

Past recipients say ...

Although the identity of all grant recipients is kept anonymous, many have commented on the assistance they received.

For instance:

"Thank you so much. I hope to learn as much as I can for the betterment of my community."

"I really feel as if I won some sort of lottery. I am very grateful."

"Thank you and your foundation."

"Thank you so very much!! I am looking forward to the training."

"The networking and problem solving that I can accomplish when meeting so many of my peers will make a big difference to the success of my County."



How you can help us

Support your fellow planners and the Foundation's grant programs for their professional development.

The Foundation is entirely funded through the generous donations of individuals across the state, and through a fund-raising auction held at each Annual (Fall) Conference of the Georgia Planning Association.

Donations by check can be sent directly to the Foundation's Treasurer. Donations in goods or services for the annual auction can be sent or given to the Foundation's Vice President.

Contact info

For current names and addresses, visit the GA Planning Memorial Foundation page on the GPA website GeorgiaPlanning.org or email us at GaPlanningFoundation@gmail.com

Your tax-deductible support will help the Foundation make a long-term difference as we equip planners throughout the state to improve their communities.

Georgia Planning
Memorial Foundation



Who we are

The Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

It was initially organized by the Georgia Planning Association (a chapter of the American Planning Association) in response to a flood of donations received in memory of Denise Abboud after her tragic and untimely death in 2007.

The GPA Board of Directors created the Denise Abboud Memorial Fund to honor Denise's ideals and contributions to the planning profession during her life.

Subsequently, the GPA Board sponsored the creation of the Foundation as a non-profit corporation to administer the Denise Abboud Fund and other donations received in honor of other fallen comrades.

What we do

The Foundation provides grants through the Denise Abboud Fund, which was created to help with the education and ongoing professional development of planners, planning commissioners or other persons in Georgia, who work in or serve cities and counties in an official planning role.

Grant assistance generally helps recipients with travel expenses to obtain training at workshops and conferences, such as the GPA Annual Conference and DCA's Community Planning Institute.

The Foundation's offerings may change slightly from year-to-year. For up to date information and application forms, go to GPA's site at georgiaplanning.org and click the GA Planning Memorial Foundation page.

How we can help you

If you need funding assistance to attend a workshop or conference supported by the Foundation, particularly if your city or county cannot afford the expense, download an application form from the GPA web site, fill it in, and send it to the Foundation at the address on the form.

You do not need to be a GPA member to be considered for assistance. However, if you are a GPA member, there may be special assistance directly from GPA regarding their conference registration fee.

We can help you to achieve OUR vision: to support access to professional development opportunities for local citizen and professional planners, particularly those facing financial challenges in their communities.

