

2025 CCUW Small Businesses Love Big Grant Summaries

	Organization Name:	Amount of Grant
1.	Catawba County Council on Aging – West Hickory Senior Center Food Pantry: The West Hickory Senior Center Food Pantry serves low-income senior citizens of Catawba County. Funds will be used to purchase non-perishable food for the food pantry. Examples are canned meats, canned vegetables, rice, pasta, canned fruit, Boost/Ensure, oatmeal, grits, and canned soup.	\$2,000
2.	More than Enough Ministries: We will be purchasing children's clothing for our Back-to-School Giveaway. This will include items such as jeans, pants, shirts, coats, underwear, and shoes. The goal of this project is to support families and children during the back-to-school season and throughout the entire year.	\$2,000
3.	The Kindness Project: The Kindness Project addresses the immediate needs of the local unsheltered population while also working towards long-term solutions. It works to enhance the health and well-being of individuals facing homelessness by offering access to nutritious meals, clean drinking water, hygiene supplies and mental health resources. Funds will support the provision of meals every Sunday for the next five months,	\$3,500
4.	Walk With Me Healing Steps: Funds will be used to purchase a new 50-foot level up round pen. This round pen will provide a safe space for participants to work with their equine partner and service provider. We plan to expand our workshops, counselors, and coaches in the next 12 months. Having this round pen allows us to create additional "outdoor offices" for human and horse to interact and work toward healing.	\$3,500
5.	Women's Resource Center: The Women's Resource Center's mission is to support women's self-sufficiency by providing individualized services and connections to local resources. Funds will support the WRC's Womenade Program, which offers financial assistance through one-time grants of up to \$500 for individuals who are facing temporary setbacks or financial hardships, excluding rent or utilities, housing deposits, past-due credit or medical bills, and car insurance.	\$4,000
6.	OUTright Youth of Catawba Valley The agency's anchor is the Wednesday night youth group: a weekly gathering that gives middle and high school students a place to connect and belong. For many, it is the one time each week when they can truly be themselves. Funds will cover the basics that make this group possible: art supplies for activities that spark creativity and build resilience, snacks that break the ice and build friendships, and the essential costs of having a consistent, dedicated, welcoming space.	\$2,500
Total		\$17,500.00