



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 June 2025

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, Elizabeth Borough, Elizabeth Township, Glassport, McKeesport, West Elizabeth, and West Mifflin

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.

Grow Pittsburgh **\$30,000**

Braddock Farms

Communities Served: Braddock

Increase community access to fresh, healthy food, provide skill training for youth and adults to support their academic or career development, and improve the environment through promoting and teaching sustainable agriculture practices at Braddock Farms.

Heritage Community Initiatives **\$15,000**

Addressing Food Insecurity

Communities Served: Braddock, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock, North Versailles

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: Elizabeth Township, Liberty, Lincoln, and Port Vue

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.

New Hope Assembly Of God **\$4,000**

Embrace Essentials

Communities Served: All MVCAF Communities

Increase the health and well-being of children in the Jefferson footprint by providing free formula, diapers, wipes, and other supplies through a program in Elizabeth Township.

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association dba Upstream Pittsburgh **\$45,000**

Elevating Community: Environmental Justice Table

Communities Served: Braddock, Clairton, Duquesne, East Pittsburgh, McKeesport, and North Braddock

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, Duquesne, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock, McKeesport, North Versailles, and Wall

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.

Young Black Motivated Kings & Queens **\$30,000**

Summer Enrichment Program

Communities Served: Braddock, Duquesne, East McKeesport, East Pittsburgh, McKeesport, North Braddock, and West Mifflin

Offer a ten-week, tuition free summer program rooted in a trauma informed and culturally responsive approach for 22 Mon Valley youth in grades K-12 to build confidence, leaderships skills, academic enrichment, and meaningful connections with peers

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

Cycle 2: \$336,000

Cycle 3: \$64,000

Total Awarded 2024-2025: \$400,000

14 New Grants Awarded March 20, 2025 to June 12, 2025

Total Awarded: \$400,000

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