



# Crape Myrtle Festival, Inc.

*In the most oppressive of climates, Crape Myrtle Festival (CMF) is working to make a difference. By raising funds through donations and community events, we strive to support organizations in North Carolina that assist people living with HIV/AIDS and the GLBT communities.*

## 2008 Grant Process

Crape Myrtle Festival, Inc.  
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Dear Community Nonprofit:

Crape Myrtle Festival, Inc. (CMF), is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that makes annual grants to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. We are very excited to continue our 2008 fundraising year with the announcement of our 2008 grant process.

This year, CMF is committed through its granting process, to promote the development of HIV/AIDS services and health related programs serving the lesbian, gay, bi and transgender (LGBT) communities in the Triangle area and is particularly interested in non-profit organizations that encourage community building and collaboration.

When making granting decisions, CMF gives special attention to organizations that:

- Generally do not have access to government, university, or other large donor funding sources
- Are providing a wide range of services, networking opportunities, and outlets to the LGBT communities
- Are working with other organizations to network, share efficiencies, and build coalitions
- Have a proven track record as an established organization within the community, or can show through its work and key alliances that the organization is valued within the community
- Provide services to under-represented populations (women, people of color, economically challenged, etc.)
- Through outreach and education programs, focus on "healthy living" and prevention messages (for STD/HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, etc.), rather than only focusing on "treatment" and/or "case management."

Enclosed are the instructions and form for the grant process. **Forms must be received by Friday, August 29.** We look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Kevin Colgan & Cecil Coates  
2008 CMF Co-chairs

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