

Lancaster County Community Foundation - 2024 Passion Grants

July, 2024

Ada F. Harr Fund - home health/custodial care (Budget - \$32,100; Recommended - \$32,100)

Organization	Grant Amount	Description
Canine Partners for Life	\$16,050	Since 1989, Canine Partners for Life has increased the independence and quality of life of individuals with disabilities by raising, training and placing service, medical alert, and companion dogs to assist these individuals. The mission is achieved through the CPL Breeding Program, Community and Prison Puppy Raising Program, Service Dog Training Program, Team Training, and Graduate Support Program. This project will provide training for 1 service or companion dog and support for the lifetime of the partnership, ensuring in home health support, improved quality of life, and independence.
Parish Resource Center	\$16,050	Parish Resource Center is launching our Take-Home Totes initiative, a program that provides easily carried bags of nutritious, shelf-stable foods to social work offices at Barshinger Cancer Institute and Nurse Family Partnership at Penn Medicine/LGH and Union Community Care. Take-Home Totes developed out of conversations with these partners about how to immediately resource food insecure patients. The totes will serve as a stop gap until the patient can access long-term food solutions like Meals on Wheels and give social workers a convenient, no-barrier tool to immediately address need.

Anne C. and W. Franklin Ressler Fund - Eastern Lancaster County (Budget - \$28,800; Recommended - \$28,800)

Organization	Grant Amt.	Description
Girls on the Run of Lancaster and Lebanon	\$18,150	Girls on the Run (GOTR) is dedicated to nurturing self-esteem and healthy lifestyles in 3rd-8th grade girls. We are seeking support for our Fall 2024/Spring 2025 financial assistance program in CVSD, ELANCO, and PVSD; requests have surged, with over \$40,000 allocated during Fall 2023/Spring 2024. In Spring 2024 alone, in Lancaster/Lebanon, 67% of participants requested some form of financial assistance, totaling over \$109,000. We anticipate this trend to continue rising. Your ongoing support ensures that every girl who wishes to participate can do so, regardless of financial constraints.
Greystone Manor Therapeutic Riding Center	\$10,650	When people with special needs volunteer in the community, they learn new vocational and social skills, experience an increased feeling of self-worth, and take pride in making a vital contribution to society. Greystone Manor will launch a pilot program in Eastern Lancaster for 20 disabled individuals to enjoy supported volunteering with specially trained staff for two hours per week for twelve weeks. The inclusive program empowers the participants to learn valuable life skills like problem-solving, working toward achieving goals, communicating, and working in a team setting.

Better Lancaster Fund - early childhood (Budget - \$25,100; Recommended - \$25,100)

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Parish Resource Center	\$25,100	Parish Resource Center is working to improve health outcomes for low-income mothers and infants with Referral-Based Food Delivery and Baby Kits, in partnership with Union Community Care and Penn Medicine's Nurse-Family Partnership. We deliver food to first-time pregnant and postpartum women who are struggling to get enough food and the correct nutrition. Our Baby Kit program provides diaper bags of doctor-requested baby care items to new mothers who would not otherwise be able to afford them. These simple interventions efficiently increase local support for maternal and infant health.

John J. Snyder, Jr. Fund for Historic Preservation (Budget - \$112,200; Recommended - \$112,200)

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LancasterHistory.org	\$112,200	Through construction and renovation, LancasterHistory will rehabilitate the buildings occupied by Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and his housekeeper, Lydia Hamilton Smith, and create the Thaddeus Stevens & Lydia Hamilton Smith Center for History & Democracy. Stevens (1792–1868) was a radical legislator during the Civil War, whose advocacy changed the nation. Smith (1815–1884) supported Stevens’ work and defied barriers to become a successful businesswoman. The Center will share the stories of their commitment as they worked to end slavery, support racial equality, and promote full citizenship.

Patrick Kenney, Jr. and K.L. Shirk Fund - human relations (Budget - \$15,000; Recommended - \$15,000)

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YWCA Lancaster	\$15,000	Our Rise Above Youth Summit is a 3-week summer intensive program that will challenge and encourage high school students to comprehend mental health issues and build knowledge on socialization, oppression and implicit biases through the perspective of Lancaster City/County. The program includes Teen Mental Health First Aid, Racial Equity Institute, Creative Expression, and Public Library Visits. Students will explore new topics, and gain insights from professionals and local creatives. The program concludes with each student delivering a 6-minute presentation to celebrate their achievements.

Paris Meyers Music Education Fund (Budget - \$1,750; Recommended - \$1,750)

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Music For Everyone	\$1,750	Music for Everyone has long supported the Columbia School District through instrument grants and educational support. However, due to budget constraints and other challenges there is no strings orchestra program at the School. In collaboration with the Boys/Girls Club in Columbia, MFE will provide instruments and an instructor to form and support a strings program at the Clubhouse. There has been great interest and enthusiasm among the youth that attend the club. In addition, the staff at the Clubhouse are energized to support this effort.