



**Our Mission: *To improve the health and well-being of the communities served by Jefferson Hospital through engagement, community-driven research, and grantmaking.***

## **New Grants Awarded: Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Updated March 2025

### **Jefferson Regional Foundation Portfolio Fund Grants**

**Allegheny County Library Association** **\$25,000**

***Feminine Hygiene Products in Public Libraries***

Increase health and well-being by offering free feminine hygiene products in the Jefferson area's 10 public libraries via a wall-mounted dispenser in each restroom and adding "period kits" for young library patrons which include feminine hygiene products and informational literature about period health.

**Allegheny Health Network/Jefferson Hospital** **\$200,000 over two years (\$100,000 per year)**

***Talent Attraction Program***

Support a unique work-study program which aims to increase the number of diverse candidates for competitive employment at AHN Jefferson Hospital and remove identified barriers to success across various allied health fields.

**American National Red Cross** **\$25,000**

***Home Fire Campaign for the Mon Valley***

Increase health, well-being, and home safety by providing direct assistance to Jefferson individuals/families who experience a fire and continue programming to reduce injury and death from fires through partnerships with local fire departments.

**Baldwin Emergency Medical Service** **\$60,000**

***Critical Airway Management Technology***

Improve airway management in residents living in Jefferson communities experiencing respiratory distress or cardiac arrest by purchasing new video laryngoscopes. Baldwin EMS transports an estimated 6,000 patients annually to Jefferson Hospital.

**Best of the Batch Foundation** **\$50,000**

***Supporting Out-of-School Time Programming***

Through general operational support, strengthen Best of the Batch's ability to provide quality out-of-school time programs to hundreds of children and their families living in the Jefferson footprint.

**Bethel Park School District** **\$10,000**

***S.T.E.A.M.ing into the Future***

Provide the Bethel Park community an outdoor classroom to provide play and learning opportunities for youth ages 5-10 which will also improve the academic performance of students (K-5th grade) in Bethel Park School District and increase their satisfaction of the educational experience.

**Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh** **\$300,000 over three years (\$100,000 per year)**

***Sustaining Holistic Immigrant & Refugee Community Health***

Strengthen healthy opportunities and options for members of the local Bhutanese community by building and retaining staff capacity and moving forward with a strategic planning process.

**City of Clairton** **\$4,000**  
***Providing Safety in Inclement Weather***

Increase health and well-being for residents in Clairton and neighboring communities by purchasing supplies to create a warming and cooling station for use during inclement weather.

**Cloverleaf Area Ecumenical Assistance Program** **\$20,000**  
***Addressing Food Insecurity with Choice***

Increase health and well-being by supporting food distribution and the purchase of grocery gift cards which provide choice and dignity to neighbors in Pleasant Hills, Jefferson Hills, Baldwin, Whitehall, South Park, and West Mifflin.

**Divine Restoration Outreach Ministries** **\$50,000**  
***Addressing Food Insecurity***

Increase health and well-being by supporting ongoing efforts to supply healthy nutritious meals to residents of Duquesne and surrounding communities through weekly food bank distributions, bi-weekly food deliveries to older adults, monthly hot meals for families, and food distribution through Duquesne School District.

**Dress for Success Pittsburgh** **\$250,000 over two years (\$125,000 per year)**  
***Mobile Services Workforce Development Events***

Increase the confidence and capacity of 900 local female residents annually 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.

**Foundation of Hope** **\$75,000**  
***Youth Diversion Program***

Provide support to educate and equip young people who have interacted with the criminal justice system with the resources, support, and personal tools necessary to make safe, healthy, informed, life-affirming choices in partnership with Clairton and McKeesport school districts.

**Global Links** **\$80,000**  
***Community Partners Program***

Provide needed surplus medical supplies through partnerships with Jefferson human service agencies serving older adults and/or low-income individuals to increase organizational capacity and to ensure that individuals have the necessary supplies to lead healthy lives and maintain their independence.

**Heritage Community Initiatives** **\$75,000**  
***Addressing Food Insecurity***

Increase health and well-being by supporting food planning and the distribution of over 96,000 meals to 14 locations in Brentwood, Port Vue, McKeesport, Duquesne (2), Munhall (2), McKeesport, Homestead (2), Munhall, Whitehall, South Versailles, and West Mifflin.

**Human Services Center Mon Valley** **\$150,000 over two years (\$75,000 per year)**  
***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 self-sufficiency, and provide basic services for health and well-being.

**JFCS** **\$200,000**  
***Meeting Emergency Needs of Resettled Refugees***

Increase the health and wellness of refugee families living in Jefferson communities by providing emergency assistance for three resettlement agencies (JFCS, Hello Neighbor, and AJAPO) serving 159 newly arrived refugee families impacted by the stop work order issued by the federal government.

