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Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is Investing \$745,000 through 45 Regional Nonprofit Organizations

Fairfax, VA (March 18, 2026) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is making more possible for our region by awarding \$745,000 in grants to 45 local nonprofit organizations. These grants are funded through the Foundation’s [Community Investment Funds \(CIF\)](#) distributions.

Nonprofits received awards in \$15,000 or \$30,000 amounts, demonstrating the Community Foundation’s dedication to nonprofit operations and programming. The 2026 grant cycle timeline was accelerated in response to the growing needs of our community – supporting nonprofits as they serve more clients and look for ways to strengthen their operations. Grants were awarded across key focus areas, including [Education](#), [Children and Youth](#), [Military Families and Personnel](#), [Mental Health](#), [Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#), [Basic Needs/Safety Net](#), and [Aging Services](#). Funding supports nonprofit organizations serving communities throughout Northern Virginia.

Over 50 community-minded volunteers participated in this year’s transparent grant review process, thoughtfully evaluating 130 applications. The highest number of submissions were for Basic Needs/Safety Net services, followed by Children and Youth programs. Nearly 70% of applicants reported serving multiple localities across the region.

Most organizations shared that they are **actively adapting**—either scaling up to meet rising demand or trimming and capping services to protect their core programs amid financial and staffing challenges. **Eighty percent of applicants reported declines in funding.** Additionally, **52% requested support for operational needs**, while **two-thirds (67%) indicated they would use grant dollars for program delivery.**

Thanks to the Community Foundation’s endowment funds, generous support from donors, fund partners, and [corporate partners](#) like Avison Young, Bank of America, Inova, Inside NoVA, Robert and Pamela Kipps, KME.digital, McGuire Woods LLC, Verisign, We’re Good Podcast, and We Rock the Spectrum Kid’s Gym, the Foundation is able to boost nonprofit funding through these annual grants.

The Community Foundation is making more possible for Northern Virginia and we want you to join us in our community of changemakers. Celebrate with us and build a future where our community’s needs are taken care of, forever. Visit cfnova.org to learn more.

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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.

Grant Impact in each CFNOVA locale:

Grantees Serving All of Northern Virginia

The Women's Center:

"The grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will help us reach more people with mental health counseling and domestic violence services. It allows us to support individuals and families—especially those with low incomes—who would otherwise be unable to afford the care they deserve." -Rachna Krishnan, CEO & Executive Director

(2026 Mental Health Fund Grantee)



Infant Toddler Family Day Care:

"Infant Toddler Family Day Care is incredibly grateful to be selected as a 2026 Grantee by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. Each year we help over 100 low- and moderate-income clients from diverse backgrounds meet requirements to attain and maintain family child care jobs in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church. ITFDC supplies critical CPR and MAT training at no cost, professional development classes, business support services, approval under the Virginia system license, marketing services, and so much more. We provide our highly diverse and economically-fragile population with the resources necessary to become successful small business entrepreneurs who go on to nurture the emotional, social and



intellectual development of children in high-quality child care environments. This grant will support crucial employment training, job skills, liability insurance, and support services that will advance the professional careers and livelihoods of our family child care educators. Thank you once again to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia!"

(2026 Education Fund Grantee)

Grantees Serving Alexandria

Carpenter's Shelter:

"On behalf of our board, our volunteers, our clients, and our staff, thank you so much to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for this award. The grant will support families and single individuals experiencing homelessness in Alexandria, Virginia. Last year that meant 981 people, about 403 of them that we moved into permanent housing in 2025. We are so grateful for your support."



-Shannon Steene, Executive Director at Carpenter's Shelter.

(2026 Safety Net Fund Grantee)

Cornerstone Craftsman Inc.:

"This grant from Community Foundation of Northern Virginia is a pivotal investment in Alexandria's future. By funding the staff and infrastructure necessary to expand our capacity, we can move more youth off our waitlist and into a structured environment of trade training and mentorship, while providing quality mentorship and instruction to our current 28 youth. For our participants, this isn't just about learning a craft; it's about dismantling systemic barriers and replacing them with a clear, supported path toward career readiness and long-term stability"



(2026 Children and Youth Development Fund Grantee)

Grantees Serving Arlington County

Aspire! Afterschool Learning:

"The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's generous grant will provide critical support to Aspire Afterschool Learning as we continue to adapt after federal funding cuts. This funding will help us sustain our work of serving 150 students in South Arlington through daily no-cost afterschool and summer learning programs. It will also help us deepen our programming in response to the current needs of students and families, from STEM programming to parent engagement. We are so grateful to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia for its strong support of these students and ensuring that every student has the resources, support, and opportunities to thrive."



(2026 Children & Youth Development Fund Grantee)

Kitchen of Purpose:

"This grant will support Kitchen of Purpose's growing After-School Supper Program for at-risk kids in Northern Virginia at a critical moment when families are doing more with less. Thank you, CFNOVA, for your continued support as we use the power of food to change lives!" - The Kitchen of Purpose Team



(2026 Education Fund Grantee)

Grantees Serving Fairfax City and Fairfax County

Our Minds Matter:

“Our Minds Matter is honored to continue deepening the impact of our cost-effective, innovative model of peer-to-peer support across Fairfax County Public Schools. We’re so grateful to CFNOVA for helping us support the teen leaders creating a culture of mental well-being for all.”

