

Grants

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc. has approved 59 applications for Grant Awards totaling more than \$154,000.

The awards are broken down into the following Areas of Interest:

28 - Human Services

19 - Arts & Humanities

3 - Education

3 - Health

The Foundation thanks the members of the Grants Committee for their time and dedication: Bob Perkinson, Chair; Mary Jo Babbitt, Marie Blackwell, Kathleen Blaydes, Gina Boggess, Carole Dodson, Deborah Garton, Craig Hammond, Kermit Moore, Foundation President; and Peter Taylor.

Education

- Appalachian South Folklife Center's Learning Day Camp; \$2,500.00 for material and supplies for summer 2020 camp; Unrestricted Fund
- Chamber of Commerce of the Two Virginias; \$2,000.00 for the Reading Bee for Mercer and Tazewell County Schools; Ruth Creasy and Elmo Fleshman Fund
- Concord University Research & Development Corp; \$2,445.00 for the writing support center; Unrestricted Fund

Health

- Four Seasons YMCA; \$1,601.00 for the Senior Fitness Challenge May 2020; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- Princeton Rescue Squad; \$5,000.00 for classroom seating and workstations for the Community Conference and Education facility; Community Action Grant Fund and Unrestricted Fund
- Virginia Dental Association; \$2,000.00 for the MOM Dental Program in Tazewell County; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund

Human Services

- Abel Pregnancy Resource Center; \$1,589.00 for safe baby equipment for newborns; Rotary Club of Bluefield, WV
- Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens; \$2,000.00 to purchase a double-deck commercial oven; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- Bluefield College New Opportunity School for Women; \$1,275.00 for 2020 Program Support; Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill
- Bluefield Police Department; \$5,000.00 to purchase five police vehicle cages; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield State College Foundation; \$2,800.00 to purchase and install US/WV flags and bases to be used across the campus; Anonymous Fund and The Warren Ashby and Elizabeth Featherstone Thornhill Memorial Fund
- Catholic Charities West Virginia; \$1,230.00 for personal care items and cleaning supplies to stock the pantry; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- Center for Christian Action; \$2,000.00 for medical assistance for low-income; Unrestricted Fund
- Childlaw Services, Inc.; \$2,000.00 for the "Girls Run the Nation" program; Ruth Creasy and A. Elmo Fleshman Fund and the Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund
- Children's Home Society of WV; \$2,000.00 for expenses associated with the "Fostering Families" program; Judge Jerome and Hilda R. Katz Memorial Fund and the Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund
- City of Bluefield Parks and Recreation Department; \$1,869.00 for one set of three lane lines for the pool; Unrestricted Fund
- City of Bluefield, WV Fire Department; \$4,000.00 for "Fire Hydrant Flags; Unrestricted Fund
- Communities in Schools of Southwest Virginia; \$3,000.00 for support for Tazewell County schools; Unrestricted Fund
- Community Connections; \$2,000.00 for support to expand Police Explorers program into Athens and Bramwell ; Unrestricted Fund
- Davis Stuart, Inc.; \$2,000.00 to pay for a hotel stay, food and activities for the young residents of the group home; Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Feeding America Southwest Virginia; \$2,000.00 to support feeding the hungry in Tazewell County; Unrestricted Fund
- Friends Unlimited; \$3,500.00 for expenses associated with the annual prom; Sandra Gayle Monk Memorial Fund

- Mercer County Opportunity Industries; \$1,570.00 for production and installation of sign; Unrestricted Fund
- Princeton Board of Parks and Recreation Commission; \$3,415.86 for starter equipment for both a youth volleyball league and a youth indoor soccer league; Unrestricted Fund
- Princeton Police Dept.; \$1,450.00 for the "Police Dog Hero" program; Unrestricted Fund
- Royal Family Kids Camp of Princeton, WV; \$2,000.00 for support of the 2020 Kids Camp; Unrestricted Fund
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church Food Pantry; \$7,000.00 for support of the food pantry by providing funding for two-months supply of food to distribute to low-income families; American Electric Power Community Services Fund and the Helen Louise Payne and Henry Pleasant Cofer Fund
- Save A Pet Food Bank; \$3,000.00 for 12 months supply of dog and cat food to be given out at the Bluefield Union Mission; Unrestricted Fund
- Second Chance for Cats; \$3,000.00 for support of the spay/neuter program, vaccinations for 50 cats, and the traps and food program; Fannie Kate and Betty Gardner Bailey Fund and Unrestricted Fund
- SPARKS; \$4,000.00 for "Youth Education Empowerment Program - Field Trips; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- The Wade Center; \$6,223.07 to purchase commercial stove, mixer and upright freezer; American Electric Power Community Services Fund, the Fannie Kate and Betty Gardner Bailey Fund, the Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund, the Rotary Club of Bluefield, WV Fund; and the Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund
- Town of Bluefield, VA Police Dept; \$1,799.70 to purchase 30 Bail Out Bags; Unrestricted Fund
- WVU Foundation; \$2,500.00 for equipment, kits, travel and competition cost for the robotics program for Mercer county teams; Unrestricted Fund
- Young Life; \$2,000.00 for bus transportation fees for fall, weekend camp; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund

