area Land Trust Fayetteville, NC	\$ 8,500	To support a community garden project in a low-resource Fayetteville neighborhood.
Sandhills Area Land Trust Southern Pines, NC	\$ 10,000	To prepare a feasibility study of an organic farm incubator in Hoke County.
Sandhills Family Heritage Association Spring Lake, NC	\$ 9,000	To establish a farmers market and continue community education about land-based income.
Student Action with Farmworkers Durham, NC	\$ 9,000	For support of the Health Education Project of the Into the Fields program.
Todd Community Preservation Organization Todd, NC	\$ 4,685	To support improvements to Cook park and to support community outreach through a newsletter and summer theater.
Town of Sandyfield Riegelwood, NC	\$ 5,000	To strengthen environmental stewardship and sustainable community development.
Warren Wilson College Environmental Leadership Center Asheville, NC	\$ 9,000	To prepare a feasibility study of small, low-resource farmers providing native plants to NC DOT for roadside plantings.

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Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project Asheville, NC	\$ 6,500	To support outreach, community engagement, planning and implementation of the Growing Minds, Growing Roots farm-to-school program expansion into Henderson County.
Bountiful Cities Project Asheville, NC	\$ 9,000	To support healthy food production and enterprise development in low-income neighborhoods through community gardening.
Carolina Mountains Land Conservancy Hendersonville, NC	\$ 7,500	To support planning, outreach, site analysis, partnership building and capacity building for conservation-based affordable housing in Henderson and Transylvania Counties.
Center for Participatory Change Asheville, NC	\$ 10,000	To directly support grassroots groups in Western NC that are addressing issues related to environmental, social and economic justice.
Centro de Enlace Burnsville, NC	\$ 12,000	For start-up and support for the first six months of a tortilleria, a workers cooperative owned and run by Latina women in Yancey County.
Clean Water for NC Asheville, NC	\$ 13,000	To support a youth development program in Asheville that provides experiential training and skill building in stream restoration and energy conservation techniques, as well as cooperative business/ entrepreneurial planning.
Clean Water for NC Durham, NC	\$ 12,000	To support experiential training in stream restoration and energy conservation upfits in low-income residences for urban youth in distressed neighborhoods.
Culture's Edge at Earthaven Black Mountain, NC	\$ 7,000	To strengthen collaborative efforts between farmers in McDowell and Rutherford Counties and build triple bottom line capacity at Earthaven.
DesignCorps Raleigh, NC	\$ 6,000	To support design assistance for a community garden and market to enable farmworkers to grow and preserve for their own use, and to develop entrepreneurial skills and build capacity for financial self-sufficiency.
Elkland Art Center Todd, NC	\$ 6,500	To support completion of the puppet caravan, community events, school programs, and production of a video on community-based arts programs.
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Newton Grove, NC	\$ 9,000	To support specialized ESL program for farmworkers that improves communications skills and builds capacity to address economic, social and environmental issues.
Friendship Community Development Corporation Charlotte, NC	\$ 8,000	To support a community-based Vision Study that will promote smart growth, economic development, affordable housing and civic engagement for the Beatties Ford Road corridor.
Hollister REACH Hollister, NC	\$ 11,000	To support outreach, community education, organizing and capacity-building for the Hollister Special Sewer District Task Force members.
Jackson Hamlet Community Action Pinehurst, NC	\$ 12,000	To support community planning and involvement in identifying wastewater alternatives and developing entrepreneurial initiatives in the Jackson Hamlet community
Latino Advocacy Coalition Hendersonville, NC	\$ 9,000	To support the Latino Leadership Development Workshop series to build community capacity for sustainable development in Henderson County.

