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## Community Foundation for Northern Virginia Announces 2025 Grants and Scholarships Now Available

Fairfax, VA (January 15, 2025) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is starting the new year with exciting news for nonprofits and students throughout the region. As of January 8th, applications are now open for the Foundation’s 2025 grants and scholarship cycles. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply for funding to support their community-focused initiatives, while students can apply for scholarships to advance their educational goals.

### Grants for Nonprofit Organizations

The Foundation’s [Community Investment Funds \(CIF\)](#), [Environment Fund](#), [Lamond Fund](#), and [Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts](#) competitive grant process will offer funding to nonprofit organizations addressing needs in areas including the arts, education, children & youth development, environment, intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health, military personnel and their families, our aging neighbors, and safety net support. These grants are supported by charitable endowments managed by the Community Foundation, aimed at addressing current and emerging needs in the region.

In 2024, the Community Foundation awarded \$805,940 in grants to 49 local organizations. These selections were made with guidance from 112 dedicated volunteers, including area experts, donors, Foundation board members, and other key community stakeholders. Grants are unrestricted and awarded for general operating support at the discretion of the nonprofits’ staff and board. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.



"We are grateful for this grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia which will help fund OAR's housing assistance services, helping individuals and families impacted by incarceration in Northern Virginia secure safe and stable housing. Obtaining and retaining safe and stable housing is critical to the reentry process for individuals returning home from experiencing incarceration and their families. We are glad

the Foundation is supporting these efforts to make our community a better place for all to live."

- [OAR of Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church](#), a 2024 Safety Net Grantee.

Applications for grants will be accepted from **January 8 to February 5, 2025**. No late applications will be accepted. The Community Foundation supports nonprofits throughout the entire process. Our website includes a link to our recently promoted [2025 Grants Webinar](#), an easily downloadable [FAQs page](#), and we are offering a [Financials Q&A session](#) on January 15 for any interested organizations. For more information on eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit the Foundation's website at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org).

### Scholarships for Students

The Foundation is also offering a variety of scholarships to high school students who demonstrate commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and community service. The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia manages [35 scholarship funds](#) that support Northern Virginia students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Each fund is curated by a generous donor, wishing to make a difference for students in Northern Virginia and beyond. These donors partner with the Community Foundation to foster educational opportunities and supportive legacies.



Each year, the Community Foundation awards over \$500,000 in scholarship funds to nearly 150 students. For the 2024-2025 school year, the Community Foundation awarded \$506,600 in scholarships to 114 students pursuing higher education. Volunteer committees review and make scholarship award recommendations for the scholarships managed by the Community Foundation.

Individual scholarship awards range from \$1,500 to \$6,000 for students pursuing a particular field of study or with specific skills-based interests. **Application deadlines for scholarships vary.** Detailed scholarship information, eligibility requirements, and application forms are available on the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org).

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Founded in 1978, the Community Foundation has been the premier charitable partner trusted by thousands of generous Northern Virginians for decades. Our mission is to advance equity through philanthropy and community leadership. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation's vision is to build a community that works for everyone. Our Community

Foundation serves the entire region, including Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties and the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.