Arts and Humanities

- 4 Pals Productions, Inc.; \$3,000.00 support of the 7th annual theatre festival; Unrestricted Fund
- Blue Mountain Performing Arts; \$2,000.00 for support of the 2019/2020 opening show, "Sons of Serendip"; Fannie Kate and Betty Gardner Bailey Fund and Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield Beautification Commission; \$5,000.00 to replace fencing at the Ramsey Street parking lot; Ammar Family Memorial Fund

- Bluefield High School; \$5,000.00 for the BHS Theatre Department's spring musical; Bluefield High School Class of '56 Fund
- Bluefield Preservation Society; \$5,000.00 in support of the restoration of the Granada Theatre; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield Preservation Society; \$2,000.00 to purchase tents for the annual Lemonade Festival; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluewell Improvement Association; \$3,000.00 for hanging flower baskets and ground planters for spring 2020; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluewell Lions Club; \$3,000.00 to provide hard-back books to K-3 students at 3 schools; Bluefield Daily Telegraph Literacy Fund and the Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- Bramwell Theatre Corp; \$2,000.00 lodging for out-of-state actors for ten days for "Smoke on the Mountain" production; Unrestricted Fund
- Burkes Garden Artisan Guild; \$3,000.00 to add stone to the foundation and gravel the parking lot; Unrestricted Fund
- Chuck Mathena II Foundation, Inc.; \$2,500.00 in support of free and/or reduced rental to non-profit groups in Mercer and Tazewell counties; Unrestricted Fund
- City of Bluefield - Bluefield Baseball Club; \$6,500.00 in support of the July 4, 2020 fireworks after the baseball game; Charles A. and Marjorie M. Peters
- Graham Historical Society; \$2,000.00 in support of expenses associated with "Twisted History" fundraiser event; Unrestricted Fund
- Mercer County Fair; \$1,000.00 in support of expenses associated with the train display; Unrestricted Fund
- Mercer County Historical Society; \$2,500.00 for Storytellers for the 2020 Mercer County Heritage Festival; Unrestricted Fund
- National Coal Heritage Area Authority; \$2,001.00 for benches and PA system for the Bramwell Train Depot Visitor Center; Unrestricted Fund
- Tazewell County Public Library; \$2,000.00 to purchase furniture, white boards, and a smart television for the new community room; Unrestricted Fund
- Town of Bluefield Beautification Commission; \$2,546.00 to purchase additional Graham banners to be placed in the downtown area; Unrestricted Fund
- William King Museum of Art; \$2,500.00 in support of the VanGogh Outreach in Tazewell County for 2nd and 3rd graders; Unrestricted Fund

Donor-Designated Grants

B.G. and Rachel Blalock Fund; \$1,733.16 to Bible in the Schools in Mercer County
 Sylvester C. and Janice M. Myers Fund; \$755.19 to The Wade Center
 Charles E. and Jerry Ann Myles Fund; \$483.82 to the Mercer Charitable Clinic

Total Donor-Designated \$2,972.17

Donor-Advised Grants

The Charles and Rebecca Carter Fund; \$500.00 to the Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands

The Charles and Rebecca Carter Fund; \$500.00 to Catholic Charities West Virginia

Total Donor-Advised \$1,000.00

Scholarships

The Community Foundation Board of Directors met in May and voted to approve scholarship recommendations for 2018. Seventy-four awards were made from 29 separate funds, totaling more than \$147,100.

The funds are listed below, and those that awarded scholarships, with the number of awards indicated.

- Alex B. Mahood, Jr. Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Scholarship Fund - 2 Awards
- Ann and Geno Preservati Scholarship - 1 Award
- Bluefield High School Class of 1963 Scholarship - 1 Award
- Bluefield High Schools' Alumni Scholarship - 2 Awards
- C.B. and Ora Hunter Hancock Memorial Scholarship - 3 Awards
- Don and Brenda Brohard Scholarship - 1 Award
- Dr. Jack Walter Witten Scholarship - 5 Awards
- E.R. Gillespie Scholarship - 2 Awards

- East River Mountain H.O.G. #5432 - 4 Awards
- Foundation of Health Services of the Virginias, Inc. - 3 Awards
- GHS Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Harman Lodge #222 A.F. & A.M. Scholarship - 2 Awards
- James and Rebecca Steorts Scholarship - 1 Award
- James C. Ramey, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - 6 Awards
- Joetta Collins Hooker Scholarship - 1 Award
- Joshua Lee Shutt Memorial Scholarship - 4 Awards
- Kendrick Family Scholarship - 4 Awards
- Kendrick Scholarship Bluefield State College - 4 Awards
- Larry and Patsy Douglas Scholarship - 1 Award
- Lauren Alexis Perdue Memorial Scholarship - 1 Award
- Lil Tony Webster "Forever Five" Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Margaret "Trika" Smith-Burke Scholarship - 11 Awards
- Marsha A. Mead, PhD Scholarship - 1 Award
- Marshall Miller Scholarship - 1 Award
- Mary Ellen and Ralph McCue Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Maurice and Grace Hanna Weinberg Scholarship - 7 Awards
- Robert Austin Family Scholarship - 3 Awards
- Rose Sinicrope Scholarship - 1 Awards

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