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Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Awards \$375,000 in Impact Grants to Lowcountry Nonprofits

Hilton Head Island, SC – In its first Impact Grants cycle of fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025), Community Foundation of the Lowcountry has awarded \$375,000 in grants to eight local nonprofit organizations.

Impact Grants are competitive grants, each in excess of \$10,000, that are awarded to nonprofit organizations for new programs or projects, to enhance an existing program or service, or for large capital projects that are critical to the organization's mission. Impact Grants are for organizations that support those who live and/or work in southern Beaufort County. Community Foundation of the Lowcountry has two grant cycles per year.

The recipients of the Fall 2024 Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Impact Grants are:

- **Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine:** To enhance pharmacy services for uninsured patients, with computer and software upgrades and a part-time pharmacist.
- **Friends of Caroline Hospice:** For the purchase of a specialized stretcher van for transporting patients on demand.
- **Hopeful Horizons:** For a database/quality assurance manager to improve data management and reporting across all Hopeful Horizons programs.
- **Lowcountry Council of Governments:** For training individuals with barriers to employment, with a focus on providing occupational and on-the-job training in high-demand areas.
- **Programs for Exceptional People (PEP):** For securing dedicated aide support for PEP members, with aides assisting lower-functioning, intellectually disabled adults.

- **Public Tennis, Inc.:** For growing PTI's coaching capacity, capability, and ability, including developing and updating training videos, lesson plans, and coaching resources.
- **The Outside Foundation:** For the expansion of the #EARTHDAYHHI initiative into a year-long environmental education and stewardship program.
- **Waddell Mariculture Center:** For purchasing one electric utility cart for use in pond production operations, which supports marine finfish stock enhancement.

To augment Impact Grant awards, Community Foundation of the Lowcountry offers the online Grant Catalog. The Grant Catalog is a co-funding opportunity for generous donors interested in supporting projects that were not fully funded through this Impact Grant cycle. Currently, there are three organizations featured in the Grant Catalog: Lowcountry Council of Governments; Public Tennis, Inc; and Waddell Mariculture Center. To donate to Community Foundation's Grant Catalog, [Click Here](#).

To learn more about the Impact Grants process, please contact Debbie Cahoon at dcagoon@cf-lowcountry.org or call 843-681-9100.

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