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Grants Awarded to Regional Nonprofits Totaling \$613,725

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Awards \$613,735 in Discretionary Grants to 50 Organizations through its 2022 Community Investment Funds Grant Cycle

27 April 2022 (Oakton, VA)- The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has awarded **\$613,735 in grants to 50 local organizations** through its 2022 [Community Investment Funds \(CIF\)](#), [Environment Fund](#), and [Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts](#), helping respond to need and seed innovative solutions to complex social problems across the region.

As the Community Foundation's core grants program, funds are invested in organizations serving the Northern Virginia community in the areas of **Aging, Arts, Child and Youth Development, Education, Environment, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, Military Personnel and Families, and Safety Net to Support Basic Needs**. This represents the largest ever discretionary grants cycle in the Community Foundation's history.

The growth of this discretionary grants program is possible due to the Permanent Fund for Northern Virginia, a permanent endowment that the Community Foundation is developing to support our region today, and in the future. To date, the Permanent Fund is valued at over \$27 million in current and planned gifts.

A few weeks ago, the Community Foundation convened several volunteer committees, a total of 78 volunteers, that consisted of area experts, donors, Foundation board members, and others to review applications.

Here are what a couple of the grantees have to say about the awards:

"Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF) greatly appreciates the support from the Community Foundation. It will help us house and support more Veterans and Veteran families experiencing episodes of homelessness. Together, we can help End Veteran homelessness." -Sherry O'Rourke, Grants and Housing Coordinator, ORHF.

"This generous grant from the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia will help Doorways provide the services that empower individuals and families to transition from crisis to stability." Diana Ortiz, M.Ed., LPC, Doorways President and CEO.

2022 CIF Funds Grants were awarded to the following programs and organizations:

Aging | \$35,500 | 1 Organization

[Dulles Area Transportation Association](#) (\$35,000, \$17,500/ Year for 2 years)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

DATA will use this funding to help seniors with transportation needs.

Child and Youth Development | \$130,000 | 13 Organizations

[All Ages Read Together](#) (\$10,000)

Serving all of Northern Virginia

General funding will support its free preschool program, referencing the 2021 [Insight Region™ report](#) on the disparity in preschool enrollment.

[Aspire!](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Arlington County

Funding will increase Aspire!'s capacity to address learning loss for students in low-income households at greatest risk of the opportunity gap.

[Belong!](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Grant will support Educational Enrichment Programs, providing after school programming and their Summer Enrichment Camp, including salaries, transportation fees, and more.

[Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Falls Church

Grant will serve 100 children and youth from low-income households at the BGCGW with an evidence-based program designed to support Club kids achieve academic success.

[EduTutorVA](#) (\$10,000)

Serving all of Northern Virginia

Funding will support EduTutorVA's expansion into Prince William County, with the goal to double their impact from the 130 students with 61 tutors in the 7 schools they currently serve.

[Generation Hope](#) (\$10,000)

Serving all of Northern Virginia

Funding will support Northern Virginia's teen parents earn degrees and secure jobs with well-paying wages through Generation Hope's Scholar Program.

[Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Fairfax County

The grant will be used as general funding to support HACAN's organizational capabilities, including developing qualitative and quantitative effectiveness measurements, and internal capacity building.

*[The House, Inc.](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Grant will support an out-of-school program for 250 youth from marginalized communities through leadership development, upskilling, mentoring, and other elective opportunities.

[INMED Partnerships for Children](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Loudoun County

Grant will expand The Hangout, a program offering a welcome, inclusive, and non-stigmatizing environment for youth in underserved communities.

*[National Inventors Hall of Fame](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Funds will be used to engage 45 or more Prince William County youth in a STEM enrichment camp.

*[Pink Space Theory](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Funds will be used to meet the demands of the Girl Power Series, in particular the G.R.E.A.T Math Minds program.

[USTA Mid-Atlantic Section, Inc.](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Loudoun County

USTA Mid-Atlantic's grant will support their Girls Rule the Court after school program in Sterling. GRTC is a free program designed to promote health, wellness, and self-esteem through playing tennis.

[The Spitfire Club](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Alexandria

The grant will provide funding for nine weeks of fall Spitfire programming for six cohorts, benefitting an estimated 72 children in Alexandria whose learning and emotional wellbeing have been impacted by the pandemic.

Education | \$70,000 | 7 Organizations

[Child and Family Network Centers](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Alexandria

General funding will help CFNC address racial equity gaps to prepare 139 children and immigrant families most at risk in Alexandria to thrive in kindergarten, implement an in-person preschool model, and double down on its commitment to operate as an anti-racist organization.

[Computer C.O.R.E.](#) (\$10,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Grant will support Computer CORE's next fall semester program, serving 130 adult residents of Northern Virginia in virtual classrooms.

[La Cocina VA](#) (\$10,000)

All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support the education components of their Culinary Training Program, and their Small Business Incubator for Immigrants and People of Color with lower incomes.

*[Literacy Volunteers of America - Prince William, Inc.](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Funding will support those seeking to better themselves by learning to read, write, and speak English.

[Loudoun Literacy Council](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Loudoun County

General funding will support Loudoun Literacy Council's programs and operations to provide basic language, life, and professional skills to Loudoun County's non-English speaking population, which totals about \$32,000.

[Together We Bake](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Alexandria

Grant will be used to recruit and train at least 40 women from low-income households, along with providing post-program support to at least 125 alumni Team Members.

[Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Funding will pilot a hybrid-learning model of the Pasaporte a la Educación program for 25 Hispanic students at Luther Jackson Middle School in Fairfax County.

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities | \$20,000 | 1 Organization

[A Farm Less Ordinary](#) (\$20,000)

Serving Loudoun County

AFLO's grant will go towards salaries for the adults with disabilities who work on the farm, and to assist them in finding future employment.

