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## Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Awards \$855,000 in 2025 Grants, Driving Regional Progress

Fairfax, VA (April 17, 2025) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia **has awarded \$855,000 in grants to 51 nonprofit organizations** across the region through the [Community Investment Funds \(CIF\)](#), [Environment Fund](#), and [Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts](#) distributions. Individual grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. These grants are more than just funding—they represent the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia’s commitment to building a more resilient and inclusive region.

The Community Foundation awards strategic, general operating support grants that nonprofits can use flexibly at the discretion of their staff and board. The grantmaking process is transparent and community-driven, with 95 engaged, knowledgeable volunteers playing a key role in reviewing applications this year. Each grant awarded aligns with one or more of the Foundation’s four strategic pillars—guiding principles that shape its vision for a thriving, equitable community: **Social and Economic Mobility, Opportunities for All, Inclusive Systems of Economic Growth, and Community Resilience**. Grants are distributed through a variety of broad-based funds built over time to support the region’s evolving needs.

From aging and the arts to youth development, education, environmental sustainability, mental health, support for individuals with disabilities, military families, and essential safety net services, the 2025 grantees reflect the full range of transformational work taking place across Northern Virginia.

While generous support from individuals, fundholders, and corporate partners like Verisign support these annual grants, a growing portion is fueled by the enduring strength of our [endowment funds](#).

The Foundation continues to emphasize the power of endowment-building as a tool for long-term change. Contributions of any size to the Community Investment Funds will be pooled with all donors and combined with funding available from the [Permanent Fund](#) endowments to make a difference right here at home. Endowed funds generate annual earnings that can be reinvested into community programs year after year—ensuring that today’s generosity becomes tomorrow’s impact.

**Join the Community Foundation** in celebrating this incredible milestone, and in building a future where our community’s needs are forever supported. For more information visit [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org).

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## [ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA](#)

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is building a region that works for everyone by advancing equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Since 1978, we have united thousands of generous Northern Virginians with the causes they care about through donor-advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and charitable endowments. We cultivate enduring partnerships with nonprofits, foundations, government, businesses, and community members, maximizing impact to drive meaningful change. Through Insight Region®, our original research initiative, we deliver data-driven insights that reveal the trends and issues shaping Northern Virginia's future.

The Community Foundation proudly serves all Northern Virginians in Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park. Learn more at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org).

Here are what some of the grantees in each CFNOVA jurisdiction have to say about their awards:

### Grantees Serving All of Northern Virginia

#### Earth Sangha:

*"The Earth Sangha is extremely grateful to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for their support of our Native Plant Propagation program which aims to restore native plants communities in northern Virginia while training future conservation professionals. The support from the Foundation will help us grow more local ecotype, native plants to support grassroots restoration projects across Northern Virginia and train Conservation Interns in the full range of native plant propagation and restoration activities to prepare them for a future career in conservation." (2025 Environment Fund Grantee)*



#### Kitchen of Purpose:

*"The 2025 Community Investment Fund Grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will help fuel Kitchen of Purpose's work—changing lives through the power of food. Our job training for the Food and Beverage industry prepares marginalized communities for good-paying jobs." (2025 Education Fund Grantee)*



## Grantees Serving Alexandria

### Cornerstone Craftsman:

*"The Lamond Fund Grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will support the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, which currently serves 28 students. The funds will go into providing tools, mentors, food and clothes, transportation and skilled trades instruction. Funds will also support key staff, including program instructors and the Family Engagement Team, ensuring participants achieve long-term success in their careers and personal development." (2025 Lamond Fund to Benefit Children and Youth Grantee)*



### Community Lodgings:

*"Community Lodgings is honored to be awarded this grant by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia in support of our Youth Education Program. Serving students from the Arlandria-Chirilagua community, this grant allows us to expand the social-emotional learning aspect of our programming, and provide therapeutic counseling groups for middle school and high school students dealing with high levels of stress and anxiety. Groups will focus on coping skills, emotional regulation and stress management to support our youth during these difficult and uncertain times facing our immigrant communities." (2025 Child and Youth Development Fund Grantee)*



## Grantees Serving Arlington County

### The Lamb Center:

*"A daytime resource center for adults experiencing homelessness, The Lamb Center provides high quality care that promotes each person's dignity. This general operating grant will help The Lamb Center provide services like meals, laundry, showers, nursing and dental care, a workforce development program and case management services to the rapidly growing number of guests coming for assistance, helping to meet their immediate needs while also setting them on a path to greater independence."*

*(2025 Safety Net Fund Grantee)*



#### Home Care Partners:

*"The generous grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will help support our home care aide services, ensuring that Arlington-area seniors receive the care they need to remain independent at home, from a workforce that is paid living wages and receives cutting-edge training on issues in aging. This award contributes to our long-term financial sustainability and positions us to be nimble and flexible given the recent uncertainty in the funding landscape."*  
(2025 Aging Fund Grantee)



#### Grantees Serving Fairfax City and Fairfax County

##### Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect:

*"The grant will support our Morning Star program, where we provide a nurturing space full of STEAM and team-building activities that empower and guide our children's education."*  
(2025 Education Fund Grantee)



##### Lorton Community Action Center:

*"This grant will help LCAC to provide emergency rental and utility payment assistance to households at risk of homelessness."* (2025 Safety Net Fund Grantee)



