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# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EAST ALABAMA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS: DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022**

ORGANIZATION NAME:

ORGANIZATION CONTACT INFORMATION:

CONTACT PERSONNEL:

MISSION OF ORGANIZATION:

YEARS OF OPERATION:

BUDGET OF ORGANIZATION:

MOST RECENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:

HOW WOULD \$500.00 BENEFIT AND/OR STRENGTHEN YOUR ORGANIZATION?

PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT YOUR REQUEST:



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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF EAST ALABAMA, INC.

### **Mini-GRANT GUIDELINES**

**The Community Foundation of East Alabama, Inc. (CFEA) is seeking proposals for its Mini Grant Program that awards \$500.00 to non-profits that are looking to strengthen their organization. Preference will be given to non-profits that have been in operation between 2-5 years. Three (3) Mini Grants are available to be awarded. These mini grants will be used for general operating support.**

General operating support provides unrestricted funding to help support and maintain an organization as it pursues its mission. This type of grant is flexible and gives the grantee the ability to use the funds where they are most appropriate.

These funds come from the General Fund. While some donors set up their own donor-advised funds with us, other donors choose to support critical issues in the community by donating unrestricted dollars to our General Fund. Donors who give to the General Fund help us to meet the needs of our community today and for years to come. This pool of unrestricted funds allows nonprofit organizations in our 5-county area to apply for grants through a competitive process. After a review process and under the guidance of our Board of Directors, grants are made on the basis of community need and strength of the application.

#### **Proposals Must Meet the Following Criteria:**

1. Include a copy of its 501 (c) 3 tax determination letter.
2. Must operate within or serve individuals in the CFEA's 5 county area: Lee, Macon, Tallapoosa, Chambers, or Russell).
3. Include a Mission and Vision statement
4. Show strategic goals and measurable

#### **Objectives Funds must not be used to support the following:**

1. Religious services and/or religious education
2. Fundraising and marketing events
3. Endowment funds
4. Capital Campaign fundraising or contributions

**Awarded funding will be available effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the funds must be used by October 31, 2022.** It is expected that each awardee will submit a report outlining the way the funds were used and the difference it made in the non-profit's operations.

All approved awardees will be recognized in a press release, in foundation publicity and/or at an event and must agree to this recognition.