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## **Community Foundation Opens Three 2021 Grant Cycles**

January 7, 2021 (Oakton, VA) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, a trusted leader in philanthropy in the region announced today the opening of the 2021 grant cycles for its **Community Investment Funds (CIF)**, **The Environment Fund**, and **The Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts**. The Community Foundation conducts several discretionary grant cycles each year that help meet critical needs and seed innovative solutions to complex social problems across the region.

The Community Investment Funds (CIF) are the signature grant cycle managed by the Community Foundation in which funds are invested in organizations serving the Northern Virginia community in the areas of **child and youth development, education, health, mental health and aging, military personnel and their families, and poverty relief**. In 2020, CIF awarded \$422,160 in funds to 32 local organizations providing critical services and basic needs assistance to residents throughout Northern Virginia.

The Environment Fund, which was launched in 2018 funds projects that protect, restore and improve Northern Virginia's natural environment, thereby enhancing the health and quality of life of its citizens and the economy of the region. The Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts, which was also launched in 2018 with a legacy gift supports arts and culture in Northern Virginia.

Today, Sari Raskin, Vice President of Grants and Community Leadership, and Jennifer Cochran, Manager of Grants and Scholarships, presented a webinar to share details of this year's priority focus areas and funding amounts available.

Slides from this presentation are available [here](#), and you may watch the full [webinar](#).

The deadline for nonprofits to apply is 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 4, 2021. If you have questions contact [sari.raskin@cfnova.org](mailto:sari.raskin@cfnova.org) or [jennifer.cochran@cfnova.org](mailto:jennifer.cochran@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 2020 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$13 million in grants and scholarships and reported more than \$72 million in managed philanthropic assets. For more information please visit us at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org), follow up on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)