#### Grantees Serving Loudoun County

##### Loudoun Symphony Association, Inc.

*"We are deeply grateful for this grant which we have received during a time when our region and country are experiencing economic instability. It provides us stability and helps us continue our mission of providing Great Music, Close to Home. Next season we will feature classics and works by contemporary composers so that our music is relevant to our cross-generational audience. We will also*



*be showcasing exciting guest artists who typically perform with orchestras located in much larger cities -- including an award-winning young artist on the cusp of establishing an international career! It is our hope that these soloists will aid our orchestra in helping our audiences experience classical music in a profoundly different manner."* (2025 Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts Grantee)



#### Loudoun Free Clinic

*"This grant will fund vital healthcare for some of our community's most vulnerable people. Loudoun Free Clinic will put this flexible funding to work right away to care for our neighbors in need."* (2025 Safety Net Fund Grantee)



#### Grantees Serving Manassas / Manassas Park / Prince William County

##### BEACON for Adult Literacy

*"We are so grateful for the support of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. This grant will help us continue offering English and Citizenship classes, along with English Learning Circles, for adult immigrants in the greater Prince William County area. Our programs empower adult learners to achieve their personal and professional goals, while also providing resources on life skills, employment readiness, and connections to vital services within their local communities."* (2025 Education Fund Grantee)



##### Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc.

*"Like you, we are dedicated to 'building a community that works for everyone.' We believe that empowering adult learners with the gifts of literacy and health literacy is a key step toward realizing that vision.*

*As Nelson Mandela said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' Our world is Northern Virginia, and with the continued support of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, we*



*can work together to bring dignity, equity, and inspiration through the gift of literacy and health literacy to those who are underserved, one learner at a time.” (2025 Education Fund Grantee)*

Funding amounts by focus area in each CFNOVA jurisdiction:

### Grantees Serving All of Northern Virginia | \$390,000 | 23 organizations

Focus Area and Organizations	Funding Amount
<b>Arts:</b> Virginia Bronze Handbell Ringers of Northern Virginia (\$5,000) Sound Impact (\$10,000) 1st Stage (\$20,000) Center for the Arts (\$20,000)	\$55,000
<b>Child and Youth:</b> Girls on the Run of NOVA (\$15,000) The Black Feather Foundation (\$15,000)	\$30,000
<b>Education:</b> All Ages Read Together (\$15,000) Computer CORE (\$15,000) English Empowerment Center (\$15,000) Kitchen of Purpose (\$15,000) Reading is Fundamental of Northern Virginia, Inc. (\$15,000)	\$75,000
<b>Environment:</b> Global Co Lab Network (\$5,000) Clean Fairfax Council, Inc (\$10,000) Sustainability Matters (\$10,000) Earth Sangha (\$20,000) Wild Virginia (\$20,000)	\$65,000
<b>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:</b> Formed Families Forward (\$15,000)	\$15,000
<b>Lamond Fund to Benefit Children and Youth:</b> Food for Neighbors (\$30,000)	\$30,000
<b>Mental Health:</b> Rock Recovery (\$25,000) Women For Afghan Women (\$25,000)	\$50,000
<b>Military Personnel and Their Families:</b> Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation (\$20,000) Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (\$20,000)	\$40,000
<b>Safety Net:</b> True Ground Housing Partners (formerly Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing) (\$30,000)	\$30,000

### Grantees Serving Alexandria | \$110,000 | 5 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Amount
<b>Arts:</b> Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (\$20,000)	\$20,000
<b>Child and Youth:</b> Community Lodgings (\$15,000) Wilderness Kids Alexandria (\$15,000)	\$30,000
<b>Lamond Fund to Benefit Children and Youth:</b> Cornerstone Craftsman (\$30,000) The Child and Family Network Center (\$30,000)	\$60,000

### Grantees Serving Arlington County | \$45,000 | 3 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Amount
<b>Aging:</b> Home Care Partners (\$20,000)	\$20,000
<b>Arts:</b> Arlington Artists Alliance (\$10,000)	\$10,000
<b>Child and Youth:</b> Aspire! Afterschool Learning (\$15,000)	\$15,000

### Grantees Serving Fairfax City and Fairfax County | \$240,000 | 15 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Amount
<b>Aging:</b> Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (\$20,000)	\$20,000
<b>Arts:</b> Voce, Inc. (\$5,000)	\$5,000
<b>Child and Youth:</b> BELONG! (\$15,000) Our Minds Matter (\$15,000) The Harraseeket Foundation (\$15,000)	\$45,000
<b>Education:</b> Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect (\$15,000) Main Street Child Development Center (\$15,000)	\$30,000
<b>Environment:</b> Nature Forward (\$20,000)	\$20,000
<b>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities:</b> SPARC (\$15,000)	\$15,000
<b>Safety Net:</b> Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) (\$15,000) Falls Church Community Service Council (\$15,000) Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (\$15,000) Lorton Community Action Center (\$15,000) Second Story (\$30,000) The Lamb Center (\$15,000)	\$105,000

### Grantees Serving Loudoun County | \$25,000 | 2 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Amount
<b>Arts:</b> Loudoun Symphony Association, Inc. (\$10,000)	\$10,000
<b>Safety Net:</b> Loudoun Free Clinic (\$15,000)	\$15,000

### Grantees Serving Manassas/Manassas Park/Prince William County | \$45,000 | 3 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Amount
<b>Child and Youth:</b> The House, Inc. (\$15,000)*	\$15,000
<b>Education:</b> BEACON for Adult Literacy (\$15,000) Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. (\$15,000)*	\$30,000

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