

at a glance

THE STATE OF NONPROFITS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Spring 2026



This snapshot highlights where community needs are most urgent. The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia analyzed all 130 grant applications submitted during the [2026 Community Investment Funds cycle](#). This year, we accelerated the grant timeline in direct response to rising demand across the region—supporting nonprofits that are serving more clients and working to strengthen their operations.

Grants were awarded across key focus areas including [Aging Services](#), [Basic Needs/Safety Net](#), [Children and Youth](#), [Education](#), [Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#), [Mental Health](#), and [Military Families and Personnel](#). These community investments empower nonprofit partners serving communities throughout Northern Virginia, helping ensure that vital services reach those who need them most.

ongoing trends and trajectories

Nonprofits across the region continue to navigate a perfect storm—echoing the findings from our latest [State of Nonprofits in Northern Virginia](#) report. 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.



80%

of nonprofits are experiencing **decreases in funding** citing reduced public grants, tighter corporate/foundation giving, competitive cycles, and reimbursement timing/freeze issues. Thirteen organizations reported a **decline in individual donations**.

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 organizations are **reducing their services** due to resource constraints including budgets or staffing.

Staffing trends across respondents show significant variability, with many organizations experiencing **reductions, hiring freezes, or reduced hours** due to funding constraints, while others are restructuring roles or selectively expanding staff to meet growing demand. Even among organizations with stable headcounts, increased service needs are stretching capacity and placing added strain on existing staff.

where is support needed?

52% requested support for **operational needs**

67% requested support for **program delivery**

35% nonprofit applicants **focus on Basic Needs**

addressing needs

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The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is expanding what's possible for our region by awarding **\$745,000 in grants to 45 nonprofit organizations**. The grants are made possible through the Foundation's Community Investment Funds. **Nearly 70% of organizations** reported serving multiple localities across the region.

aging | \$45,000

Home Care Partners	Washington, DC
Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church	Fairfax County
Shepherds Center of Northern Virginia	Fairfax County

basic needs | \$225,000

Action in Community Through Service of Prince William	Prince William County
Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters (BRAWS)	Fairfax County
Carpenter's Shelter	Alexandria
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington	Arlington
Culmore Clinic	Falls Church / Fairfax
Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services	Fairfax County
Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc.	Fairfax County
Legal Services of Northern Virginia	Multiple offices
Lorton Community Action Center	Fairfax County
Mobile Hope Loudoun	Loudoun County
Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church	Alexandria
Western Fairfax Christian Ministries	Fairfax County

child & youth | \$160,000

Aspire Afterschool Learning	Arlington
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington	Washington, DC
CASA CIS	Prince William County
Child and Family Network Center	Alexandria
Cornerstone Craftsman Inc.	Alexandria
Genesys Works	Washington, DC
Hopkins House	Alexandria
Pink Space Theory	Prince William County
The House, Inc.	Prince William County
Urban Alliance	Washington, DC
Young Playwrights' Theater	Washington, DC

education | \$150,000

All Ages Read Together	Fairfax County
Computer CORE	Alexandria
Edu-Futuro	Arlington
EduTutorVA	Fairfax County
Infant Toddler Family Day Care	Fairfax County
Kitchen of Purpose	Arlington
Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc.	Prince William County
Main Street Child Development Center	Fairfax County
Our Minds Matter	Fairfax County
Together We Bake	Alexandria

intellectual and developmental disabilities | \$60,000

A Farm Less Ordinary

Loudoun County

ServiceSource

Fairfax County

Volunteers of America Chesapeake

Multiple Offices

mental health | \$60,000

Family Counseling Center of Greater Washington

Fairfax County

SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County

Fairfax County

The Women's Center

Fairfax County

Trillium Center

Prince William County

military personnel and their families | \$45,000

Serve Our Willing Warriors

Prince William County

Operation Renewed Hope Foundation

Alexandria

about the community foundation

Together, we're driving meaningful change

At the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, we believe in the power of philanthropy to transform lives and strengthen communities. For nearly fifty years, we've served as a trusted partner for donors, nonprofits, businesses, and civic leaders to address the region's most pressing challenges. Our work combines generosity, research, and collaboration to create lasting impact—because when we work together, we make more possible for Northern Virginia. 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.

