



## Luncheon Series ~ May 2, 2019



Networking: 11:00-11:30 a.m. ~ Program: 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch and drinks— Attendees must RSVP and pay in advance

## Managing a Grant Budget

Presented by: Blair Diaz, CPA

**The Program and the Reason Behind It:** The North Georgia Community Foundation 2019 Community Impact Grant cycle is OPEN. This cycle is an annual program created to improve lives in the region through

effective grantmaking from the NGCF endowment. Right now, non-profit organizations are busy creating and working on their applications; there are several requirements and information that has to be collected in order to submit a completed application by the deadline date on Friday, May 31. Among the information required, is a *grant budget*. Working on a budget can be anywhere on the range of easy to hard for an organization. The goal of submitting a budget for a grant application is to show the application reviewer a clear and concise picture of the overall project and what exactly the funds being requested will go towards. This luncheon series will concentrate on *how to create that coveted grant budget*. We invite all non-profit representatives to join NGCF for this luncheon series, but in-particular those that are in the processing of applying for a 2019 Community Impact Grant.



**The Presenter:** Blair C. Diaz is a certified public accountant (CPA) with more than twenty years of public accounting experience in a wide range of business and nonprofit sectors.



She earned her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from the University of Georgia in 1993 and subsequently passed the CPA exam in one sitting. Her career began as an auditor with Coopers & Lybrand, LLP and then she founded a local accounting firm in 2004. This has given her experience with a variety of large, midsized and small companies on a national, regional and community basis. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountant (GSCPA).

Blair is actively involved in the community through the Gainesville Rotary Club and numerous non-profit boards. North Georgia Community Foundation is proud to have had Blair serve as Board Chair in 2011, and she is slated to be Board Chair in 2021. Blair is a frequent speaker to community groups on the topics of nonprofit finances and management. In 2017, she was the recipient of the prestigious W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence and Community Leadership. Through Blair's professional experience and in particular her involvement with the North Georgia

Community Foundation and previous Community Impact Grant Cycles, her insight and presentation will be invaluable to non-profit organizations who regularly work on any grant applications.