<b>Macedonia Family &amp; Community Enrichment Center</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b><i>Addressing Basic Needs</i></b>	
Increase health and well-being of residents living in the Jefferson footprint by providing operating support to address the needs of families experiencing temporary hardship primarily with rent, utilities, and food.	
<b>Maple Unified Student Academy, Inc.</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b><i>Early Learning and Capacity-Building</i></b>	
Expand capacity for organizational growth and support consistent, high-quality, low-cost preschool and out-of-school time programming for over 100 youth and their families in Munhall, Homestead, West Homestead, McKeesport, and West Mifflin.	
<b>Mid-Atlantic Mothers' Milk Bank</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b><i>Providing Human Milk for Medically Vulnerable Infants</i></b>	
Support the operations of the regional donor milk bank to increase the quality of life for babies and their families, reduce health disparities, and reduce the costs of caring for premature infants.	
<b>New Evangelistic Ministry</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b><i>Supporting Basic Needs and Building Organizational Capacity</i></b>	
Provide 50 families and children in Duquesne with basic needs support (food, clothing, transportation, personal hygiene) and build organizational capacity through the assistance of a strategic consultant.	
<b>Nine Mile Run Watershed Association dba Upstream Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>
<b><i>Elevating Community: Environmental Justice Table</i></b>	
Increase capacity to convene and manage the Environmental Justice Table (EJT), a resident/community-driven initiative that aims to raise community voice, advocacy, and education on environmental issues in McKeesport, Clairton, and Duquesne through partial support of a Mon Valley Environmental Justice Coordinator.	
<b>Pennsylvania Women Work</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b><i>RISE Employment Services for Immigrants</i></b>	
Prepare work-authorized new Americans residing in Jefferson communities for life-sustaining employment opportunities by providing instruction, individualized counseling, mentorship, and short-term training.	
<b>Rainbow Kitchen Community Services</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>
<b><i>Addressing Food Insecurity and Capacity-Building Grant</i></b>	
Increase health and well-being by providing multiple food distributions, resource fairs, vision resources, case management, and coat/holiday distributions to thousands of residents in Homestead, West Homestead, West Mifflin, Munhall, Whitaker, and Duquesne.	
<b>Reading Ready Pittsburgh</b>	<b>\$150,000 over two years (\$75,000 per year)</b>
<b><i>Expanding Early Literacy Access and Engagement</i></b>	
Strive to impact long-term educational and health outcomes by supporting engagement of early literacy in families with young children.	
<b>South Hills Interfaith Ministries</b>	<b>\$300,000 over three years (\$100,000 per year)</b>
<b><i>Strengthening Services, Infrastructure and Fiscal Health</i></b>	
Provide operational support to enhance services, to invest in infrastructure for greater community impact, and to ensure fiscal health for long-term outcomes to increase overall health and wellbeing for thousands of residents living in the Jefferson footprint.	
<b>St. Paul AME Church of McKeesport</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b><i>Addressing Food Insecurity</i></b>	

Increase health and well-being by providing a food pantry to neighbors in Clairton, Glassport, Dravosburg, Duquesne, McKeesport, Port Vue, and Versailles through distributions twice each month.

**Storehouse for Teachers dba The Education Partnership** **\$100,000**

***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 creating teacher supply closets at the schools.

**The Blessing Board** **\$75,000**

***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 bank in West Mifflin.

**The New Sun Rising (fiscal sponsor for the MOMs Group)** **\$17,000**

***Addressing Gun Violence***

Increase health and well-being for mothers in the Jefferson footprint who have lost their sons to gun violence via support groups, peer support, legacy projects, and advocating for a future without violence.

**Three Rivers Waterkeeper** **\$35,000**

***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.

**United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania** **\$50,000**

***Beyond the Classroom***

Increase capacity and provide flexible funding via a competitive process for five Jefferson area out-of-school time providers (OST) to address challenges related to food, transportation, staff training/development, facility repairs, and essential supplies so they can continue to meet the needs of children and families in the Jefferson footprint.

**University of Pittsburgh - School of Social Work/Center on Race and Social Problems**

**\$150,000 over two years (\$80,000 in year one and \$70,000 in year two)**

***Just Discipline Project at Duquesne***

Support the implementation of restorative practice programming to reduce suspensions and improve school climate and school achievement for 500 children and their teachers in Duquesne City School District.

**West Jefferson Hills School District** **\$10,000**

***Sensory Success: Creating Calm, Focus, and Growth for All Learners***

Improve the long-term overall health and well-being and academic engagement of special education students at Jefferson Hills Intermediate School by creating a sensory room to address sensory processing challenges, autism spectrum disorders, and emotional regulation difficulties.

## **Mon Valley Clean Air Fund Grants**

An incident in 2018 impacting air quality and public health in 22 communities led to litigation between PennEnvironment, Clean Air Council, Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) and U.S. Steel. An agreement was reached, and U.S. Steel is to pay \$5 million in settlement funds. **JRF was not part of the litigation.**

In 2024, the Allegheny County Health Department enlisted the Jefferson Regional Foundation to distribute half (\$2.25 million) of the settlement funds. This fund at the Jefferson Regional Foundation is called the [Mon Valley Clean Air Fund](#). These funds will be distributed by the Foundation over five years with disbursements beginning in Spring 2025.

