New Grants Awarded
FY July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017

Best of the Batch Foundation $250,000
Building the Best
Provide capital support to build a new 15,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art educational center in Homestead offering multi-purpose rooms, a gymnasium, a dance studio, computer labs, and a cyber café for expanded capacity to serve Jefferson youth and the broader Jefferson community.

Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh $50,000
Capacity-Building Project
Strengthen healthy opportunities and options for members of the local Bhutanese community, including youth & families, women and seniors, by building organizational and program capacity and partnerships.

Boys & Girls Club of Western PA $50,000
Year of the Teen
Engage 200 teens ages 12-18 from Duquesne, McKeesport, and the surrounding Mon Valley areas through a new approach to implement the types of targeted after-school programs which would attract new participants and best suit their needs.

Center of Life $25,000
Expanding Opportunities for Jefferson Out-of-School Time Programs
Promote problem solving, independence, self-esteem, and teamwork for Jefferson area youth and families through a partnership to infuse the arts into existing youth and family programming while building capacity of Jefferson area out-of-school time providers.

Consumer Health Coalition $75,000 (2 years- $50,000/$25,000)
Jefferson Community Health Workers
Encourage healthy behaviors and lifestyle choices for residents of the City of Clairton and the Bhutanese community through the use of part-time, peer community health workers providing education, advocacy, motivational interviewing, and culturally appropriate communication to consumers and clinical providers.

Global Switchboard $100,000 (2 years- $50,000/$50,000)
Building Capacity and Supporting Implementation of the Community Blueprint
Promote effective, coordinated efforts to build on the strengths of residents born in other countries by implementing the Community Blueprint and targeting efforts in the South Hills on capacity building, expanding language access, and community conversations.

Jefferson Hospital/AHN Sponsorship $25,000
2017 Allegheny Health Network Sponsorship Opportunity
Provide continued support to Jefferson Hospital through the sponsorship of a Gala.
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Provide continued support to Jefferson Hospital through an annual sponsorship of the Golf Classic.

Jefferson Hospital

Jefferson Hospital Community Outreach for Behavioral Health

Increase knowledge and reduce stigma regarding mental health and strengthen community access to the new outpatient adolescent and existing adult services of Jefferson Hospital’s Department of Behavioral Health through the addition of a full-time community outreach worker.

Jefferson Hospital

Jefferson Hospital School Screenings

Improve opportunities for student success through earlier identification of health issues and vision and hearing challenges by offering onsite teams of Jefferson nurses to expand the capacity of local school districts to accomplish annual student health screenings and referrals early in the year.

Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Pittsburgh

Career Services and Immigration-Related Legal Services for South Hills Residents

Partner with local organizations to provide unemployed and underemployed individuals in the Jefferson area with career development services and expand JF&CS’s immigrant legal services to help South Hills resident live healthier lives and contribute to the economic vitality of our region.

Melting Pot Ministries

Melting Pot Positive Youth and Family Development Outreach and Expansion

Increase South Park and Bethel Park’s student academic outcomes, connect new South Hills families to services, and build organizational capacity by supporting and training four community residents in outreach activities.

Methodist Union of Social Agencies

Year-Round Out-of-School Time Programs for the Steel Valley region

Provide affordable, year-round, out-of-school time programming for 150 low-income youth and families from Homestead, West Homestead, Munhall, and surrounding communities.

One on One Fitness and Training, Inc.

The Jefferson Challenge

Encourage healthy lifestyle choices for Bethel Park residents through a partnership with local churches, Melting Pot Ministries, and the Spencer Family YMCA to plan and implement a six-week community weight loss challenge that includes physical activity, nutritional education, health screenings, and individualized results.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health Systems

Dancing Classrooms in the Jefferson Area

Provide a national program that uses ballroom dance and curriculum-based teaching to encourage physical activity, break down social barriers, and improve self-confidence for 182 students in West Mifflin Middle School.

