

Grants

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc. has approved 41 applications for Grant Awards totaling more than \$186,277.

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

23 - Human Services

13 - Arts & Humanities

4 - Education

1 - Health

The Foundation would like to recognize the members of the Grants Committee, chaired by Bob Perkinson, and including Mary Jo Babbitt, Gene Bailey, Marie Blackwell, Kathleen Blaydes, Carole Dodson, Craig Hammond, Kermit Moore and Peter Taylor.

Education

- Appalachian South Folklife Center; \$3,000.00 for Learning Day Camp 2021; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield College Dept of Communication; \$1,700.00, annual cost of the Rampage website; Bluefield Daily Telegraph and Unrestricted Fund
- Concord University Research & Development Corporation; \$4,878.00; Momentum Year project; Unrestricted Fund
- Tazewell Presbyterian Preschool; \$3,957.79; Full Steam Ahead Project; Unrestricted Fund

Health

- Virginia Dental Association Foundation; \$2,000.00; MOM Dental Program Spring 2021 for Tazewell County residents; Unrestricted and AEP Fund

Human Services

- Abel Crisis Pregnancy Center; \$2,525.00; to build up the inventory of essential baby care items; Community Action Grant Fund and the Unrestricted Fund

- Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens; \$10,108.00; kitchen equipment for the Falls Mills Adult Daycare Center; Unrestricted Fund
- Catholic Charities West Virginia; \$3,500.00; support of the personal care pantry; Ghia M. Borg Memorial Fund
- Childlaw Services, Inc.; \$3,000.00; Girls Run the Nation Program; Ruth Creasy and A. Elmo Fleshman Fund and the Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund
- Childlaw Services, Inc.; \$3,000.00; initial start-up supplies of the Southern Snuggles Program; Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Children's Home Society of WV\$2,000.00; dinner and refreshments for for the Children's Group Sessions; Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund
- City of Bluefield Fire Department; \$7,201.20; purchase of two 3-bag sets of Air Lift Bags; Unrestricted Fund
- City of Bluefield Parks & Recreation Department; \$2,320.00; purchase two cleaning and disinfecting systems; Anonymous and Unrestricted Fund
- City of Bluefield Police Department; \$4,000.00; to purchase 35 radio microphones; Unrestricted Fund
- City of Bluefield Public Works Department; \$6,352.40; harness safety vests and lanyards for 25 Public Work employees; Charles A. and Marjorie M. Peters and the Unrestricted Fund
- Community Connections, Inc.; \$2,000.00; Gracie's Mysteries" books, crayons, and refreshments; Unrestricted Fund
- Kingdom Builders Ministry, Inc.; \$2,179.32; refrigerator, freezer, range and dishwasher for food bank; Ghia M. Borg Memorial and AEP Fund
- Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater PA and WV; \$2,200.00; Wishmaker grant for a Mercer County child; Unrestricted Fund
- Princeton Police Department; \$1,700.00; Crime Prevention" Program for children; Unrestricted Fund
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Inc.; \$1,500.00; support for Mercer and Tazewell County families ; Unrestricted Fund
- Sacred heart Catholic Church Food Pantry; \$20,000.00 support of the food pantry; Ghia M. Borg Memorial and AEP Fund
- FundSave A Pet Food Bank; \$3,600.00; to provide free pet food to low income distributed monthly at the Union Mission; Unrestricted Fund
- Second Chance for Cats; \$4,000.00; Spay/Neuter services; Fannie Kate and Betty Gardner Bailey Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Town of Richlands Police Department; \$9,618.00; seven laptops; Unrestricted Fund
- Toys for Tots; \$2,000.00; program support; Warren Ashby and Elizabeth Featherstone Thornhill Memorial Fund

- Wade Center; \$6,087.00; classroom floor renovation for four rooms; Jeffrey Edward Shott Memorial Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Wise Women's Center; \$3,000.00; Education Expo; Unrestricted Fund
- Young Life; \$2,000.00; transportation for Fall Weekend; Unrestricted Fund

