

New Grants Awarded FY 2021-2022

Updated March 2022

Beverly's Birthdays \$40,000

Championing Cheer

Provide support and opportunity to Jefferson women and parents/caregivers experiencing financial hardship during pregnancy and through the early years of a child's life by offering 20 group birthday parties, 8 community baby showers, providing tangible items of support (baby/birthday supplies and clothing), and building an ambassador program to guide future programming.

Casa San José \$100,000

Basic Needs and Mental Health Services for the Latino Population

Increase the health and wellness of Jefferson Latino individuals/families by expanding existing services (service coordination, intensive case management, emergency response, leadership development, and policy/advocacy) and piloting a bi-lingual, culturally sensitive telehealth mental health program.

Community College of Allegheny County \$100,000 over three years (\$32,000-year 1 and \$34,000-years 2 and 3)

Expanding Access to Training for Health Careers

Offer a health careers summer program through CCAC South to expose 10th to 12th grade students from local high schools to the various career opportunities students can pursue through the 21 allied health programs offered at CCAC.

Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania

\$50,000 over two years (\$25,000/year)

Mon Valley Outreach

Build a strong sense of self and confidence for 40 girls in grades 4-6th through participation in the national Girl Scouts Leadership Experience with staff-based support in partnership with Propel Homestead, Propel McKeesport, and the Dragon's Den.

Hello Neighbor \$100,000

Refugee Resettlement and Engagement

Increase the health and wellness of refugee families living in Jefferson communities by supporting the launch of a new, federally funded reception and placement program which uses a volunteer-led community sponsorship program to engage the broader Jefferson community in improving refugee cultural and community integration through assistance with housing, education, jobs, language, and navigating American systems.

Heuer House \$15,000

Glassport Health and Wellness

Support the operation of the Heuer House food pantry and community distributions to Jefferson residents.

Literacy Pittsburgh

\$150,000 over two years (\$75,000/year)

Bridging the Gap from Learning to Earning

Foster a lifetime of success for Jefferson adult learners by expanding employment opportunities through career pathways in construction and healthcare, improving employment and educational outcomes for caretakers and their children, and imparting vital digital skills.

Pittsburghers for Public Transit

\$40,000

Transit Civic Engagement

Assist Jefferson residents in accessing critical health, education, and food sites by organizing transit riders and workers to develop and advocate for a statewide transit funding solution.

PublicSource

\$65,000 over two years (\$35,000 in year one and \$30,000 in year two) Civic Engagement, Storytelling, and Journalism

Increase Jefferson organizations and residents understanding of civic engagement by providing resources and six educational workshops on community engagement/storytelling taught by experienced journalists and draw attention to the Jefferson area by highlighting 15 stories which may include first-person essays.

Steel Smiling (Neighborhood Allies)

\$60,000 over two years (\$30,000/year)

Exploring Community-Based, Black Mental Health Perceptions

Grow relationships and establish trust with community-based entities in the South Hills and Mon Valley communities through a listening tour to better understand the specific, mental health needs expressed by the community and work toward effective and sustainable programming.

The Blessing Board \$200,000

South Showroom: West Mifflin Location

Increase the quality of life and overall health and wellness for more low-income Jefferson families and individuals by supporting the operations and sustainability of a furniture bank at a new West Mifflin site.

The ESTEEM Group \$10,000

Social and Emotional Programming for Jefferson Youth

Provide 350 West Mifflin Area Middle School students (4th and 5th grade) with social and emotional programming.

Venture Outdoors \$50,000

Outdoor Opportunities for All

Continue to engage Jefferson youth and older adults in outdoor activity through targeted programming promoting health and wellness and offer teens a mentorship/internship program to explore outdoor careers called the Outdoor Inclusion Coalition.

Veterans Breakfast Club \$60,000

Expansion and Membership Model

Support local veterans and their mental health by re-introducing local, in-person storytelling events in the Jefferson area (8 in McKeesport and 4 in Bethel Park), expanding online programming, launching a new membership model, and adding part-time event staff capacity.

Vision to Learn \$60,000

Vision Resources for Students in Jefferson Communities

Increase the health and school engagement of schoolchildren in Jefferson communities in partnership with school districts (Elizabeth-Forward, West Mifflin, and Brentwood) by offering vision exams to 500 students and glasses onsite to 400 students.

Women for a Healthy Environment

\$75,000

Strengthening and Sustaining Healthy Communities

Increase awareness of environmental health factors for employees and families in 24 early childcare centers, engage two Jefferson school districts in Healthy Schools Recognition, and conduct 24 home assessments for Jefferson residents/families by providing technical assistance on an Eco-Healthy Checklist and offering low-cost, sustainable solutions that will improve health outcomes for Jefferson families/children.

YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh

\$50,000

Economic and Equity Advancement

Provide program support to 31 Jefferson individuals or families for housing and utility assistance and advance the Pay Equity Campaign to improve work culture and conditions for all women in the region.

Total Amount of New Grants Awarded in FY 2021-2022: \$1,225,000

17 New Grants Awarded July 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

Total Awarded Since Inception: \$17,892,460

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