# Jefferson Regional Foundation

Investing in the health and vitality of the communities served by Jefferson Hospital in Allegheny County

# New Grants Awarded: Fiscal Year 2023-2024

# **Updated December 2024**

# 1Hood Media Academy, Inc.

Civic Engagement in the Mon Valley

Amplify the voices of residents in McKeesport, Duquesne, and Clairton by organizing and educating community leaders on civic engagement practices and registering new voters to highlight the specific needs of Mon Valley communities, which are often focused on the social determinants of health.

# Allegheny Health Network

# **Community Health Planning Grant**

Build capacity to design a program implementation plan that increases the health and well-being of Jefferson residents by incorporating community voice, leveraging best practices and national models, analyzing existing data, and partnering with universities, nonprofit organizations, and Jefferson Hospital leadership.

# Anna Middleton Waite Learning Center

# Digital Equity for Older Adults and Building Organizational Capacity

Provide older adults the necessary tools to engage in the digital world by providing education, personal computers, and technical support, and build organizational capacity through developing an action plan with the assistance of a strategic consultant.

# **Attack Theatre Incorporated**

# **Community in Motion**

Support educational engagement, physical and mental well-being, and social emotional development for approximately 400 Duquesne K-5 students and educators/curriculum providers through movement and dance in partnership with Duquesne City School District.

# **Best of the Batch Foundation**

Summer 2024 OST

Provide in-person programming for youth in summer 2024.

# **Beverly's Birthdays**

# Championing Social/Emotional Youth Development and Empowering Families

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 tangible supplies such as food, clothing, and equipment and offering linkages to other community partners via referrals. Supplies are offered through birthday parties, community baby showers, a mobile truck, and the newly formed Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank.

# **Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh**

# Afterschool Funding Support

Support operation of afterschool programs for immigrant and refugee children.

# Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh Summer 2024 OST

Provide in-person programming for youth in summer 2024.

#### \$125,000

\$75,000

# \$55,000

# \$20,000

#### \$50,000

# \$10,000

# \$16,000

# \$50,000

#### Black Women's Policy Center, Inc. Building Civic Engagement Power for Black Women

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.

# **Cash For Kids**

# Youth Programming, Community Engagement, and Building Rehabilitation

Engage 30-40 youth ages 9-14 from McKeesport to participate in out-of-school time programming to promote fitness, nutrition, college aspirations, social development, and overall health and wellness and provide capacity for community convenings on the potential of a new community space.

# **Central Highlands Community United Methodist Church**

Meals on Wheels of Elizabeth Forward (MoW of EF)

Increase health and well-being by providing food to medically comprised neighbors of all ages in Elizabeth Township, Elizabeth Borough, Forward Township, West Elizabeth, and portions of Jefferson Hills and West Mifflin through distributions every weekday.

# **Christian Immigration Advocacy Center**

# Legal Assistance for Immigrants and Refugees

Provide legal aid to 50 immigrants and refugees living in the Jefferson footprint for permanent resident card application and renewals, citizenship, and family petitions. These services position families to access resources to improve long-term health and well-being.

# Cloverleaf Area Ecumenical Assistance Program

# Food and Financial Assistance

Increase health and well-being by providing basic needs (food and financial assistance) to neighbors in Pleasant Hills, Jefferson Hills, Baldwin, Whitehall, and West Mifflin through distributions every other week at Triumph of the Holy Cross Baldwin Parish.

# **Community Human Services Corporation**

# Housing and Supplemental Support

Decrease homelessness, increase income stabilization, and increase quality of housing for up to 100 individuals/families within the Jefferson area by leveraging existing Allegheny County housing assistance and providing additional supplemental support.

# **Dress for Success Pittsburgh**

# Mobile Services Workforce Development Events

Increase the confidence and capacity of 825 local female residents preparing to enter the workforce by providing each woman with appropriate interview clothing, uniform items, and career support delivered through a mobile boutique in partnership with Jefferson area organizations.

# First Step Recovery Homes, Inc.

# Strategic Development for Expansion

Provide operational support and enable screening and securing of a qualified capital consultant to assist in raising dollars for an organizational expansion.

# First Step Recovery Homes, Inc.

# **Operating Support for Addiction Recovery Home**

Support operations to provide supervised, temporary, safe, drug and alcohol free, structured housing and support services for over 40 people (typically men) who are recovering from the disease of addiction and trying to stay out of the criminal justice system.

# First Step Recovery Homes, Inc.

**Operating and Capacity Support for Addiction Recovery Home** 

# \$125,000

# \$60,000

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# \$150,000

\$55,000

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# Footbridge for Families, Inc

# **Rapid Response Funding to Support Jefferson Families**

Assist approximately 51 Jefferson residents/families 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.

build organizational capacity and long-term sustainability through the assistance of a capital consultant.

# Forward Township Volunteer Fire Company Providing Safety in Inclement Weather

Increase health and well-being for older adults and families in Forward Township by purchasing a generator to create a warming and cooling station during inclement weather when frequent electrical outings occur.

