



**2016 Grant Applications Now Available from The Community Foundation**  
*Up to \$10,000 in grants from The Frank V. Oliver Jr. Fund for Putnam County*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – January 14, 2016—Preliminary grant applications are now being accepted by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida for certain categories of competitive 2016 grantmaking in Putnam County. The grants, up to \$10,000 each, are open to those nonprofit organizations seeking a one-time seed investment to help begin a new program or to assist in the expansion of an existing program in these areas:

- Health:** Improve access to critical health services
- Hunger:** Help reduce food insecurity and encourage access to healthy food
- Veterans:** Provide assistance for veterans in times of crisis or emergency
- Education:** Improve educational outcomes and access to post-secondary education
- Poverty:** Help families achieve skills necessary for self-sufficiency

The grants will be awarded from the Frank V. Oliver Jr. Fund for Putnam County that was established by the long-time Palatka businessman who passed away in 2010. The preliminary application is available at <https://www.jaxcf.org/receive/apply/putnam-county> and the deadline for the preliminary application is February 15, 2016. Selected applicants will be required to submit a full application later in the spring for grant contracts that will begin on July 1.

Frank Oliver Jr. was born in Jacksonville but called Palatka home for 78 of his 80 years. He headed multiple businesses operating along the St. Johns River in Putnam County. He was an avid Gator fan and he loved supporting his favorite charities. His legacy of giving continues through The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida where he established numerous endowment funds as part of his charitable legacy.

In 2015, the Frank V. Oliver Fund for Putnam County invested \$71,000 in grants to such deserving organizations as Communities In Schools, Dignity U Wear, Putnam Habitat for Humanity and Mt. Carmel Community Resource Center. Learn more about our work at [www.jaxcf.org/quality-of-life](http://www.jaxcf.org/quality-of-life)

**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 52<sup>nd</sup> year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$313 million and has made grants in excess of \$332 million since 1964.

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