



**New Grants Awarded: FY 2022-2023**

Updated November 2023

**Jefferson Regional Foundation Grants**

<p><b>Allegheny Health Network</b> <i>CHILL Project in Clairton: Community-Based Youth Behavioral Health</i> Improve long-term and sustainable behavioral health outcomes of Clairton School District students and educators by supporting the third year of a collaborative model/pilot with AHN and Awaken Pittsburgh.</p>	<p><b>\$45,000</b></p>
<p><b>American National Red Cross</b> <i>Home Fire Relief</i> Increase health, well-being, and home safety by providing direct assistance, fire safety and preparedness education, and smoke alarms to Jefferson individuals/families to reduce injury and death from fires through partnerships with local fire departments.</p>	<p><b>\$25,000</b></p>
<p><b>Anna Middleton Waite Learning Center</b> <i>Providing Digital Equity for Older Adults</i> Provide older adults the necessary tools to engage in the digital world by providing personal computers, wi-fi access, technical support, and training.</p>	<p><b>\$30,000</b></p>
<p><b>Ansar of Pittsburgh</b> <i>Mental Health and Wellness Initiative</i> Support the mental health and wellness of refugees living in Duquesne through increased access to resources to foster good mental health practices and self-expression.</p>	<p><b>\$25,000</b></p>
<p><b>Beverly's Birthdays</b> <i>Championing Social/Emotional Youth Development</i> 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 group birthday parties, community baby showers, providing tangible items of support (baby/birthday supplies and clothing), and providing access to the newly formed Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank.</p>	<p><b>\$50,000</b></p>
<p><b>Black Women's Policy Center, Inc.</b> <i>Building Civic Engagement Power for Black Women</i> Improve the health and wellness of Black women living in McKeesport, Duquesne, Clairton, West Mifflin and Homestead and share their lived experience by offering support and coaching through system navigation, connection to resources, advocacy on shaping public policy, and training and education.</p>	<p><b>\$150,000</b></p>
<p><b>Black Women's Policy Center, Inc.</b> <i>Supporting Capacity for Community Engagement</i> Secure a new location for the Black Women's Policy Center to continue its community development work.</p>	<p><b>\$10,000</b></p>

<b>Borough of Baldwin (Borough of Baldwin Police Department)</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b><i>Increased Response to Sudden Cardiac Arrest</i></b>	
Increase the opportunity to save Jefferson residents lives from sudden cardiac arrest through the purchase of 44 automated external defibrillators (AED) to be installed in police patrol vehicles serving Baldwin Borough, Pleasant Hills Borough, and West Mifflin Borough.	
<b>Citizen Science Lab</b>	<b>\$34,000</b>
<b><i>STEM Programming for Jefferson Young People</i></b>	
Increase the number of students of color interested in Science, Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) by providing 10 interactive STEM workshops for 100 young people participating in out-of-school time programs at Dragon’s Den, SHIM, and YouthPlaces.	
<b>Dragon’s Den</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b><i>Out-of-School Time Youth Programming</i></b>	
Build self-confidence, trust, and sociability of Jefferson school-age youth and develop deeper community engagement in Homestead by offering after school programs, summer camps, and introducing community workshops/events using the challenge course and zip line in the historic St. Mary Magdalene church.	
<b>Duquesne University</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b><i>Bridges to Health for the Mon Valley</i></b>	
Increase overall health and wellness for Mon Valley residents by working to address health disparities and community-identified health priorities, with a focus on asthma, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, mental health, and social determinants of health.	
<b>Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b><i>Capacity Building for Expansion of Programming</i></b>	
Provide capacity-building support through an organizational assessment in partnership with a consultant and assist the FAAP in expanding services and increasing health and well-being in the local Filipino community.	
<b>Footbridge for Families, Inc</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b><i>Rapid Response Funding to Support Jefferson Families</i></b>	
Assist 15-30 Jefferson residents during times of short-term financial crisis and provide connections to additional supports through an innovative technology platform which facilitates rapid financial response to vendors.	
<b>Footbridge for Families, Inc</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
<b><i>Technology Capacity-Building</i></b>	
Provide operational assistance because of accelerated growth of this nonprofit due to continuous support offered to families in low socioeconomic communities. Operational assistance is needed in building the technology capacity to serve Jefferson residents. Updating the technology platform which facilitates rapid financial response to vendors on behalf of families is critical to the support of families.	
<b>McKees Point Development Group</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b><i>Addressing Community Violence</i></b>	
Decrease community violence in McKeesport by supporting convenings and community building events to engage residents in anti-violence educational programming, facilitated community improvement discussions and community-led youth programming.	
<b>Melanin Mommies Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b><i>H.E.A.L. Together, Mental Health Circle for Black Women and Mothers</i></b>	
Assist 50 Black mothers and women living in the Mon Valley communities of mckeesport, Duquesne, and Homestead who have experienced the impacts of gun violence in their healing journey by providing free, accessible, and stigma-free therapy and grief counseling.	