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# **Gwen's Girls Incorporated**

# **Program Optimization Initiative**

Increase overall health and wellness for youth, with an emphasis on Black girls and families in McKeesport, Clairton, and Duquesne, through program evaluation, growth, and expansion based on community need and best practices, with a particular focus on expanding workforce education and development.

# **Healthy Village Learning Institute**

# HVLI Healthy Eating Program

Increase the health and well-being of McKeesport youth and young adults experiencing food insecurity by providing meals/snacks five days per week Tuesday-Saturday during out-of-school time programs.

# **Hello Neighbor**

#### **Refugee Resettlement and Immigrant Services**

Increase the health and wellness of refugee families living in Jefferson communities by supporting the reception and placement program which works to improve refugee cultural and community integration through assistance with housing, education, jobs, language, and navigating American systems.

# **Human Services Center Corporation**

# **Operating Support to Promote Health and Well-Being**

Through general operational support, strengthen HSCMV's ability to provide successful transitions to career and college for high school seniors attending West Mifflin and McKeesport high schools, assist adults on the path to selfsufficiency, and provide basic services for health and well-being.

#### Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance Association (Southeast Regional EMS) **Community Training Center Equipment**

Increase the opportunity to train local first responders and offer community trainings through the purchase of two adult, one child, and one baby training manikins, replacement parts which will be needed from repeated use, and an AED for the community training center.

# Jefferson Hills Fire/Rescue

# Increased Capacity in Emergencies

Increase the opportunity to save Jefferson residents lives from cardiac arrest through the purchase of a LUCAS Device, a mechanical chest compression device, to be used in a Quick Response vehicle serving Jefferson Hills, Pleasant Hills, Clairton, West Elizabeth, West Mifflin, and South Park. While Jefferson Hills Fire/Rescue does not transfer patients, 85% of those served by EMS are transported to Jefferson Hospital.

# Junior Achievement of Western PA

# Achieving Together for Long-Term Economic Opportunity

Increase foundational skills and exposure to careers for 1,700 kids through career readiness and financial literacy programs at Bethel Park, Steel Valley, and West Mifflin schools to impact long-term economic opportunity.

# LaRosa Youth Development Foundation

# \$140,000

# \$20,000

# \$75,000

\$20,000

#### \$25,000

# \$20,000

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#### \$20,000

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#### \$100,000

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# Building Capacity for Organizational Development

Build organizational capacity by hiring part-time staff, offering professional development, purchasing program supplies, and engaging in strategic planning including the creation of formal policies and procedures for operations to support continued growth and sustainability.

# Latino Community Center

# SOY Pittsburgh in McKeesport

Increase the health, wellness, and educational outcomes of Latinx youth in grades K-5 in partnership with Francis McClure Elementary school in McKeesport by offering an eight-week summer camp and an afterschool program in 2024-2025 through culturally appropriate, trauma informed, and bilingual support.

# Life Builders

# Basic Needs and Capacity-Building

Provide operating support to deliver basic needs to individuals/families in South Park and surrounding communities and engage consultants on strategic planning and data tracking software to plan and adjust for the organizations rapid growth due to increased food insecurity experienced by residents of South Park and increased referrals made to the organization via the social workers at the local school district.

# Literacy Pittsburgh

# 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.

# McKeesport Area School District

The Village Project: Building Collaborative Capacity for Youth Development in Three School Districts

Collaborate between McKeesport, Duquesne, and Clairton school districts to increase health and well-being of youth by addressing challenges within schools and across the education system through integrating the local community with students' daily learning experience.

# **Melting Pot Ministries**

# Youth and Family Support

Support positive development for youth and their caregivers in South Park, Baldwin-Whitehall, and Bethel Park by providing out-of-school time programming (afterschool and summer) focused on educational, social-emotional, and cultural life challenges.

# **Melting Pot Ministries**

# Summer 2024 OST

Provide in-person programming for youth in summer 2024.

# MISSION: AGAPE

# Capacity Building and Addressing Food Insecurity

Increase the health and well-being of McKeesport, Versailles, Glassport, Elizabeth, Clairton, Dravosburg, and Duquesne residents experiencing food insecurity through regular food distributions and engage a consultant to build organizational capacity and meet community need.

# PA CleanWays of Allegheny County Inc

# Eliminating Illegal Trash Dumping to Increase Public Health

Engage and empower residents of McKeesport, Clairton, West Mifflin, Forward Twp, and Elizabeth Twp. to eliminate illegal dumping by participating in community cleaning of illegal dumpsites and creating a citizen justice program in each community comprised of 2-5 people who can speak about environmental justice issues with government officials, media, and other community groups.

Pittsburghers for Public Transit Transit Civic Engagement

# \$100,000

# \$100,000

\$80,000

\$30,000

# \$150,000

# \$20,000

# \$30,000

# \$40,000

# \$30,000

# PublicSource, Inc

# Civic Engagement, Storytelling, and Journalism

to develop and advocate for transit funding solutions.

