

Canopy Housing Foundation

COMMUNITY GRANTS

program guidelines

The purpose of Canopy Housing Foundation's **Community Grants Program** is to provide monetary support to area nonprofit organizations within the scope of the geographic areas served by the Canopy Realtor® Association (restricted to organizations in Mecklenburg, Iredell, and Haywood counties). Only applications for requests that address unmet housing needs will be considered for funding. Applications are rated by a community panel based on the following attributes: community impact, project feasibility, fiscal strength and Realtor® support.

Submission deadline: *May 31, 2026 at 5 PM* | **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
Checks distributed by: *July 2026*

Support Amount 2026 year signifies the eighteenth year for the Community Grants Program. This year, grant requests will be considered in any amount up to **\$5,000 (with the highest amounts being awarded for exceptional applications only)**. Support is considered restricted to specific programs and will not be considered for the following: operational expenses, salaries, administrative expenses, capital expenses (building projects) or debt reduction and endowment funds.

Support Period For the 2026 year, the support will be distributed in the third quarter during the month of July. The funding must be expended or earmarked by Dec. 31, 2026. Only legally recognized nonprofit organizations operating in Mecklenburg, Iredell, and Haywood counties are eligible. Please note that Habitat for Humanity organizations are not eligible for funding through this program and should inquire about the Habitat Support Grant Program. **All applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation on the firm's letterhead by a Realtor® member of the Canopy Realtor® Association.** The member must be in good standing at the time of panel deliberations.

Reporting The foundation, as the manager of this grant program, will request additional year-end reports to certify that the funds were dispersed as proposed. This provides assurance that the funds served the organizational purpose as stated. Failure to submit these reports by January 15, 2027 could jeopardize an organization's ability to receive funds in future grant cycles.

Verification of the submitted application and ALL attachments will be the responsibility of the applicant.

All applications must be submitted using this form. Please save your organization's complete information on the cover sheet (page 2) and check the boxes below to ensure completion before submitting.

Submission Checklist

- (You may electronically check boxes to confirm inclusion.)
- Organization information cover sheet
 - Completed narrative
 - Project budget
 - Organizational budget
 - Certification of tax-exempt status
 - Canopy Realtor® recommendation letter on firm's letterhead

E-mail or mail completed applications to:

foundation@canopyrealtors.com
Canopy Housing Foundation
1120 Pearl Park Way, Ste. 200
Charlotte, NC 28204

No handwritten applications will be accepted

The logo for Canopy Housing Foundation features the word "canopy" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "a" is stylized with a curved line above it, resembling a roof or a canopy. Below "canopy" is the text "HOUSING FOUNDATION" in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font.

Opportunity resides here.

2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(These fields can be completed electronically on this form)

Applicant: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Contact/Title: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Contact E-Mail Address: _____
Date of Application: _____

Canopy Housing Foundation

VISION

A community where all housing needs are met.

MISSION

Realtors® creating housing opportunities through advocacy, education, funding and leadership.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

(This information can be completed electronically on this form)

In this space, summarize in one concise sentence how these dollars will be used, as well as the amount of your request. Example: The *xyz organization* is asking for a total of \$2,500 to be used for rental assistance for five families at a cost of \$500 per family.

NARRATIVE

Using the following questions as a guide, briefly describe in an attachment how these funds will be utilized by your organization. **Keep your responses brief and limit narrative to no more than three pages.**

1. Describe in detail how these funds will help your nonprofit organization to accomplish its mission as it relates to unmet housing concerns (include any pertinent timelines, locations, goals and central partnerships).
2. Describe the short and/or long term impact that these funds will have on an unmet housing need. Please be specific and include a recent success story from your organization.
3. Clearly identify your target audience(s) and why they are important to your organization, particularly as they are affected by this funding.
4. Explain how you will ultimately track and evaluate the effectiveness of this funding.
5. Include the following:
 - A specific **project budget** and an overall **organizational budget** for your organization. An application submitted without these two documents will be considered incomplete.
6. **REQUIRED:** Please include a letter of recommendation, on the firm's letterhead, from a Canopy Realtor® who is currently a member in good standing of the Canopy Realtor® Association. An application submitted without this letter will be considered incomplete.

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