New Life Community Development Corporation Roper, NC	\$ 8,000	To implement the Community Housing and Training Initiative to provide training for low-income families and individuals who are seeking homeownership and/or improved housing conditions
New River Community Partners Sparta, NC	\$ 7,500	To strengthen organizational capacity and to support area farmers through the Creative Ventures Food Kitchen.
The NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families Fayetteville, NC	\$ 7,000	To support the Annual Minority Landowners and Farmers Conference and outreach/education workshops on land use, business planning, financial management and landownership retention strategies.
NC Rural Communities Assistance Project Pittsboro, NC	\$ 7,500	To support outreach and education on lead poisoning prevention, safe drinking water, wastewater system maintenance, chemical hazard reduction and asthma/allergen triggers in low-income communities through the Healthy Homes for All project.
NC Rural Communities Assistance Project Pittsboro, NC	\$ 10,000	To support organizing, technical and administrative assistance in communities where residents do not have safe or adequate drinking water and/or live with numerous risks posed by inadequate wastewater treatment,
NC Zoo for Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Center Scotland Neck, NC	\$ 8,500	To support development of a treehouse, observation platform and environmental educational programming for the Wetlands Eco-Education Program
NCSU College of Natural Resources Raleigh, NC	\$ 3,500	To support the annual Diversity Summit, Planting Seeds for Future Harvests, to encourage discussion of diversity and promotion of the natural resources profession to minorities.
Pantego Area Community Developers Pantego, NC	\$ 12,000	To support outreach, education and community engagement in implementing sewer improvements that provide economic, social and environmental benefits.
ReCYCLEry Chapel Hill, NC	\$ 6,000	To promote sustainable transportation in underserved neighborhoods through bicycle repair days and donation of repaired bicycles to resident youths.
Sandhills Family Heritage Association Spring Lake, NC	\$ 10,000	To support increased program work, including heritage tours, landowner education, farmers market.
Student Action with Farmworkers Durham, NC	\$ 9,000	To support outreach to farmworking families in rural NC counties through the Into the Fields program.
Tar River Land Conservancy Louisburg, NC	\$ 8,000	To support acquisition of a farmland protection easement on an African American-owned farm in Nash County.
Todd Community Preservation Organization Todd, NC	\$ 10,000	To establish the Todd Community and Visitor Center.
Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project Star, NC	\$ 7,500	To support community organizing and entrepreneurship education workshops for targeted ethnic communities in the Central Park region of NC.

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Ashe County Partnership for Children Jefferson, NC	\$ 5,000	To create a micro-lending program for the Creative Ventures Food Kitchen.
Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association Tillery, NC	\$ 6,500	To support the 9th Black Land Loss Summit focused on sustainable economic development and environmental solutions to Black land ownership needs.
Chimney Rock Village/ Chimney Rock CDA Chimney Rock, NC	\$ 7,000	To replace decaying steps next to public restrooms leading to Riverwalk and to construct railing.

Halifax County Black Caucus Tillery, NC	\$ 5,000	To support Community/Civic Awareness workshops, community outreach/education, and voter education/registration in Halifax County, NC.
NC Environmental Justice Network Tillery, NC	\$ 5,000	To support engagement of communities in working to effect environmental justice policy changes at local, state and national levels.
Smoky Mountain Native Plants Association Robbinsville, NC	\$ 9,000	To fund staff, travel, equipment and marketing for Economic Incubator Project.
Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts and Education Center, Inc. Robbinsville, NC	\$ 7,000	To support Stecoah Valley Food Ventures which provides local food growers and food entrepreneurs with tools to profitably produce and sell value-added agricultural products.
Stokescore Walnut Cove, NC	\$ 8,000	To support operations and implementation of the StokesCore Community Kitchen project.
Town of Mars Hill Mars Hill, NC	\$ 8,000	To implement a mini-mall in the downtown in the building vacated by the relocation of Town Hall to provide small business opportunity for local artisans/ crafters.
United Hmong Association of NC Hickory, NC	\$ 5,000	To perform planning and coalition building for an overall economic development initiative to assist Hmong workers and entrepreneurs.
Uptown Business & Professionals Association New Bern, NC	\$ 8,500	To develop African American heritage tours in the Uptown area of New Bern, train tour guides and trolley drivers and add historical markers to 30 buildings.
Vecinos Unidos - Neighbors United Asheville, NC	\$ 7,000	To support Vecinos Unidos Mobile Home Park Conversion and to establish a community land trust.

