The Foundation for Enhancing Communities

2020 Grant Opportunities

**Applications Available October 1, 2019; Deadline February 1, 2020**

*For projects taking place July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021*

**Children’s Home Foundation Fund: Round 1 of 2**

The mission of the Children’s Home Foundation Fund, a committee advised endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is to provide aid to economically disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. This fund was established as a result of the dissolution of a private foundation. In accordance with this mission, funding priority will be given in the following areas: human services, especially programs which address needs for food, clothing and shelter; education; cultural enrichment and the arts; funding is restricted to programs serving only disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. Multi-year funding requests will be considered, but may be granted conditioned upon investment return, confirmation of matching funds identified by the grantee, and/or the availability of foundation funds (in the years following the initial year of funding).

**Family & Children’s Services of Lebanon County Fund**

The Family & Children’s Services of Lebanon County Fund, a committee advised endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, awards grants to nonprofit, social service agencies in support of projects which serve families and children in Lebanon County. These grants may be used to initiate new programs, expand or improve existing programs, fund a strategic planning process, or offer special professional development opportunities for staff members. Any request which includes on-going personnel costs must demonstrate how such costs will be met in subsequent years. Equipment may be requested if its acquisition would result in the achievement of a significant efficiency, is required to initiate a new program, or would greatly enhance an existing program.  Applicants are encouraged to clearly demonstrate service to Lebanon County residents and/or communities.

**The Kids Trust Fund**

The mission of The Kids Trust Fund is to help young children of abuse grow up in a happy, safe, and exciting environment. The Kids Trust Fund was created in 2005 by and in memory of Gary L. Houck, Jr. At the age of 29, Gary became a victim of suicide. Gary’s wish was to create a fund that would provide support and services to young children who are living with physical or emotional abuse, or neglect. The Kids Trust Fund is a committee advised nonpermanent fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. The Kids Trust Fund invites established nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to submit proposals to support child-focused programs and services that are within the confines of existing programs and services that an agency currently provides. Eligible activities may include: therapeutic recreational, fun activities for children of abuse; early intervention services; support groups for individuals or families; mental, emotional, or behavioral health services. In addition, programs must meet the following minimum requirements: serve children aged 0-18 years old and/or their families; operate within the counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, York and Lancaster, and enhance or expand the services already provided. If a new program is proposed a plan for sustaining the program after the grant term must be included. The Kids Trust Fund is interested in supporting innovative activities that directly benefit children of abuse and their families.

**Perry County Community Foundation**

The Perry County Community Foundation (PCCF), a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), conducts an annual competitive grantmaking program for nonprofit organizations serving Perry County. PCCF seeks to fund programs and services that have the potential for the greatest impact on the quality of life and positive outcomes for individuals and families living in Perry County.  Through its grantmaking, PCCF invests in innovative, collaborative approaches and solutions to community problems and supports projects that demonstrate achievable outcomes, the potential for replication as a model program, and plans for sustainability beyond the grant term. PCCF requires that applicant organizations be aligned with one or more of the following funding priorities: Arts & Culture; Community Development; Education; Environment; and Health & Human Services. PCCF is additionally pleased to encourage and welcome grant applications that address: substance abuse prevention & treatment; mental health services; programs for young people in Perry County; and programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education. Eligible projects must serve individuals, groups, and/or locations within Perry County. In addition, PCCF will present grant checks at its annual grant presentation to take place each Spring and it is anticipated that a representative from each grantee will attend.

**Applications Available April 1, 2020; Deadline August 1, 2020**

*For projects taking place January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021*

**Children’s Home Foundation Fund: Round 2 of 2**

The mission of the Children’s Home Foundation Fund, a committee advised endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is to provide aid to economically disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. This fund was established as a result of the dissolution of a private foundation In accordance with this mission, funding priority will be given in the following areas: human services, especially programs which address needs for food, clothing and shelter; education; cultural enrichment and the arts; funding is restricted to programs serving only disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. Multi-year funding requests will be considered, but may be granted conditioned upon investment return, confirmation of matching funds identified by the Grantee, and/or the availability of foundation funds (in the years following the initial year of funding).

**Franklin County Community Foundation**

The Franklin County Foundation (FCCF), a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), conducts an annual competitive grantmaking program for nonprofit organizations serving Franklin County. FCCF’s strategic grantmaking focus is to invest in innovative, collaborative approaches and solutions to community problems, and to support projects that demonstrate achievable outcomes, the potential for replication as a model program, and plans for sustainability beyond the grant term. The overarching goal is to fund programs and services that have the potential for the greatest impact on the quality of life and positive outcomes for individuals and families living in Franklin County. FCCF’s traditional funding areas include: arts & culture; community development; education; environment; and health & human services. FCCF is additionally pleased to welcome grant applications that address: programs & projects in the field of music & the arts; health services with particular emphasis on cancer; services for the in-need, elderly, & people with special needs; programs that benefit children with special needs or accessibility needs; and programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education. In addition, FCCF will present grant checks at its annual grant presentation to take place each Fall and it is anticipated that a representative from each grantee will attend.

**Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation**

The Mechanicsburg Area Foundation (MACF), a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), conducts an annual competitive grantmaking program for nonprofit organizations serving the Mechanicsburg zip codes of 17050 and 17055. MACF seeks to fund programs and services that have the potential for the greatest impact on the quality of life and positive outcomes for individuals and families living in the Mechanicsburg area.  Through its grantmaking, MACF invests in innovative, collaborative approaches and solutions to community problems and supports projects that demonstrate achievable outcomes, the potential for replication as a model program, and plans for sustainability beyond the grant term. MACF requires that applicant organizations be aligned with one or more of the following funding priorities: Arts & Culture; Community Development; Education; Environment; and Health & Human Services. MACF is additionally pleased to welcome grant applications that address: community development and town pride in Mechanicsburg; hospice services; degenerative disease services; and programs & projects that focus upon or nurture access to early childhood education. Please note that MACF will present grant checks at its annual grant presentation program to take place each Fall and it is anticipated that a representative from each grantee organization will attend.

**Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund**

The Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund was established in 1984 in memory of Martin M. Sacks, a well-known accountant and handball devotee. Mr. Sacks was committed to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide programs and services for the disadvantaged and underserved, particularly youth. This committee advised endowment fund is administered by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). Grants are awarded to eligible nonprofit organizations serving the south central PA counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, or Perry. Eligible activities may include (but are not limited to):services for homeless women and their children; therapeutic counseling services; domestic violence and abuse services; support groups for individuals or families; physical, emotional or behavioral health services; sports and recreation programs; after-school programs; and services for children/youth with special needs. The committee is interested in supporting innovative activities that directly benefit at-risk children, youth, and their families.

**The Fund for Women & Girls**

The mission of The Fund for Women & Girls, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is to broaden the awareness of and response to issues affecting women and girls through the power of collective philanthropy. The Fund for Women & Girls believes that positive social change will come about only when barriers of class, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, educational background, faith traditions, gender identity, race, and sexual orientation are overcome To further its mission, The Fund for Women & Girls utilizes three Funding Priorities which seek to support projects that advance the lives of girls and women by: providing opportunities to address basic needs or develop economic self-sufficiency; strengthening and/or providing health and safety programs for women and girls; and promoting the education of women and girls. The Fund for Women & Girls will make grants to programs and initiatives that serve women and girls in the south central PA counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and the Dillsburg Area of York County. In addition, each Fund for Women & Girls grantee us invited to attend and provide remarks about its project during The Fund for Women & Girls Grantee Recognition Breakfast held annually in the Spring.

**Emerging Philanthropist Program**

The Emerging Philanthropist Program (EPP) is a joint project of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) and Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP). EPP seeks to engage Harrisburg’s emerging business and community leaders with the great possibilities that lie within philanthropic endeavors in Harrisburg. A key component of this program includes the creation of, and participation in, a unique grant opportunity. The program will help emerging philanthropists answer questions such as: What does it mean to be philanthropic? How do I understand the needs of our community? and What can I do to make an impact? The Emerging Philanthropists Program provides resources and educational opportunities for Harrisburg’s developing leaders who wish to be actively engaged in giving back to their community. In the culminating experience, the class applies their newly learned community and grantmaking skills by creating a Request for Proposal and awarding a grant to a nonprofit organization in a funding priority chosen by the class after assessing community needs.

**Palmer Family Foundation Fund**

New in 2019! The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), announces a new annual competitive grant opportunity available to any visual or performing arts nonprofit organization located in Franklin County, PA for the purpose of supporting the arts in Franklin County. This special opportunity is made possible by the Palmer Family Foundation Fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. This grant opportunity is open to any 501c3 nonprofit visual or performing arts organization located in Franklin County for programs and/or projects that support the arts in Franklin County, PA. Organizations who utilize a fiscal sponsor may apply, but all presented work must take place in Franklin County. Funding for general operations is not eligible for this grant opportunity.

**GHCF Grantmaking**

**Arts for All Partnership**

The Arts for All Partnership is a partnership that began in 2015 between the Cultural Enrichment Fund (CEF) and the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). This unique collaborative funding initiative aims to improve the efficiency of arts grant funding and increase the overall impact of grant funding for arts programming in our communities. Applications will be accepted from any nonprofit organization in the capital region conducting a program designed to integrate cultural appreciation in the everyday lives of underserved audiences. The Arts for All Partnership is most interested in proposals that will increase access to the arts in the Capital Region through: free public performances for families; ticket subsidy programs that fill houses; innovative programs that engage and build young audiences; and educational outreach programs. Priority will be given to programs that increase arts engagement and access among diverse audiences, underserved and/or economically disadvantaged communities. Equipment may be requested if its acquisition would result in the achievement of a significant efficiency, is required to initiate a new program, or would greatly enhance an existing program. Funding will continue to be allocated based on each individual partner’s geographic footprint. Nonprofit organizations serving the counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and the Dillsburg Area and/or located within 20 miles of center city Harrisburg are invited to apply. Application Available April 1, 2020; Deadline August 1, 2020. Proposed projects may take place at any time from January 1, 2021– December 31, 2021.

**Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund**

Benjamin Franklin once stated, “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest” and today, Franklin’s legacy lives on at TFEC through the GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund. Fueled by funds directed by Franklin’s last will and testament in 1789 and distributed to community foundations throughout Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, today the Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund is pleased to support our local communities through this unique grant opportunity. The GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund grant opportunity seeks to support programs and services that work to increase knowledge and/or quality of life or that inspire positive outcomes for individuals and families living in the service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties, and/or the Dillsburg area of York County. Eligible projects must serve individuals, groups, and/or locations within Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties, and the Dillsburg area of York County. In honor of the period during which Franklin lived, the maximum grant is $1,700. Application Available April 1, 2020; Deadline August 1, 2020. Proposed projects may take place at any time from January 1, 2021–December 31, 2021.

**Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase Two**

The mission of The Early Childhood Strategic Initiative is to explore and invest in programs that focus on Kindergarten readiness for children ages 3 to 5-years-old who are not in pre-school settings and may, for multiple reasons, have barriers to accessing those services. To carry out this mission, the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, created two grant opportunities: The Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase One and The Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase Two. Through these initiatives, TFEC seeks to leverage this effort to ultimately improve access to quality early learning opportunities for all children in south central Pennsylvania. Phase One of the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative consisted of grantmaking to fund pilot research to determine programmatic priorities. Phase Two of the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative is a four year grant that will serve to connect families to early childhood services and resources by ensuring that quality early childhood services and resources exist and are accessible to children and their families, educators, and the greater community. Within Phase Two of the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative, six grantees have been awarded a total of $55,000 to be distributed over the four year period of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; their correlating actions will take place during 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. This represents a $330,000 investment in early childhood education.

**Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase 3**

GHCF will make an additional investment of $34,000 every year during 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 to support programs and projects that support early childhood education within each of its regional foundations. Each regional foundation will receive a yearly sum of $6,800. Funds will be granted during each regional foundation’s usual grantmaking period and will be highlighted within the regional foundation’s existing grant application and grant guidelines; a separate application will not be needed. Working in tandem with GHCF’s Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase 2, this extension of the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative will result in a $500,000 total investment in early childhood education from 2017-2022. The availability of the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase 3 will be highlighted within each regional foundation’s advertised grant focus.

**Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation UPstream**

The Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation (GHCF) UPstream grant opportunity seeks to improve our area communities by supporting existing or new “upstream” systems, interventions, programs, or projects that attempt to create positive social change by addressing a problem at its source rather than managing its “downstream” symptoms. This grant opportunity is open to singular or collective nonprofit organizations whose proposals will serve the GHCF service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and/or Perry Counties and the Dillsburg Area of York County. GHCF UPstream is available to organizations of all sizes, budgets, and reaches. The number of grant awards will be dependent upon the quantity of qualified applicants and funds sought. In 2019 up to $250,000 in grant funds will be available through GHCF UPstream. Applicants may seek support for any UPstream project, program, or intervention that best meets the needs of the population to be served. GHCF UPstream is additionally pleased to encourage applications that focus upon education, environment & parks, health & wellness, homelessness & hunger, mental health, seniors, and communities of focus. TFEC may introduce other “focus areas” as community needs present themselves and these will be supported by unrestricted or new area of interest funds within the GHCF umbrella. This opportunity will also serve as the host for GHCF’s additional early childhood investment funds as made available through the Early Childhood Strategic Initiative: Phase 3. Application Available April 1, 2020; Deadline August 1, 2020. Proposed projects may take place at any time from January 1, 2021– December 31, 2021. , PA 17101717.236.5040| [info@tfec.org](mailto:info@tfec.org) | [www.tfec.org](http://cp.mcafee.com/d/1jWVIgdEI3DTTD7TC3tPqdNPVEVs7enodETuhjshjoKrhKevd7bwVOXVJ6XOarybWa9IhaJMDoC2FK_rw09KrLSU02r78XHbEV_HYUOMC-YPRXBQQTDKhh78L9FKth5dqWqJNOfaxVZicHs3jr9J6VK_nhh7ec3HLCzATsS02CXZK00CZff5C2qPr4hqHztG6zAkch02jQUUlhhKyUMC-MPt5AlBkf9Aidd_OJxqEylbi9C5j1NMaB3HlxiuMDqI9XqvbCS6bFLCMibzgAq8124aJMJZ3h0Dt4sq80B7ojd40ommH6rs9jBZ3r9EVdMkpk8Qgl)