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.

Assist Jefferson residents in accessing critical health, education, and food sites by organizing transit riders and workers

# **Reading Ready Pittsburgh**

# Promoting Early Literacy

Strive to impact long-term educational and health outcomes by supporting engagement of early literacy in families with young children.

# Saltworks Theatre Company

# Prevention Live Theater Plays for Middle and High Schools

Increase awareness and knowledge about the truths and consequences of unhealthy decisions related to prescription drugs, e-cigarettes, and the overuse of social media for hundreds of Jefferson area middle and high school students and teachers through live theater productions.

# South Hills Interfaith Ministries

# SHIM Center Accessibility Upgrades & Building Improvements

Provide capital support to ensure long-term operations and create a safer and more welcoming environment at SHIM Center for staff, volunteers, and South Hills individuals and families facing suburban poverty.

# South Hills Interfaith Ministries

# Summer 2024 OST

Provide in-person summer programming with hands-on and social and emotional learning opportunities for youth in kindergarten through high school in summer 2024.

# STEM Coding Lab, Inc.

# **Computer Science Education for Duquesne Students**

Provide economic mobility opportunities which could lead to long-term increased overall health and wellness for 175 Duquesne City School District students through an introduction and instruction in computer science.

# Storehouse for Teachers dba The Education Partnership

# Providing Essential School Supplies to Promote Learning

Improve the long-term overall health and well-being and educational outcomes of students attending five schools in Clairton, Duquesne, and McKeesport by providing new, essential school supply kits to all students, as well as delivering 286 teachers classroom supplies.

# The Blessing Board

# South Showroom: West Mifflin Location

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.

# The Dragon's Den

# **Out-of-School Time Youth Programming**

Build self-confidence, trust, and sociability of Jefferson school-age youth and develop deeper community engagement in Homestead by offering after school programs and summer camps using the challenge course and zip line in the historic St. Mary Magdalene church.

# The Dragon's Den

Summer 2024 OST Provide in-person programming for youth in summer 2024.

# \$75,000

# \$120,000

\$15,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

# \$150,000

# \$10,000

# \$70,000

# \$100,000

# \$35,000

# The Mon Valley Initiative

# Workforce Development and Financial Coaching

Assist unemployed and under-employed Jefferson residents in achieving their goals of financial self- sufficiency through offering a comprehensive workforce development program.

# **The Pittsburgh Foundation**

# **Human Service Integration Fund**

Support the continuation of a flexible, foundation-supported fund to strengthen human service delivery and address social determinants of health by creating efficiencies in response systems and service delivery through the Allegheny County Dept. of Human Services that are not possible with government funding sources.

# **Three Rivers Waterkeeper**

# Water Quality and Well-Being

Provide opportunities to listen to concerns from community advisors around water quality and offer educational resources focused on watersheds and waterways to mitigate the impact of industrial pollution.

# **Tickets for Kids Foundation**

# **Cultural Access for Youth Development**

Increase access to cultural experiences which can contribute to a holistic approach of well-being and can introduce new interests and opportunities for 4,000 youth experiencing low-income status.

# United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania

# Welcome Back Summer 2024

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.

# Venture Outdoors, Inc.

# **Outdoors for All**

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.

# Veterans Breakfast Club

# Supporting Veteran Health Through Storytelling and Connection

Support local veterans and their mental health by facilitating local, in-person storytelling events in the Jefferson area (six in Bethel Park and two in the Mon Valley) and supporting broad outreach efforts including a veteran focused magazine, newsletter, podcast, and online programs.

# **Vision To Learn**

# Vision Resources for Children

Increase the health and school engagement of children in Jefferson communities in partnership with school districts and community partners by offering vision exams to a maximum of 1,000 children and glasses to 800 children.

# Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

# Access to Diaper and Hygiene Supplies

Improve the health and well-being of Jefferson families in need by expanding access to free diapers and other essentials through Jefferson partner organizations.

# World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh

# **Global Youth Programming**

Foster empathy, strengthen peer support, and increase cultural understanding through youth-led after-school programming connecting locally born youth and teens who are immigrants or the children of immigrants in partnership with Baldwin-Whitehall, Brentwood, and West Jefferson Hills school districts.

**Youth Opportunities Development** Summer 2024 OST

#### \$125.000

# \$50,000

# \$16,000

\$30,000

# \$75,000

\$200,000

\$60,000

# \$75,000

# \$80,000

# \$40,000

#### \$25,000

Total Amount of New Grants Awarded in Each Grant during Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Cycle 1: \$925,000 Cycle 2: \$1,100,000 Cycle 3: \$1,492,000

# Total Awarded 2023-2024: \$3,517,000

# 58 New Grants Awarded July 1, 2023 to June 17, 2024

# Total Awarded Since Inception: \$25,540,960\*

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\*A previous version of this document incorrectly listed the Total Awarded Since Inception as \$23,540,960. This amount has been corrected in this document. We regret this error.