<b>Melting Pot Ministries</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>Youth and Family Support</b>	
Support positive development for youth and their caregivers in South Park, Baldwin-Whitehall, and Bethel Park by providing afterschool and summer programming focused on educational, social-emotional, and cultural life challenges.	
<b>Operation Troop Appreciation</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b>Capacity-Building for New Space</b>	
Provide capacity-building support for costs associated with a transition to a new building to increase the health and well-being of the veteran community living at or below the poverty line.	
<b>PA CleanWays of Allegheny County, Inc. d.b.a Allegheny CleanWays</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Eliminating Illegal Trash Dumping to Increase Public Health</b>	
Engage and empower residents of McKeesport to eliminate illegal dumping by participating in community cleaning of illegal dumpsites and assess illegal dumping for Clairton, West Mifflin, and Elizabeth Township, and Forward Township.	
<b>Southwestern PA Partnership for Aging</b>	<b>\$250,000 over two years (\$125,000 per year)</b>
<b>Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh</b>	
Improve health and well-being for Jefferson older adults by increasing access to resources in neighborhoods, strengthening intergenerational connections to reduce isolation and loneliness, and championing new ideas through a collaborative effort.	
<b>Storehouse for Teachers d.b.a The Education Partnership</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Providing Essential School Supplies to Promote Learning</b>	
Improve the long-term overall health and well-being and educational outcomes of students attending Clairton Middle/High School, Duquesne Elementary School, Founders' Hall Middle School (McKeesport), and Twin Rivers Elementary School (McKeesport) by providing each student with individual school supplies and providing teachers access to the teacher resource center for supplies and equipment.	
<b>The Blessing Board</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>South Showroom: West Mifflin Location</b>	
Increase the quality of life and overall health and wellness for families and individuals experiencing low-income status living in the Jefferson Regional service area by supporting the operations and sustainability of a furniture/durable medical equipment bank in West Mifflin.	
<b>The Mon Valley Initiative</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Operating Support to Address Social Determinants of Health</b>	
Provide general operational support to strengthen MVI's ability to offer healthy opportunities and address the social determinants of health for Mon Valley residents which include services related to housing, education, financial literacy, and workforce development.	
<b>The Mon Valley Initiative</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>
<b>Workforce Development and Financial Coaching</b>	
Assist unemployed and under-employed Jefferson residents in achieving their goals of financial self- sufficiency through offering a comprehensive workforce development program.	
<b>United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>
<b>Welcome Back Summer 2023</b>	
Provide in-person summer programming with hands-on and social and emotional learning opportunities for youth in kindergarten through high school by managing and implementing a collaborative funding model.	
<b>Venture Outdoors</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Outdoors for All</b>	
Continue to engage Jefferson youth, mentors, and volunteers in outdoor activity through targeted programming promoting health and wellness and offer teens a mentorship/ internship program to explore outdoor careers.	

<b>Ventures in People</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b><i>Capital Improvement for Early Literacy and Capacity-Building</i></b>	
Provide capital support for costs associated with a new roof to ensure the health and well-being of 30 children and families attending Early Head Start programming and enable future community offerings.	
<b>Women for a Healthy Environment</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
<b><i>Strengthening and Sustaining Healthy Spaces</i></b>	
Increase awareness of environmental health factors for employees and families in 20 early childcare centers and conduct 40 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.	
<b>Young People in Recovery</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b><i>Building Safe Recovery Networks for Young People</i></b>	
Improve access to a peer-recovery network, treatment, education, housing, and employment for Jefferson young people in substance abuse recovery through launching a peer-led chapter to conduct pro-social activities, all-recovery meetings, and life skill workshops in the Jefferson area.	
<b>Youth Opportunities Development</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b><i>Capacity-Building for New Space</i></b>	
Provide capacity-building support for costs associated with a transition to new space to provide out-of-school time programming for Clairton youth in partnership with Clairton City School District.	

