

# OUR COMMUNITIES OF NORTHWEST STOKES FOUNDATION 2021 GRANTS PROGRAM

Our Communities of Northwest Stokes Foundation is pleased to announce a grants program that is made possible through funds raised by Francisco FarmFest.

## **About Our Communities and the Foundation**

Our Communities of NW Stokes is a local development initiative that focuses on revitalization in Francisco, Collinstown, Asbury, Aarons Corner, Harts Store, Johnstown, Westfield, and Double Creek, and on building programs and partnerships that benefit Northwest Stokes County. It is a community-driven and all-volunteer effort. Our Communities of NW Stokes Foundation, a non-profit (501C3) organization, was created in 2015 to support this work and to assist in funding projects in the region.

## **About the Program**

***What is its purpose?*** The program was created to encourage citizens of Northwest Stokes County to propose projects that will benefit their communities or our area as a whole; and to help people jump start, carry out, or complete projects of value to our area.

***How much are the grants?*** Grants in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000 are available.

***Who may apply?*** Individuals or groups such as school, community organizations, or clubs located in Northwest Stokes County are eligible. We encourage potential applicants to apply irrespective of their level of experience producing or managing projects. Although applicants can request either \$500 or \$1,000 for their project, we suggest that those without experience consider applying for a \$500 grant.

***What is Northwest Stokes?*** Northwest Stokes is generally considered to be the part of Stokes County west of Route 8 and north of Route 268. Most of the communities are in the Big Creek Township.

***How can I apply?*** Application forms are available at the Francisco Fire Department, on Facebook at Our Communities of NW Stokes, or at [www.ocnwstokes.org](http://www.ocnwstokes.org). Completed applications should be mailed to Our Communities of Northwest Stokes, 7104 NC 89 W, Westfield, NC 27053.

***When are applications due?*** Completed application forms must be received by July 15, 2021.

***When will awards be announced?*** Awards will be announced in early August. All winners will be introduced at the 2021 Francisco FarmFest along the Sunflower Trail event on September 18.

***What kind of projects are eligible?*** Priority categories for this year include: Agriculture, Arts and Culture, Education, Economic/Business Development, and Beautification and Recreation. Examples of eligible projects include music or other art events, sport events, classes or workshops, competitions, training, school trips, gardens or trails, exhibits, children's activities, research. No projects with a religious or political purpose will be considered.

***When must the projects be completed?*** September 15, 2022.

***What are the reporting requirements?*** Periodic updates may be requested throughout the year. Final reports are due within 30 days of project completion.

***Will 2021 grant recipients be eligible for other OC Grants in the future?*** Yes.

***How can applicants obtain answers to their questions about the Grant program?*** For questions about the application, email Thadia George at [teedleg@gmail.com](mailto:teedleg@gmail.com) including "OCNWS grant" in the subject line. Guidance also will be provided for funded projects if needed.

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2021 GRANT APPLICATION**

Please present a clear and concise description of the project. Answers to the questions can be brief. The grant review panel will consider the following: 1) quality of the idea and plan, 2) manageability, 3) need, 4) innovation/originality, 5) replicability/or sustainability, 6) target audience, 7) potential impact.

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Address:

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Phone number(s) and email:

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Name and contact information for the person who will be in charge:

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Level of Grant requested: \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check)

(Note: pages may be added to answer these questions)

1) Tell us about yourself or your group: (100 words or less)

2) Project title: (10 words or less)

3) Project abstract: briefly summarize the project: (60 words or less)

4) Describe the project including answers to the following: (1500 words or less, total)

a. goal(s) of the project

b. specific plans of how the project will proceed including a statement of its potential significance and how success will be measured

c. the community need your project will address

d. anticipated timeline

e. itemized budget

5) **This application must be received by July 15, 2021** for the application to be considered complete and therefore reviewed.