

FUNDING for Triple Bottom Line Projects
The Conservation Fund's Resourceful Communities Program
Creating New Economies Fund Grant Program

The Conservation Fund's Resourceful Communities Program (RCP) is pleased to announce funding for community organizations through its **Creating New Economies Fund (CNEF)** grant program. CNEF is a grant program managed by Resourceful Communities with support from Burt's Bees Greater Good Foundation, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, USDA Rural Community Development Initiative and other public and private partners.

CNEF supports community projects that focus on a "triple bottom line" – sustainable economic development, environmental stewardship and social justice. In addition, we hope that CNEF grants will help our community partners leverage public and private support for sustainable demonstration projects.

Grant Amount: The maximum grant is \$15,000, however, average grants range from \$8,000-\$12,000.

Eligibility: Applicants must have participated in RCP workshops or events and/ or have received a CNEF grant in a previous cycle. Please note that initiatives not associated with a partner organization or community, deficit financing, for-profit businesses, and projects that do not integrate "triple bottom line" components cannot be funded. **Previous grantees** must have completed their previous project and submitted a final report before a new grant can be awarded.

Important Dates: We are asking applicants to complete a brief **pre-proposal** again this year. Your completed form is **due January 16, 2012**. This extra step will ensure that your project fits CNEF requirements and will help Resourceful Communities staff more readily connect you with other funders when possible.

Attached, please find a **pre-proposal form**, a **description of CNEF and an application** for the grant program. **We will review pre-proposals and notify you if invited to submit a full proposal by February 6, 2012.** More information and a list of previous grantees are available at http://www.resourcefulcommunities.org/capacity_building.

Funding Forecast: We are grateful for the generous support of funders who have made the CNEF program possible. Please note, however, that our funding is more limited than ever and we are expecting an extremely competitive grant cycle this year. If your organization is eligible, please don't hesitate to submit a pre-proposal, but please keep in mind that only a limited number of CNEF grants will be awarded in 2012. We continually seek additional funding for the program; if additional funding becomes available, we will offer a second grant cycle.

If you have any questions or need help completing your pre-proposal, please contact us at 919.951.0111.

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