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Record Amount of Grants Awarded to Regional Nonprofits

Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Awards \$422,160 in grants to 32 organizations through its 2020 Community Investment Funds Grant Cycle

March 25, 2020 (Oakton, VA) –The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has awarded a record \$422,160 in grants to 32 local organizations through its 2020 Community Investment Funds Grant program. The funds will help support the work of organizations that are providing critical services to residents throughout Northern Virginia, including programs that help with poverty relief, job training, education, emergency housing, and more.

The Community Foundation convened volunteer committees that consisted of area experts, donors, and Foundation board members to review applications submitted to the organization. Applications were accepted in the following areas of need: Child and Youth Development; Education; Aging; Poverty Relief; Military Personnel and Their Families; and the Angus Slater Lamond Fund for Children and Youth. A Community Investment grant is also announced for the nonprofit organization FACETS.

“This year’s level of giving reflects the extreme generosity of our donors, and, most importantly, the Foundation’s commitment to help make a positive impact on those who are disadvantaged throughout Northern Virginia,” said Brandon Elledge, Chairman, Community Investment Funds Grant Committee and Partner, Holland & Knight. “I am very honored to have been a part of this process and want to thank the over 40 volunteers and the Foundation’s staff who helped make this such an unprecedented and successful grant cycle.”

The 2020 Community Investment Funds Grants were awarded to the following programs:

Child & Youth Development (Total: \$60,000/ 6 grants)

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| Acting For Young People <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |
| This grant will support 3 sessions of Time to Shine afterschool program at two FCPS Title I elementary schools. | |
| All Ages Read Together <i>Serving Loudoun County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Grant will support two summer classes to be offered in Sterling. This is an opportunity for children with no preschool experience to have a free summer program that will prepare them for kindergarten. | |
| Higher Achievement <i>Serving Alexandria</i> | \$10,000 |
| The grant will support a year-round out-of-school time program to advance academic achievement and social-emotional growth of Alexandria students in grades 5 – 8. | |
| Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funds will be used to continue implementing the LEER+ program and will continue to support literacy growth of families. | |
| National Inventors Hall of Fame* <i>Serving Prince William County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will support underserved youth, grades K-6, in Camp Invention – a high-quality STEM enrichment program that builds critical thinking, self-confidence, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and other 21st century skills. | |
| The House* <i>Serving Prince William County</i> | \$10,000 |
| This grant will support an out-of-school time program for marginalized youth through leadership development, training, mentoring, and co-curricular elective opportunities. | |
| Education (Total: \$78,660/ 8 grants) | |
| BEACON for Adult Literacy* <i>Serving Manassas/Manassas Park</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will provide students with an integrated adult education program of ESL and citizenship/workforce preparation, civics education and computer/financial literacy. | |
| Future Kings, Inc* <i>Serving Prince William County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funds will support a research project using the virtual reality game created by Future Kings. The game teaches college-level biomedical topics to students in secondary school. | |
| Generation Hope <i>Serving All of Northern Virginia</i> | \$8,660 |
| Funding will help teen parents learn college degrees, enter a competitive workforce, and provide their children with early childhood supports. | |
| Literacy Council of Northern Virginia <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |

Funding will support LCNV's Family Learning Program, providing English literacy and language instruction to children and their low-income parents.

Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc.* **\$10,000**
Serving Prince William County

Funding will sustain basic services and expand the ESL and Job Readiness for New Immigrants Program to reduce the number of individuals living at/below the poverty line.

The Literacy Lab **\$10,000**
Serving Alexandria

Funds will allow full-time tutors to be embedded at five partner schools to provide literacy interventions.

Together We Bake **\$10,000**
Serving Alexandria

The grant will enable TWB to recruit and train at least 50 women in need, along with providing post program support to at least 100 alumni Team Members.

Year Up National Capital Region **\$10,000**
Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support training and certifications for 150 students in Northern Virginia which creates a pathway for them to gain the necessary knowledge and experience to secure meaningful employment.

Military Personnel & Their Families (Total: \$42,000/ 2 grants)

Arcadia Food, Inc. **\$21,000**
Serving All of Northern Virginia

This grant supports Arcadia's nationally recognized Veteran Farmer Program, which trains military veterans, active-duty service members, and family members in the business and craft of farming on a Northern Virginia farm.

Blue Star Families **\$21,000**
Serving All of Northern Virginia

Funding will support Spouseforce, the workforce development platform from Blue Star Families, which seeks to end the military spouse unemployment crisis by connecting them with military friendly opportunities and skills training.

