

2024-2025 Community Impact Grant Awards

Investing in our Children (Education): Helping children and youth achieve their potential.			
<i>8 agencies have been recommended to receive funding in the education category, totaling \$61,200.</i>			
Funding Priorities			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Needs: Children have access to basic needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide basic needs support to children and families in crisis • Help children who face neglect or abuse • Promote positive parenting and healthy child development 2. Early Learning: Preschool aged children have access to affordable, high quality, early learning programs that prepare them for kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide tuition assistance for families unable to afford a quality preschool education • Promote high quality learning programs that prepare children for kindergarten 3. Youth Support Programs: Students have access to high quality, enriching out of school programs where students have support and encouragement from engaged parents, advocates and mentors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the availability of quality before and after-school care for school-aged children and youth • Ensure access to age-appropriate mentors and other academic supports 			
Organization Name	Award Amount	Purpose of Grant	Area Served
Community Care and Learning Center	\$8,000	To provide summer and before and after school services for children K-4 to ensure parents of school-age children can maintain employment.	Shenandoah & Page Counties
Winchester Day Preschool	\$5,000	To provide tuition assistance for lower income working families in need of childcare.	Winchester, Frederick & Clarke Counties
Healthy Families Northern Shenandoah Valley	\$16,000	To support the Cribs for Kids Service Project, Car Seat Safety Service Project, and Parent Education Birth to Five Project to support vulnerable families.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke & Warren Counties
Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum	\$9,000	To provide Summer Camp Scholarships for local school-aged children.	Winchester, Frederick & Clarke Counties
The Salvation Army Warren County	\$11,300	To support a Boys & Girls Club at E. Wilson Elementary School to provide quality, affordable after-school programming for children.	Warren County
Shenandoah Arts Council	\$5,000	To support the Kids and Teen Art Clubs to help youth achieve their creative potential.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
Mountain Vista Governor's School Foundation	\$5,000	To support dual enrollment tuition assistance for Mountain Vista Governor's School students to attend Laurel Ridge Community College.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke & Warren Counties
Just Because, Inc.	\$1,900	To support lunches for teachers and support staff in Shenandoah County Public Schools.	Shenandoah County

Creating Economic Opportunity for All (Income/Financial Stability): Helping families in our community become self-sufficient and move from financial instability to financial stability.
<i>18 agencies have been recommended for funding in the income/financial stability category, totaling \$214,300.</i>

Funding Priorities:

1. **Basic Needs:** Support our most vulnerable neighbors by providing them access to basic needs supports.
 - Expand availability and access to safe, adequate shelter for individuals and families struggling with homelessness
 - Ensure availability and access to healthy food and essential personal care items
2. **Housing:** Families have access to a continuum of housing solutions that provide safe, decent and affordable housing options.
 - Ensure the availability of short-term emergency rent and utility assistance with a focus on prevention efforts.
 - Support programs that provide critical home repairs for qualifying homeowners.
3. **Employment:** Identify & remove the gaps and barriers that currently exist for individuals to enter the workforce and attain and retain family sustaining employment.
 - Connect households with affordable transportation options
 - Improve access to quality, affordable childcare
 - Improve literacy and job skills
4. **Financial Stability:** Create opportunities for families to move from financial instability to financial stability.
 - Support a coordinated and integrated comprehensive Resource and Referral System (VAN) that helps connect and navigate people to critical community resources and services
 - Provide case management, tools and resources to support families in becoming self-sufficient, and ultimately, financially secure

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Faithworks, Inc.	\$10,000	To support the Pay It Forward program that addresses unmet needs in the community, including eviction prevention, car repairs, phone bills, and childcare.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
Family Promise of Shenandoah County	\$2,500	In partnership with Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, expand the Scatter Sites Housing Project (SSHP) to provide housing and case management to families in Shenandoah County.	Shenandoah & Page Counties
Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.	\$8,000	To provide free legal assistance to low-income/ALICE households for civic matters, including preventing evictions, accessing financial assistance and public benefits, and providing trauma-informed legal assistance to victims of domestic violence.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
Choices, Council on Domestic Violence for Page Co., Inc.	\$25,000	To support people experiencing domestic and sexual violence by ensuring their basic needs are met and removing gaps and barriers to employment.	Page County
Just Neighbors Ministry Inc	\$5,000	To provide immigration legal services to the most vulnerable immigrants in Winchester and the surrounding areas, particularly those who are eligible for citizenship or work authorization.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
Laurel Ridge Community College Educational Foundation	\$5,000	The target population for United Way funds are Laurel Ridge Community College students with disabilities who can benefit from the services and support offered through the Office of Accommodations and Disability	City of Winchester Frederick County Clarke County Shenandoah County Page County