(2026 Education Fund Grantee)



Western Fairfax Christian Ministries:

“WFCM serves more than 700 families each month in our client choice Free Food Markets in Centreville and Chantilly, while also providing supplemental food via 15 Free Food Fridges that include distributing weekend meals at 12 FCPS locations, as well as providing financial assistance with rent and utilities and leading an upward mobility program. This grant will support the operation of our Centreville Free Food Market that is key in enabling us to serve community members. The two markets provide more than 100,000 lbs. of groceries each month (1.39M lbs. last fiscal year).”

(2026 Safety Net Fund Grantee)



Grantees Serving Loudoun County

A Farm Less Ordinary

"We often say that payroll is our mission, and this general operating support from the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia goes straight to the heart of that promise. By funding our core operations, you are ensuring that our Growers with intellectual, developmental, and cognitive disabilities receive consistent, dignity-affirming paychecks for growing food and developing important employment skills. This grant allows us to maintain the 'high touch' staffing and year-round programming necessary to turn a farm job into a pathway toward greater independence and self-confidence."

(2026 Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Fund Grantee)



Operation Renewed Hope Foundation

"Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF) greatly appreciates the support from CFNOVA. It will help us house and support more Veterans and Veteran families experiencing episodes of homelessness. Together we can help End Veteran homelessness."

(2026 Military Personnel and their Families Fund Grantee)



Grantees Serving Manassas / Manassas Park / Prince William County

Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William

“As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we honor our founder, Dona Swanson, who recognized “a need in Prince William County to create an organization that could help adults improve their lives and the lives of their families through literacy.” Her vision—that literacy restores dignity and opens doors—continues to guide us today. With the continued support of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, we are not only honoring that legacy but expanding it—we can work together to bring dignity, equity, and inspiration through the gift of literacy and health literacy, one learner at a time.”



(2026 Education Fund Grantee)

Trillium Center

“This grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia strengthens our ability to meet people where they are and support them through some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives as they move toward stability and recovery. It allows us to provide consistent peer support, essential resources, and a safe community where adults living with serious mental illness are seen, supported, and empowered to rebuild their lives.”

— Lindsey Bradley, Executive Director, Trillium

(2026 Mental Health Fund Grantee)



Funding amounts by focus area in each CFNOVA locale:

Grantees Located in Alexandria | \$150,000 | 8 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Basic Needs (Safety Net Fund): Carpenter’s Shelter (\$30,000) Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church (\$15,000)	\$45,000
Children and Youth: Child and Family Network Center (\$15,000) Cornerstone Craftsman Inc. (\$15,000) Hopkins House (\$15,000)	\$45,000
Education: Computer CORE (\$15,000) Together We Bake (\$15,000)	\$30,000
Military: Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (\$30,000)	\$30,000

Grantees Located in Arlington County | \$60,000 | 4 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Basic Needs (Safety Net Fund): Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Children and Youth: Aspire! Afterschool Learning (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Education: Edu-Futuro (\$15,000) Kitchen of Purpose (\$15,000)	\$30,000

Grantees Located in Washington D.C. and serve Northern Virginia | \$70,000 | 5 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Aging: Home Care Partners (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Children and Youth: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (\$15,000) Genesys Works (\$15,000) Urban Alliance (\$10,000) Young Playwrights’ Theater (\$15,000)	\$55,000

Grantees Located in Fairfax City and Fairfax County | \$270,000 | 17 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Aging: Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church (\$15,000) Shepherds Center of Northern Virginia (\$15,000)	\$30,000
Basic Needs (Safety Net Fund): BRAWS (\$15,000) Culmore Clinic (\$15,000) Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services (\$15,000) Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (\$15,000) Lorton Community Action Center (\$15,000) Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (\$15,000)	\$90,000
Education: All Ages Read Together (\$15,000) EduTutorVA (\$15,000) Infant Toddler Family Day Care (\$15,000) Main Street Child Development Center (\$15,000) Our Minds Matter (\$15,000)	\$75,000
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: ServiceSource (\$30,000)	\$30,000
Mental Health: Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington (\$15,000) SafeSpot Children’s Advocacy Center of Fairfax County (\$15,000) The Women’s Center (\$15,000)	\$45,000

Grantees Located in Loudoun County | \$30,000 | 2 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Basic Needs: Mobile Hope Loudoun (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities A Farm Less Ordinary (\$15,000)	\$15,000

Grantees Located in Prince William County | \$120,000 | 7 organizations

Focus Area	Funding Total
Basic Needs: Action in Community Through Service of Prince William (\$30,000)	\$30,000
Children and Youth: CASA CIS (\$15,000) Pink Space Theory (\$15,000) The House, Inc. (\$15,000)	\$45,000
Education: Literacy Volunteers of America – Prince William, Inc. (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Mental Health: Trilium Center (\$15,000)	\$15,000
Military Personnel and their Families: Serve Our Willing Warriors (\$15,000)	\$15,000

Grantees Located in Multiple Offices | \$45,000 | 2 organizations

Basic Needs: Legal Services of Northern Virginia (\$30,000)	\$30,000
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Volunteers of America Chesapeake (\$15,000)	\$15,000