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### **Whitaker Foundation Regional Math and Science Program Announces Funding Opportunity**

Harrisburg, PA, March 8, 2013 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is accepting proposals for grants through the Whitaker Foundation Regional Math and Science Program’s annual competitive grantmaking process. The Whitaker Foundation Regional Program, a special initiative of TFEC, is most interested in programs which address math and science proficiency including the following: educational needs of all students and adults in math and science; math and science skills for all students and adults seeking a career in math- and science-based professions; culturally and gender sensitive math and science instruction; math and science curriculum development; and, interactive teaching instruction.

In 2012, the Whitaker Foundation Regional Program funded 14 programs for a total of \$109,220.00. Agencies that received funding in 2012 included Channels Food Rescue (\$10,000 for the Kitchen School Culinary Training program), The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region (\$15,000 for math & science curriculum development for youth programs), Dauphin County Library System (\$7,000 for Discover Math & Science on the Go!), and RSVP of the Capital Region (\$10,000 for CrimeZONE Investigations summer youth program).

There is no maximum request amount; however, approximately \$100,000 is available per funding year for granting. The maximum award in 2012 was \$15,000, with an average grant award of \$8,000. Applicants must be either a registered 501(c)(3) organization, or have a registered nonprofit organization act as a fiscal agent for the proposed project. An applying organization may be physically located in another county; however, services must be provided to those residents in Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry Counties.

Applications must be submitted through TFEC’s online application system by May 3, 2013. Notification of grant awards will be made in mid-July 2013. Organizations interested in applying should visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) to learn how to apply and review the grant guidelines.

### **ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets while serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC please visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org).

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