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New! Free Online Grant Writing Tutorial Now Available

Hopewell -- Southside Community Partners (SCP), the nonprofit program working to foster a strong community by advancing nonprofit organizations, is pleased to announce the launch of a new online Grant Writing Tutorial as part of several new capacity building initiatives. Free access to the Grant Writing Tutorial is available on the ConnectSouthside website at www.connectsouthside.org/resource.

Developed by the Nonprofit Resource Center and ConnectSouthside staff of Southside Community Partners, the new online SCP Grant Writing Tutorial is an easy-to-use tool that offers practical, step-by-step guidelines, tips and resources to help organizations secure funds in support of their mission.

“This new Grant Writing Tutorial provides great information especially for those who have attended SCP Learning and Leadership workshops, visited the Nonprofit Resource Center, and/or have used the ConnectSouthside site in search of data and research to support their grant seeking efforts,” states Shari Henry, Nonprofit Collections Librarian and developer of the Tutorial curriculum.

Users of the SCP Grant Writing Tutorial are taken through each aspect of grant proposal writing including ideas worth funding, assessing staff capacity, using funding databases, approaching foundations, developing timelines, gaining familiarity with the key components of grants, and more. The Tutorial information is easy to navigate, moving online customers through each page which is accompanied by direct links to samples and helpful book titles, all of which are available at the SCP Nonprofit Resource Center.

“With the new SCP Grant Writing Tutorial on ConnectSouthside.org, the free and open community network, it is easy and convenient to access and use from any location at any time,” says Rebecca Eisenman, Manager of Online Services and tutorial web page designer.

An overview of the Tutorial is now included as part of the free Find Funding workshops offered regularly at the Nonprofit Resource Center to help prepare participants to navigate two major funding databases accessible in the SCP Nonprofit Resource Center: Grants Connection (Directory of Virginia Foundations) and the Foundation Directory Online of 100,000 grantmakers and over 2 million grants.

To learn more about the SCP Grant Writing Tutorial and other SCP Nonprofit Resource Center tools and services, please contact Shari Henry at 804-458-6329 X 1018 or shenry@scpartners.org.

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About Southside Community Partners: Southside Community Partners invests in the people and systems that work to solve the complex social issues of our community. By delivering high impact resources and services we help build the capacity of nonprofit organizations so they more effectively deliver programs and activities that improve the quality of life for residents in the Southside Virginia region. Our three focus areas include human resource development through *Learning & Leadership* professional training programs, organizational/institutional strengthening through pathways to funding and management resources in the *Nonprofit Resource Center* and community engagement through *ConnectSouthside.org*. Southside Community Partners is a program of the Appomattox Regional Library System. Major support for Southside Community Partners is provided by The Cameron Foundation and the John Randolph Foundation. Learn more at www.ConnectSouthside.org.