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Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	\$ 10,000	To support Growing Minds Peer Learning Project: Sharing our Farm-to-School Experience.
Area Wide Health Committee	\$ 5,000	To support Tillery C.A.R.E.S., an extension of the Tillery People's Clinic that emphasizes healthy lifestyle choices to prevent chronic disease.
Asheville Housing Authority	\$ 8,000	To initiate solar hot water technician training for housing authority residents in partnership with Appalachian Energy.
Black Family Land Trust	\$ 10,000	To support increased program work, including community outreach and education.
Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association	\$ 8,000	To support the 10th Black Land Loss Summit, highlighting land loss in the African American community, environmental justice and economic alternatives for farmers.
Burnsville Land Community, Inc. Fiscal Agent: Center for Participatory Change	\$ 7,000	To support community and conservation focused land use plan for community land trust/ mobile home park.
Caldwell County Pathways, Inc.	\$ 10,000	To implement phase 1 of the Yadkin River Greenway Project.
Carteret Community College	\$ 750	To support the Heritage Entrepreneurship Camp, held in Harkers Island, which provides youth with career exploration in heritage and cultural entrepreneurship.
Central Park NC	\$ 7,500	To support creation of a community garden, greenhouse and workshop curriculum for adults and children in English/Spanish.
Clean Water for NC Asheville	\$ 12,000	To support the Water and Energy for Justice Team, a team of 4-6 high school paid interns will learn hands-on skills and theory for stream restoration, water quality, energy conservation/weatherization and associated critical thinking and planning.

Clean Water for NC Durham	\$ 11,000	To support the Water and Energy for Justice Team, a team of 4-6 high school paid interns will learn hands-on skills and theory for stream restoration, water quality, energy conservation/weatherization and associated critical thinking and planning.
DesignCorps	\$ 11,000	To support the NC Farm Workers Food Production and Marketing Project which will enhance living conditions and economic development opportunities for migrant workers in Eastern NC.
Elkland Art Center	\$ 4,463	To produce brochures about puppetry and parades, emphasizing environmental education and to equip puppet caravan with off-the-grid power system.
Episcopal Farmworker Ministry	\$ 8,500	To provide farm workers with transportation to community and cultural services and to provide clothing and food to farm workers as needed.
Friendship Community Development Corporation	\$ 11,000	To implement the New Brooklyn Project, a community outreach and economic development program in low-income neighborhood.
Green Energy Alliance Fiscal Agent: NC Council of Churches	\$ 15,000	To support community outreach and education to promote green jobs training initiative.
Halifax County Black Caucus Fiscal Agent: Concerned Citizens of Tillery	\$ 9,000	To support community/civic awareness workshops, community outreach/education, and voter education/registration in Halifax County, NC.
Hollister REACH	\$ 10,000	To engage rural landowners in addressing the economic, social and environmental issues related to water conservation/ use.
Jackson County Green Energy Park	\$ 4,875	To support community outreach and education on alternative energy and ecotourism potential.
Latino Advocacy Coalition	\$ 12,500	To support Educate and Integrate, a program to aid inclusion process for immigrants.
NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families	\$ 10,000	To support the NC Minority Landowners and Farmers Conference, which builds capacity of minority farmers and landowners and promotes access to funding and technical assistance programs.
NC Rural Communities Assistance Project	\$ 12,000	To support technical assistance to rural communities around infrastructure planning and management of water issues.
Quality Forward	\$ 8,650	To implement a tree planting and tree adoption program for volunteers working with West Asheville public housing complex.
Roanoke River Partners	\$ 10,000	To support planning for Rosenwald School renovation and use as an ecotourism and heritage center.
Sampson County CDC	\$ 8,830	To implement the Social Change Opportunity Protecting our Environment (SCOPE) Program, community organizing and environmental justice program.
Shiloh Community Association	\$ 10,000	To sustain established community garden and expand community programming.
Smoky Mountain Native Plants Association	\$ 12,000	To fund staff, travel, equipment and marketing for Economic Incubator Project.
Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts and Education Center, Inc.	\$ 11,000	To support the Stecoah Kitchen Entrepreneurship & Agri-Tourism Project which aims to improve local and regional economic conditions while preserving Appalachian cultural heritage through food-based entrepreneurship and agri-tourism opportunities.
Student Action with Farmworkers	\$ 11,000	To support From the Ground Up, a program which educates and mobilizes supporters to take part in farmworker-led efforts for access to higher education, increased wages, and a safe workplace.

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park and EcoCenter Fiscal Agent: NC Zoological Society	\$ 10,000	To support development of a treehouse, observation platform and environmental educational programming for the Wetlands Restoration and Eco-Education Program.
Town of East Arcadia	\$ 3,500	To support attendance to Balancing Nature training and subsequent community workshops by BEST small town revitalization team.