		Services (OADS).	Warren County
Literacy Volunteers - Winchester Area	\$6,000	Funding is requested to support Literacy efforts for the youngest in our community. State wide 18% of adults have literacy issues that preclude them from being fully capable of supporting their kids.	City of Winchester Frederick County Clarke County
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington	\$12,000	The St. Lucy Food Project seeks to prevent food insecurity in the Northern Shenandoah Valley by ensuring that households have supplemental non-perishable and perishable healthy foods.	City of Winchester Frederick County Clarke County Shenandoah County Page County Warren County
Congregational Community Action Project (CCAP)	\$3,000	To provide utility assistance to help stabilize families and prevent loss of housing.	Winchester & Frederick County
Phoenix Project	\$15,000	To support domestic violence survivors by providing rental assistance to prevent homelessness.	Warren County
Response, Inc.	\$10,000	To assist domestic and sexual violence survivors with securing housing, transportation, childcare, and other resources to regain stability.	Shenandoah County
Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries	\$8,000	To support A Small Hand, which provides diapers and wipes to families in need, and Luke's Backpack, which distributes bags of food to students in Shenandoah County for weekend meals.	Shenandoah County
WATTS	\$25,000	To support the WATTS Warming Center that provides safe, warm or cold-weather shelter for adults experiencing homelessness.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke & Shenandoah Counties
Opportunity Scholars	\$8,000	Provide coaching, employment services, and soft skills training to prepare our scholars with the best opportunities for them to graduate for the Opportunity Scholars program and seek employment in their dream career and change their future.	City of Winchester Frederick County Clarke County Shenandoah County Warren County
Page One of Page County	\$15,000	To provide emergency help with utilities, rental assistance, fuel assistance, and food for residents in Page County.	Page County
Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$30,000	To support the Critical Home Repair Program to help seniors age in place.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke & Shenandoah
Christ Church Cares Food Pantry	\$5,000	To provide nutritious food and personal care products to families in Clarke County.	Clarke County
AIDS Response Effort, Inc.	\$19,800	To provide walk-in service in Winchester for Centralized Housing Intake to connect people experiencing homelessness with resources.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
Godfrey Miller Center	\$2,000	To support the Congregate Affordable Meal Program (CAMP) that serves lunches to older adults in the greater Winchester area.	Winchester & Frederick County

Building Healthier Communities (Health): Helping individuals live quality lives & achieve maximum health and independence.

9 agencies have been recommended to receive funding in the health category, totaling \$124,500.

Funding Priorities

1. Access to Care: All households have easy to access and ample, affordable, high quality, preventative, immediate and follow-up health and dental care.
 - Improve access to necessary health care services and those that reduce barriers to receiving and accessing health care services
 - Increase access to affordable, high quality and regular dental care
2. Trauma Informed Care: Households have access to the necessary supports to address the negative effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), violence and physical hazards; communities support people's health, safety, and development.
 - Support an equitable community-wide system of trauma-informed care, provides accessible evidence-based treatments from trained, knowledgeable, and culturally literate specialists in adequate supply
 - Reduce intimate partner violence, domestic violence, and child abuse
3. Behavioral Health: Households will demonstrate improved behavioral health by reporting better mental health and a reduction in substance abuse, and reduced stigma that is a barrier to care.
 - Ensure a continuum of services exists to meet behavioral health needs
 - Provide immediate and adequate access to substance abuse services for those who are in crisis
 - Expand community awareness and reduce stigma associated with having mental health and substance use disorders.

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Shenandoah Community Health Clinic	\$20,000	To provide uninsured residents in our community face significant challenges in accessing essential dental care, leading to prevalent oral health issues.	Shenandoah County
Shenandoah Community Health Clinic	\$20,000	This funding will cover a portion of a Licensed Professional Counselor's onboarding, salary, clinical supervision, overhead and needs specific to school-based counseling.	Shenandoah County
Blue Ridge Hospice	\$20,000	To support a dedicated youth grief programming staff member to provide no-cost grief support after the death of a loved one.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
ChildSafe Center-CAC	\$20,000	To provide services to children and their non-offending caretakers when there are concerns about abuse, trauma, or family violence.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties
St Luke Community Clinic	\$2,000	To support the expansion of the dental clinic in Warren County.	Warren County
Highland Food Pantry	\$7,500	To support the Special Delivery Project by providing bags of nutritious food and essential personal care items to seniors and disabled persons.	Winchester & Frederick County

Strength In Peers	\$10,000	To support the Side-by-Side Recovery Program that provides peer recovery support and case management services to adults with substance use and mental health challenges in Shenandoah and Page Counties.	Shenandoah & Page Counties
The Laurel Center	\$15,000	To support the emergency shelter that provides wraparound services to help victims of domestic and sexual violence and its advocacy efforts on their behalf.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke & Warren Counties
Page Alliance for Community Action	\$5,000	To support the random drug screening of student athletes and drivers at Page County high schools to ensure youth are staying drug free and identify youth who are in need of intervention services.	Page County
DementiaMatters	\$5,000	To help promote training sessions that help families and caregivers have a better understanding of the world of those living with dementia.	Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page & Warren Counties