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**Total Jefferson Regional Foundation Grants Awarded: \$2,296,000**

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### Community Voice Fund

The Foundation’s 10th anniversary provides an opportunity for a renewed focus on engaging community members on strategies for increasing overall health and well-being. Although the Foundation has consistently partnered with non-profit organizations to offer resources for unmet needs, this opportunity illuminates the importance and necessity for residents to have a voice in the creation of strategies and planning that impact their communities. The Foundation launched the *Community Voice Fund* as a vehicle to encourage partners to convene residents and stakeholders of the Jefferson service area and include their existing energy, knowledge, passion, and lived experience for immediate and long-term ideas and action plans that will increase health and well-being.

### **The Jefferson Regional Foundation awarded 16 Community Voice Fund grants to the 15 organizations below for a total of \$350,000:**

<b>Allegheny Intermediate Unit</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Utilize a Parent Advisory Council to agenda set and hold four convenings with families of young children from Homestead, West Homestead, and Duquesne.	
<b>Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
Hold five to six convenings of 15-20 participants targeting residents from Bethel Park, South Park, Pleasant Hills, Jefferson Hills, Brentwood, Baldwin, Whitehall, and West Mifflin at BCAP offices or local sites utilizing partner connections and robocall services to enlist participants.	
<b>Black Women’s Policy Center</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

Hold a total of nine convenings with Black women from Clairton, McKeesport, and Duquesne through creation of an 8-10 women leadership council.

**Clairton Unity Group (Adult Focus) \$19,000**

Hold a convening for 45 people from Clairton on the Gateway Clipper focused on the social determinants of health.

**Clairton Unity Group (Youth Focus) \$29,000**

Hold two separate convenings-one for 7th and 8th grade students and one for 9th-11th grade students from Clairton focused on community needs and community violence.

**Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh \$16,000**

Hold a total of five convenings reaching an estimated 100 Filipino women and mothers from Bethel Park, Homestead, McKeesport, South Park, and West Mifflin.

**Heuer House \$30,000**

Hold six roundtable conversations with 10 residents from Glassport and McKeesport at Heuer House locations.

**Latino Community Center \$28,000**

Hold four convenings with Latinx families from McKeesport to discuss hopes, dreams, and needs of the community.

**Melting Pot Ministries \$35,000**

Hold four convenings at local sites with ESL residents, young adults, older adults, and high school students from Baldwin, Whitehall, Bethel Park, and South Park with meals provided and an opportunity for audience members to set the agenda.

**New Evangelistic Ministry \$6,000**

Hold one convening of 25 Duquesne residents aged 18-65 centered around health and well-being.

**Special Olympics Pennsylvania, Three Rivers Region \$18,000**

Hold four convenings totaling 50-75 residents from Jefferson Hills, Brentwood, McKeesport, Elizabeth Township, and Homestead focused on the needs of people with disabilities.

**Steel Rivers Council of Governments (Elizabeth's Guardian Angels) \$10,000**

Hold a convening with senior citizens, business owners, clergy, and community officials to discuss community needs in the Elizabeth area.

**Student Athletes Taking Action to Universally Succeed \$8,000**

Hold one convening of student-athletes attending McKeesport School District to be held at the AIU in Homestead.

**Veterans Breakfast Club \$26,000**

Hold ten convenings, two per each Community Voice Fund geographic focus area, with upwards of 250 local veterans spread between day and night to discuss veterans' needs.

**When She Thrives \$32,000**

Hold eight weekly sessions with single mothers from West Mifflin and the Mon View Heights public housing community centered around the areas highlighted in the 2019 Pittsburgh Gender Equity Report.

**Xposure Mentoring Program \$6,000**

Convene Duquesne youth and families in a discussion centered around health and well-being.

**Jefferson Votes Initiative Mini Grants**

Jefferson Votes mini-grants were awarded to assist organizations with costs associated with nonpartisan voter education and outreach in relation to the 2022 general election. Mini-grants supported a range of voter engagement activities including voter registration events, voter communication and reminders, social media outreach, and more.

**The Jefferson Regional Foundation awarded \$1,000 mini-grants to the 13 organizations below for a total of \$13,000:**

- Allegheny Intermediate Unit
- Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh
- Carnegie Library of Homestead
- Cash For Kids
- Clairton Unity Group
- Dragon's Den
- Dress for Success Pittsburgh
- Gwen's Girls, Inc.
- Heuer House
- Just Harvest Education Fund
- LifeSpan, Inc.
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Partnership for Aging
- Young Women's Christian Association Greater Pittsburgh

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**Total Amount of New Grants Awarded in FY 2022-2023: \$2,659,000**

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**59 New Grants Awarded July 1, 2022-June 15, 2023**

**Total Awarded Since Inception: \$22,023,960**

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