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## **Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber 2019 Community Development Fund Grant Applications are Open**

**Princeton, NJ- August 7th**—The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber Community Development Fund in partnership with the Princeton Area Community Foundation and the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation have opened their 2019 grant applications. To apply you must be a 501c-3 nonprofit organization headquartered in the Princeton/Mercer Region. Grant awards may be requested between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Applications must be completed and submitted by close of business on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber’s 2019 Community Development Fund Grant application,” said John Goedecke, Chairman of the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber. “Our Community Development Fund has been providing grants to nonprofit organizations in our region for six years and to date, we have awarded over \$200,000 in development grants to over 27 nonprofit organizations,” said Mr. Goedecke.

The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber established the Community Development Fund in partnership with the Princeton Area Community Foundation in 2013 with a \$500,000 gift from the Chamber Foundation to benefit nonprofits located throughout the Princeton /Mercer region. Grants are given to the most promising programs that address one or more of the Fund’s focus areas: education, leadership, economic opportunity & development, and self-sufficiency.

“The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber is the only Chamber in the region to partner and create a program to support not-for-profit organizations with direct grants,” said Peter Crowley, President and CEO of the Chamber. “More than 12% of our members are not-for-profit organizations and we continue to support them in a direct way. We believe that a vibrant nonprofit community is key to a healthy regional economy.”

For more information on applying for a grant please go to: <https://pacf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/prcc-community-development-fund/>

To learn more or to join the Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber please go to [www.princetonmercerchamber.org](http://www.princetonmercerchamber.org) or call Christine Curnan, Vice President, Membership Development at 609-924-1776.

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**The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber**— The Princeton Mercer Regional Chamber is a membership organization committed to promoting business growth within the Mercer County region and surrounding areas. With more than 10,000 individual contacts and more than 1,600 member companies, the Chamber membership is primarily focused in five central New Jersey counties and stretches as far as New York, Philadelphia and Canada. More information about the Chamber can be found at [www.princetonmercerchamber.org](http://www.princetonmercerchamber.org)