Prevention Point Pittsburgh

Service Expansion and Capacity Building for the Jefferson area

Expand harm reduction services to the Jefferson area by conducting a targeted marketing campaign to educate and reduce stigma related to the opioid epidemic, implementing a new Peer Outreach project in the Jefferson area to assist substance users, and building community capacity by dedicating a harm reduction specialist for Jefferson communities.
Saltworks

Off'Scrip
Continue to increase knowledge about the opioid epidemic as a prevention tool for hundreds of Jefferson area middle and high school students and teachers through live theater productions, curriculum guides for teachers, and a question and answer session with young actors who have received training on addiction issues.

South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM)

Transforming Futures: Human Services in the South Hills
Expand human services programming in the South Hills through relocation of the Prospect Park Family Center and the Early Childhood Program to a new, safer and larger space at the former Wallace School in Whitehall.

Student Conservation Association

Jefferson Youth Conservation Crews
Provide 20 Jefferson area youth, in partnership with local organization Melting Pot Ministries, the opportunity to receive paid summer employment through conservation work in South Park while increasing physical activity, knowledge of environmental and healthy lifestyle habits, access to trained mentors, and important employment skills.

The Forbes Funds

Executive in Residence Program
Build the capacity of local organizations to more effectively serve the community through individual coaching and training offered by highly experienced retired executives and group trainings.

The Mission Continues

Jefferson Service Platoon
Post 9/11 veterans will benefit by volunteering with a new Jefferson service platoon supporting the local refugee and immigrant population through partnerships with community organizations.

University of Pittsburgh-Bridging the Gaps

Community Health Summer Internships in Jefferson Agencies
Develop community health projects which serve vulnerable populations and provide important community-based work experience by placing pairs of graduate students from medicine, nursing, public health, social work, and pharmacy onsite in two local community-based organizations for a summer internship program.

Venture Outdoors

Jefferson Youth Outdoor Recreation Programs
Jefferson area youth and families will experience structured, recreational, health and wellness activities in the outdoors through a partnership of Venture Outdoors and local afterschool and summer youth programs.

Veterans Breakfast Club

Capacity Building for Expanded Post-9/11 Storytelling
Strengthen storytelling, leadership, and community engagement for local post-9/11 veterans by building staff and program capacity and connecting younger veterans to older veterans through events in the Jefferson communities.
Vintage  $99,000 (3 years- $33,000/$33,000/$33,000)
Better Choices, Better Health for the Jefferson area
Educate 150 older adults and others in the Jefferson area living with a chronic illness on self-management techniques through offering 12 sessions of an evidence-based Stanford University program that builds on the capacity of existing community organizations, offers peer-to-peer learning and training, and significantly increases the health status of participants.

Virtuous Academy  $25,000
Backstage and Encore: Out of School Time Programs for the Mon Valley
Provide after-school and summer programming that addresses the social, behavioral, and academic challenges of 50 underserved youth from Duquesne, McKeesport, Braddock, Clairton and surrounding areas.

Women for a Healthy Environment  $40,000
Strengthening Children’s Environmental Health in Early Childcare Settings
Increase awareness of environmental health factors for employees in 24 early childcare centers and 200 Jefferson families by providing technical assistance on an Eco-Healthy Childcare Checklist and offering timely, low-cost, sustainable solutions that will improve health outcomes for children.

YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh-Spencer Family YMCA Branch  $25,000
Bethel Park YMCA: Defining Opportunities for Jefferson Communities
Support a community planning process for the new Spencer Family YMCA in Bethel Park to build community partnerships, identify unmet community needs in health and wellness, and build responsive programming for Jefferson area residents.

Youth Opportunities Development (YOD)  $50,000
Stay Positive Clairton
Provide pro-social opportunities for Clairton youth through a youth leadership program which includes leadership development, community projects and community engagement.

Total Grants Awarded:  $2,007,000

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