Poverty Relief Grants (Total: \$100,000/ 10 grants)

Amara Legal Center **\$10,000**
Serving All of Northern Virginia

The Funding will provide legal representation of survivors of sex trafficking specifically expungement and vacatur representation: filing petitions of expungement of criminal records obtained while involved in the commercial sex industry against their will.

Arlington Thrive **\$10,000**
Serving Arlington County

The Funds will support the Daily Emergency Financial Assistance Program. All funds will be used to provide same-day emergency assistance to prevent eviction, homelessness, and other catastrophes.

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| Ayuda <i>Serving All of Northern Virginia</i> | \$10,000 |
| This grant will support culturally specific emergency services for low-income Hispanics, Blacks, and Asian immigrant victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Northern Virginia. | |
| Britepaths <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will support the Financial Assistance Program which provides emergency rent, utility, pharmaceutical, and car repair assistance to low and middle-income clients. | |
| Fairfax Law Foundation <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |
| The grant will be used to provide free necessary and critical legal services to individuals and families in poverty facing legal challenges in maintaining or improving their housing situation, working to ensure that their health and safety is not threatened. | |
| Friends of Guest House, Inc. <i>Serving All of Northern Virginia</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will support general operations to support its prison-to-community reentry services tailored to women's unique needs. | |
| Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington, Inc. <i>Serving Arlington County</i> | \$10,000 |
| The grant will provide housing assistance to individuals who are returning home to Arlington County and the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church after incarceration. | |
| Project Mend-a-House* <i>Serving Prince William County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will support continued home repair services to the vulnerable population living in Prince William County and Greater Manassas areas. Repair services will include accessibility, modification, plumbing, electrical & other home repair need. | |
| Second Story <i>Serving Fairfax County</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funding will assist with general operating support to provide safe, stable housing for homeless, runaway, thrown away and abused youth. | |
| Volunteers of America Chesapeake <i>Serving Alexandria</i> | \$10,000 |
| Funds will support the Alexandria Community Shelter to help 5 families transitioning into permanent housing pay their down payment and first month's rent (\$1,000/family), provide Metro and gas cards to travel for job interviews, work and referral services and pay rental application fees for 68 families transitioning to permanent housing. | |
| <i>Angus Slater Lamond Fund for Children and Youth</i> (Total: \$100,000/ 4 grants) | |
| Community Lodgings <i>Serving City of Alexandria</i> | \$25,000 |

Funding will address the academic and behavioral needs of homeless and low-income students in the Arlandria community of Alexandria through our out of school time and summer programming, mentoring and extracurricular activities.

Northern Virginia Family Services **\$25,000**

Serving South Fairfax County (along Route 1 corridor)

This grant will provide accessible, culturally competent mental health services and trauma-informed group therapy to recently immigrated youth in the Route 1 area.

The Child and Family Network Centers **\$25,000**

Serving South Fairfax County (along Route 1 corridor)

Funds will assist at-risk, four-year old children and immigrant families to thrive in kindergarten; reduce language, health, social-emotional, and socioeconomic barriers to learning; and empower parents to advocate for their long-term success in school and in life.

United Community Ministries **\$25,000**

Serving South Fairfax County (along Route 1 corridor)

This grant will fund SPARK (Success through Purpose, Achievement, Respect and Knowledge), which provides tutoring, homework help, STEM activities, and social/emotional wellness.

Aging (Total: \$35,000/1 grant for 2 years at \$17,500 each)

Insight Memory Care Center **\$35,000**

Serving All of Northern Virginia

This grant will support programs which allow older adults to safely age in place during this difficult disease journey- which effects 1 in 10 over 65. Funding will primarily support the adult day center program and the caregiver education and support programs.

Other Community Investment Funds Grant

FACETS+ **\$6,500**

Serving Fairfax County

A grant of **\$6,500** to FACETS, representing the 20% portion of the annual 5% of available spending from the Huntsman Endowment Fund as requested by Ken and Marci Huntsman.

For more information about the Community Investment Funds grants and the Community Foundation's programs and initiatives, visit **www.cfnova.org**.

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The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need, seed innovation and lead and convene the community. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation connects donors to community and promotes a more equitable and inclusive prosperity that marries our economic strength with the full breadth of our diverse community. In 2019 the

Community Foundation awarded more than \$5.4 million in grants and scholarships and reported more than \$72 million in managed philanthropic assets.

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