



Community and Economic Development in North Carolina and Beyond Blog: Golden LEAF's Community Assistance Initiative (CAI) in Lenoir County: An Update

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On Monday night, November 9, community leaders from across Lenoir County came together

to hear feedback on project proposals that have been submitted to the Golden LEAF Foundation. Foundation President Dan Gerlach provided an overview of project proposals, which total \$8.3 million. The Foundation will invest \$2 million in projects selected by a committee of local leaders and approved by the Golden LEAF board. The projects submitted for consideration fall into three main categories: economic development, education and health. They include a number of programs for at-risk students, workforce development, road improvement projects, beautification initiatives and expansion of health care in the county. Fifteen community leaders were selected to review and rank the proposals.

UNC, through the CCP, is playing a supporting role to a number of community-based organizations that are seeking support through the Golden LEAF Community Assistance Initiative.

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