JRF is committed to engaging and elevating resident voices. In October 2024, the Foundation hosted three listening sessions. The focus was to provide residents and stakeholders an opportunity to offer input on how the Mon Valley Clean Air Funds should be utilized.

**Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank** **\$25,000**  
***Drive-Up Food Distribution***

**Communities Served: Clairton, McKeesport, Glassport, Elizabeth, West Mifflin, and West Elizabeth**  
Minimize food insecurity through a drive-up food distribution in Clairton, which serves more than 325 households each month from Clairton, McKeesport, Glassport, Elizabeth, West Mifflin, and West Elizabeth, and provides individuals and families with produce, dairy, eggs, and other grocery staples.

**Greater Valley Community Services Inc.** **\$10,000**  
***Community Garden and Food Pantry Support***

**Communities Served: Braddock and North Braddock**  
Minimize food insecurity by contributing to environmental sustainability through a community garden and food pantry. This project will serve residents in Braddock and North Braddock and educate youth and older adults on planting and producing food.

**Heritage Community Initiatives** **\$15,000**  
***Addressing Food Insecurity***

**Communities Served: Braddock, North Braddock, North Versailles, and East Pittsburgh**  
Increase health and well-being by supporting food planning and the distribution of over 42,860 meals to five locations serving residents from Braddock, North Braddock, North Versailles, and East Pittsburgh in an effort to support a healthy community as described by residents.

**LaRosa Youth Development Foundation** **\$6,000**  
***Ensuring Indoor Air Quality***

**Communities Served: McKeesport**  
Ensure healthy indoor air quality for 100 McKeesport youth and families by assisting with the purchase of replacement air filters.

**Mon/Yough Trail Council (MYTC)** **\$15,000**  
***Maintaining a Community Asset***

**Communities Served: Port Vue, Liberty, Lincoln, and Elizabeth Township**  
Promote public health and overall well-being via access to a maintained natural environment as requested by community residents. This community hiking and biking trail extends through the boroughs of Port Vue, Liberty, Lincoln, and Elizabeth Township.

**Nine Mile Run Watershed Association dba Upstream Pittsburgh** **\$45,000**  
***Elevating Community: Environmental Justice Table***

**Communities Served: Braddock, North Braddock, Clairton, Duquesne, East Pittsburgh, and McKeesport**  
Provide continued opportunity for a resident/community-driven initiative that aims to lift community voice in the discussion and education of environmental factors facing residents of Braddock, North Braddock, Clairton, Duquesne, East Pittsburgh, and McKeesport that impact their public health for the purpose of creating community-based solutions and increased health and well-being.

**PA CleanWays of Allegheny County, Inc. dba Allegheny Cleanways** **\$30,000**  
***Eliminating Illegal Trash Dumping to Increase Public Health***  
**Communities Served: Braddock, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock, North Versailles, and Wall**

Engage and empowering residents of Braddock, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock, North Versailles, and Wall to eliminate illegal dumping by participating in land cleanups, water cleanups and environmental education.

**Streets Run Watershed Association dba Watersheds of South Pittsburgh** **\$30,000**

***Green Space and Community Garden***

**Communities Served: Clairton**

Support improving green space and the Clairton Community Garden to provide education and fresh produce to Clairton residents.

**This Generation Connect** **\$50,000**

***Addressing Food Insecurity including Mobile Distributions to Older Adults***

**Communities Served: East Pittsburgh and neighboring communities**

Increase health and well-being of East Pittsburgh residents by serving residents through food distributions twice per month, serving older adults with meals onsite at Prospect Terrace, and offering community meals for residents throughout the year. Food insecurity was a priority highlighted by community residents.

**Tube City Renaissance** **\$35,000**

***Tree Planting for Clean Air***

**Communities Served: McKeesport**

Increase the City of McKeesport's tree canopy which will reduce heat, improve air quality, and enhance the overall environmental quality of the city with the support of an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer.

**Valley Clean Air Now** **\$75,000**

***Ensuring Indoor Air Quality with Air Filters and Education***

**Communities Served: Braddock, North Braddock, Wall, North Versailles, East Pittsburgh, East McKeesport, McKeesport, and Duquesne**

Increase indoor air quality and the health of well-being of 600 households in Braddock, North Braddock, Wall, North Versailles, East Pittsburgh, East McKeesport, McKeesport, and Duquesne through the distribution of and education on portable air filters designed to clean the air from the specific pollutants found in the communities. This will complement the current planned distribution of filters to Jefferson Hills, West Mifflin, West Elizabeth, Dravosburg, Pleasant Hills, and Elizabeth Township funded by other partners.

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**Total Amount of New Grants Awarded in Each Grant Cycle During  
Fiscal Year 2024-2025:**

**Jefferson Regional Foundation Portfolio Fund Grants:**

**Cycle 1: \$1,582,000**

**Cycle 2: \$1,254,000**

**Mon Valley Clean Air Fund: \$336,000**

**Total Awarded 2024-2025: \$3,172,000**

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**44 New Grants Awarded July 1, 2024 to March 20, 2025**

## **Total Awarded Since Inception: \$28,712,960**

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