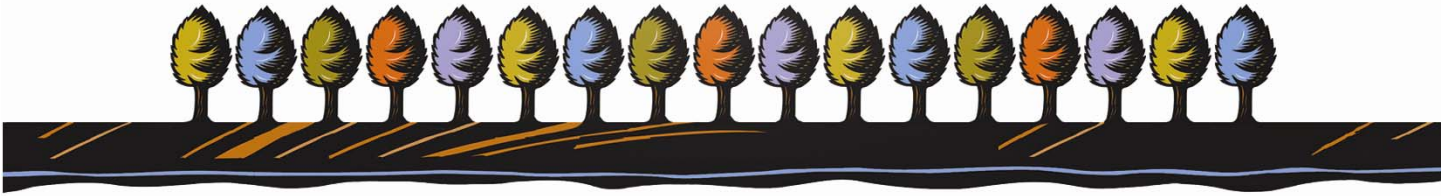


Central Susquehanna Community Foundation



Press Release May 19, 2006

Foundation announces new grant recipients LCCC receives \$250,000 for Public Safety Training Institute

Berwick- The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is pleased to announce this year's first-round grants totaling close to \$679,000. One multi-year grant in the amount of \$250,000 was awarded to Luzerne County Community College for a Public Safety Training Institute that will serve 5,000 emergency medical responders in Columbia and Montour county.

More than 40 new grants were given through the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund. This year, grantees requesting more than \$10,000 from the Foundation, had the opportunity to interview with representatives from the Foundation Board. All grant requests were then reviewed and final decisions were made through a strategic process that targeted particular goals of the Foundation.

"We were pleased to re-introduce two grant-rounds during 2006," commented Eric DeWald, Foundation's executive director. "Again, our board made funding decisions based on the Foundation's goal areas which are oral health, cardiovascular health, mental health and school readiness. We also consider grants that improve the overall health and wellness of the community."

A list of all approved grants is attached.

The next deadline for grant applications will be announced early summer. Anyone who would like to be added to the Foundation mailing list to receive information about upcoming grant deadlines and/or a copy of the application form should call the Foundation office at 752-3930 or send an email to edewald@csgiving.org. Additional information about the Foundation is also available at www.csgiving.org.

The mission of the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund is to improve the health and welfare of the Berwick area community. Its service areas include the following areas: Benton Borough and Township; Berwick Borough; Briar Creek Borough and Township; Butler Township; Conyngham Borough and Township; Fishing Creek Township; Hollenback Township; Hunlock Township; Huntington Township; Mifflin Township; Nescopeck Borough and Township; New Columbus Borough; North Centre Township; Salem Township; Shickshinny Borough; South Centre Township; Stillwater Borough; Sugar Loaf Township; and Union Township.

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation invests charitable funds to benefit lower Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. The Foundation's original and largest endowment is the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund (BHWF), valued at approximately \$28 million, created through the sale of the Berwick Hospital Center in 1999. Through the BHWF, the Foundation promotes health and wellness in its grantmaking and community engagement throughout 23 boroughs and townships in northern Columbia County and lower Luzerne County. Since its inception five years ago, the community has received more than five million dollars in grant-money. For more information, please call the Foundation at 752-3930.

2006 Approved Grants and Scholarships

Name	Project	Grant Amount
American Red Cross (Berwick)	Care Giving Programs	\$6,176.00
American Red Cross (Bloomsburg)	Disaster Trailer	\$2,250.00
AYSR Foundation	Program Support	\$3,000.00
Benton Area School District	Rock Climbing Wall	\$9,192.00
Benton Area School District	Camp Ophelia	\$4,354.00
Berwick Area School District	READY Kits	\$7,040.00
Berwick Area School District	Summer School	\$6,423.00
Berwick Public Library	Summer Reading	\$2,600.00
Berwick Youth Football League	Equipment	\$15,000.00
Bethany U.M. Church	Pre-School	\$4,450.00
Borough of Berwick	Summer Conert Sres	\$2,000.00
Borough of Shickshinny	North Canal St. Park	\$10,000.00
Children's Museum	Mighty Mouth Model	\$2,000.00
Col Mont Home Health/VNA	NFP Emerg Fund	\$1,000.00
Columbia Child Development Program	Mental Health Supprt	\$4,800.00
Columbia-Montour Council Boy Scouts of America	General Fund	\$1,050.00
Comm. On Economic Opportunity Luzerne County	Summer Meal Program	\$3,000.00
Council on Foundations	Dues	\$3,150.00
Dental Health Clinic	potential match from PA Dept of Health Challenge Grant	\$150,000 (4 payments b/w 2006-2007)
EOS Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.	Buy-A-Ride	\$1,000.00
Geisinger - Division of Psychiatry	Bwk School Counseling	\$15,000.00
Hunlock Township	Boat Launch	\$11,000.00
Huntington Mills Elementary School	Playground Equip.	\$10,000.00
Luzerne County Community College	Public Safety Training Institute	\$250,000 (payable over 5 years)
Nescopeck Area Community Cupboard	NACC Special Foods	\$1,000.00
Nescopeck Borough	Youth Ctr-Electrical	\$3,100.00
Nicholas Wolff Foundation Inc.	Camperships	\$14,936.00
Northwest Area School District	Jump Start	\$27,851.00
Northwest Area School District	Dancercise	\$7,943.00
PA Environmental Council	Wellness Trails	\$15,000.00
Rainbow Hill School	Natl. Accred.	\$2,000.00
Setebaid	Teen Camp	\$10,000.00
Special Olympics	Training Equipment	\$2,500.00
Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Fund*	Equipment	\$54,000.00
*\$3,000 avialable for each fire companies within the service area that request a grant		
American Cancer Society	Daffodil Days	\$175.00

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American Heart Association	Heart Walk 2006	\$500.00
Berwick Area School District	Summer Rec. Program	\$4,000.00
Berwick Area School District	Phy.Fit.Incentives	\$1,000.00
Bloomsburg Univ. Community Racial Equity Task Force	High School Conf.	\$1,500.00
Col Mont Family Health	Teen Preg.Prevent.	\$650.00
Columbia Child Development	Calendar/Book Event	\$750.00
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	Ed.and Fin.Asst.Prg.	\$1,000.00
Northcentral AHEC	Oral Health Conferen	\$3,000.00
Susq. Valley House of Hope	Fund Dev.Consultants	\$3,000.00
Susq.Warrior Trail Council	Insurance Costs	\$1,000.00