

Common Good Fund

Helping outstanding nonprofits make a greater impact in the communities they serve.

This competitive grantmaking fund enables organizations to make bold moves to grow and adapt to changing needs. It helps organizations navigate periods of transition and emerge stronger. It gives organizations the ability to invest in longterm growth and success through general operational support, giving them the freedom to identify needs and priorities.

The Common Good Fund awards grants from \$10,000 to \$75,000 for up to 24 months.

Who receives grants?

Organizations in the Community Foundation's 23-county region may apply for a Common Good Fund grant.

Common Good Fund recipients have different missions, but they share common traits. Some are established, and others have only been around for a couple of years.

We look for:

- ◆ A clear vision for implementation and success
- ◆ An engaged board that contributes financially
- ◆ Strong financial management
- ◆ Demonstration of organization-wide planning and decision-making
- ◆ Commitment to diversity

Of 120 applications
received in 2015,
15 nonprofits
received funding.

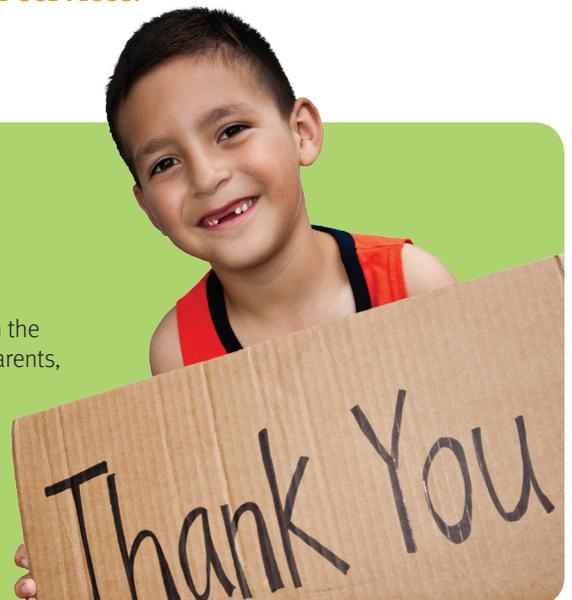


— Patty Russart, Atlanta Community ToolBank

Thanks to the Common Good Fund, we were able to implement our strategy smoothly and in a controlled timeline and structure. It provided us with the necessary funds to streamline our mission, produce a sound and viable organization and begin a capital campaign to expand our operations to meet the demand for our services.

What difference can it make?

Bloom, a south metro organization that supports children in foster care, received a \$60,000 Common Good Fund grant in 2014 to build a foster-care program from the ground up. The organization had to recruit, train and license high-quality foster parents, yet it could receive no state funds until these parents were licensed. **In just four months, Bloom licensed eight families, and the organization was able to serve 14 abused and neglected children.** Bloom now has the structure in place to continue licensing parents and helping children.



Contribute to the Common Good Fund

Donors are assured their money will go to proven, vetted organizations with solid plans for continued success.

There are options at many levels:



To create a named endowment fund benefitting the Community Foundation or to make an estate or legacy gift, please contact Christy Eckoff, director of gift planning at 404.688.5525.

What difference can it make?

The Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (GBPI) provides data-driven, nonpartisan analyses that promote sound policies that impact our region. In anticipation of its founding executive director stepping down in April of 2015, the organization received a \$100,000 two-year grant from the Common Good Fund. **The funds gave GBPI the flexibility to plan and execute a transition plan that involved the board, staff and stakeholders.** GBPI is thriving under new leadership, which has opened doors and created opportunities in minority communities and in the business sector.