Arts and Humanities

- 4 Pals Productions, Inc.; \$4,565.00; the purchase of a portable Chauvet lighting; Unrestricted Fund
- Blue Mountain Performing Arts; \$2,000.00; to defray costs for a spring performance; Fannie Kate and Betty Gardner Bailey Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield Beautification Commission; \$6,528.12; to complete the fencing project of the parking lot on Ramsey Street; Ammar Family Memorial Fund and the Unrestricted Fund
- Bluefield Preservation Society; \$3,000.00; ice maker/dispenser, water filter and shipping costs for the concession at the Granada Theatre; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluewell Improvement Association, Inc.; \$3,000.00; continuation of the flower baskets and ground planters for 2021; Unrestricted Fund
- Bluewell Lions Club; \$3,000.00; purchase and installation of two blessing boxes and two library boxes for the community; Unrestricted Fund
- Charles T. "Chuck" Mathena II Foundation, Inc.; \$2,500.00; defray lost income from free/reduced rentals to schools and non-profits; Unrestricted Fund
- Friends of Pinnacle Rock State Park, Inc.; \$3,000.00; in support of the Fishing Rodeo; Unrestricted Fund
- Mercer County Historical Society; \$2,500.00; to help fund storytellers, artist and musicians, 2021; Unrestricted Fund
- Princeton Public Library; \$8,000.00; To purchase 8 shelving units; Unrestricted Fund
- Sanders House; \$17,958.00; Upgrades and house maintenance; Unrestricted Fund
- Town of Bluefield, VA Beautification Commission; \$7,299.00; Portable pro handicap lift swing for the pool at Fincastle; Sandra Gayle Monk Memorial Fund
- William King Museum of Art; \$3,500.00; VanGogh and Heritage Express in Tazewell County Schools; Unrestricted Fund

Donor-Designated Grants

B.G. and Rachel Blalock Fund; \$1,658.59; Bible in the Schools in Mercer County

Sylvester C. and Janice M. Myers Fund; \$ 722.21; The Wade Center

Charles E. and Jerry Ann Myles Fund; \$ 461.36; Mercer Charitable Clinic

Total Donor-Designated \$2,842.16

Donor-Advised Grants

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

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

Total Donor-Advised \$1,000.00

An additional \$35,800 Community Impact Project grant was awarded to the City of Bluefield, West Virginia Fire Department for work on Station 3 on Cumberland Road.

Scholarships

The Community Foundation Board of Directors met in May and voted to approve scholarship recommendations for 2020. One hundred fifty-three awards were made from 38 separate funds, totaling more than \$284,000.

The Foundation would like to recognize and thank the members of the Scholarships Committee, chaired by Carole Dodson and including Gene Bailey, George Brooks, Mary Raub and Cathy Zimmerman for their time and diligence in evaluating the applications.

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

- Alex B. Mahood, Jr. Scholarship - 1 Award

- Ann and Geno Preservati Scholarship Fund - 1 Award
- Anne and Luke Tabor Memorial Scholarship - 1 Award
- BHS Class of '63 Scholarship - 1 Award
- C. B. and Ora Hunter Hancock Memorial Scholarship - 1 Award
- Cole Harley-Davidson Military and First Responder Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Cyrus Leroy and Blanche Mae Nicholson Scholarship - 1 Awards
- Doctor Jack Walter Witten Scholarship - 5 Awards
- Don and Brenda Brohard Scholarship - 2 Awards
- E. R. Gillespie Scholarship - 1 Award
- Foundation of Health Services of the Virginias, Inc. - 10 Awards
- Graham High School Scholarship - 1 Award
- Grants Supermarket Scholarship - 3 Awards
- Harman Masonic Lodge Scholarship - 1 Award
- James and Rebecca Steorts Scholarship - 1 Award
- James C. Ramey, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - 7 Awards
- Jane Bobbitt Scholarship - 1 Award
- Joetta Collins Hooker Memorial Scholarship - 4 Awards
- Joshua Lee Shutt Memorial Scholarship - 4 Awards
- Ken and Rick Kendrick Scholarship - 3 Awards
- Kendrick Bluefield State College Scholarship - 3 Awards
- Kendrick Scholarship Concord University - 4 Awards
- Larry and Patsy Douglas Family Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Lauren Alexis Perdue Memorial Scholarship - 1 Award
- Lil Tony Webster "Forever 5" Memorial Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Margaret "Trika" Smith-Burke Scholarship - 19 Awards
- Marsha A. Mead, Ph.D. Scholarship - 1 Award
- Marshall Miller Scholarship - 2 Awards
- Mary Ellen and Ralph McCue Scholarship - 1 Award
- Maurice and Grace Hanna Weinberg Scholarship - 35 Awards
- Otis "Slim" Kidd Scholarship - 1 Award

- Robert Austin Family Scholarship - 5 Awards
- Sinicrope Scholarship -2 Awards
- Roy R. Raub, M.D. Memorial Scholarship - 13 Awards
- Sue Mandeville Scholarship - 6 Awards
- Susanne Nelson Ph.D. Scholarship - 1 Award
- Wayne Christian Scholarship - 3 Awards
- William G. Skewes Memorial Scholarship - 1 Award