Lamond Fund | \$50,000 | 2 Organizations

[Communities in Schools](#) (\$25,000)

Serving Alexandria

CIS NOVA will use the funding to maintain its full time K-12 service continuum across five sites, serving up to 2,750 students and 1,550 families.

[Tenants and Workers United](#) (\$25,000)

Serving Fairfax County

TWU will use the funding towards their Summer Youth Initiative, a program that serves youth of color from low-income households. TWU will focus on serving youth who've recently immigrated, and first-generation children.

Mental Health | \$25,000 | 1 Organization

[SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County](#) (\$25,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Funding will support the Mental Health Therapy service program, providing trauma focused and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse.

Military Personnel and their Families | \$35,000 | 2 Organizations

[Arcadia Food](#) (\$17,500)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support the Veteran Farmer Program, which trains veterans, active-duty service members, and their family members for civilian careers in agriculture. Training happens on a Northern Virginia farm that once belonged to President Washington.

[Operation Renewed Hope Foundation](#) (\$17,500)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Grant will help ORHF to provide outreach, case management, emergency financial assistance, housing, and supportive services to Veterans and their families experiencing homelessness.

Safety Net | \$117,000 | 12 Organizations

*[Action in Community Through Service of Prince William](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Grant will provide essential operating costs to support its mission to foster hope, provide relief, and promote self-sufficiency for Prince William area neighbors in crisis.

[Boxes of Basics](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Prince William County

Funding will support general program operating expenses in support of its mission to provide clothing to local children in need.

[Carpenter's Shelter](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Alexandria

Funding will support the essential direct services provided by staff, case managers, shelter monitors, and service directors.

[Doorways for Women and Families](#) (\$10,000)

Arlington County

Funding will provide shelter and housing support services to transition those experiencing a housing crisis to stable homes and independent living.

[Family Preservation and Strengthening Services](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Family PASS will use this funding to increase the number of families served by 30%. Support will provide assistance and case management to several working families at or below the poverty level.

[Friends of Guest House](#) (\$10,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Grant will provide general operating support for up to 300 formerly incarcerated women returning to civilian life by aiding with housing, employment, healthcare, education, and family reconnection.

[Herndon-Reston FISH](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Funding will provide emergency assistance to Herndon and Reston residents in short-term financial crises.

[Legal Aid Justice Center](#) (\$10,000)

Serving all of Northern Virginia

General funding will support LAJC's ability to provide basic eviction legal defense for undocumented immigrants in Northern Virginia.

[PathForward](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Arlington County

Grant will help PathForward serve more than 500 individuals, veterans, and households experiencing homelessness.

[Rebuilding Together Alexandria](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Alexandria

Funds will provide a safety net for homeowners at or below 200% of the federal poverty level through the support of the Alexandria-based Safe and Healthy Homes program.

[Second Story](#) (\$10,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

General operating support will provide safe and stable housing for homeless and neglected youth.

[Shelter House, Inc.](#) (\$7,000)

Serving Loudoun County

Funds will provide direct assistance to Loudoun Homeless Service Center clients for frequently incurred expenses like housing application fees, security deposits, utilities, rental assistance, and childcare or transportation costs. This supports employment as clients become stably housed.

Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts | \$80,000 | 8 Organizations

[Alexandria Choral Society](#) (\$5,000)

Serving Alexandria

Grant will be used for general operating support to maintain and build upon the musical and community-building goals achieved in the organization's history and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Alexandria Symphony Orchestra](#) (\$20,000)

Serving Alexandria

To fund ASO Sympatico, the educational arm of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Funds will be used to help rebuild from pandemic impacts and invest in long-term stability of the organization.

[Creative Cauldron](#) (\$20,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Funds will be used to hire a part-time bilingual Artistic Associate who will serve as a community engagement director and teaching artists developing programs that better serve Spanish-speaking patrons, students, and families.

[Educational Theater Company](#) (\$10,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support capacity building and the purchase of equipment to support the ETC-on-Film programming, and to reinstate administrative positions lost in 2020 due to the pandemic.

[Loudoun Symphony Association, Inc.](#) (\$10,000)

Serving Loudoun County

To expand the 2022-2023 concert series presented by the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra.

[Manassas Symphony Orchestra](#) (\$5,000)

Serving Prince William County

With a mission to enrich, educate, and entertain its audiences and musicians alike with the highest quality concerts and enhance traditional performances with innovative programming, this grant will help to build organizational capacity and strengthen current programming.

[Virginia Winds Academy](#) (\$5,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funds will be used for general operating support and to help VWA continue rebuilding from pandemic impacts to provide intensive music education and performance opportunities for advanced band students throughout the region.

[The Fairfax Art League](#) (\$5,000)

Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funds will be used to rent a space to house galleries and hold activities and community outreach, an adaptation necessitated by the loss of a previous space. The grant will also be used to cover operating costs.

Environment Fund | \$45,000 | 2 Organizations

[Prince William Environmental Excellence Foundation](#) (\$15,000)

Serving Prince William County

The grant will be used to pay for the collection, processing, and building of a recycled art sculpture. The artist will be compensated for their time and effort, as well as the cost of materials.

[Sustainability Matters](#) (\$30,000)

Serving Fairfax County

Grant will support the Making Trash Bloom program, which reclaims toxic land by planting native pollinator habitat at landfills.

Other Funding | \$6,725 | 1 Organization

[FACETS](#) (\$6,725)

Serving Fairfax County

This grant will go to supporting FACETS' mission of sheltering those in unstable housing or who are

experiencing homelessness. This represents 20% of the annual 5% of available spending from the Huntsman Endowment Fund as requested by Ken and Marci Huntsman.

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