**GRANTMAKING REPORT: JANUARY 17 - JUNE 18, 2020**

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*The Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation (GHCF) Advisory Committee is charged with overseeing the discretionary grant program of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. GHCF oversees the following grant opportunities: GHCF Early Childhood Strategic Initiative, Emergent Needs, GHCF UPstream, and GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund.*

**GHCF COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**New Membership**

The GHCF Advisory Committee has approved the following membership updates: Community Member: Ms. Donna Murray and TFEC Board Member Mr. David Kutz—welcome members!

**GHCF GRANTMAKING - 2020 MEETING DATES**

* The GHCF Grantmaking Spring General Business Meeting & Site Visit scheduled for May 12 at The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region was canceled due to the pandemic. This meeting is being rescheduled for September 2020. During this meeting the Community Investment Team will provide an overview of the received GHCF UPstream & Benjamin Franklin Fund grant materials in preparation for the October/November grantmaking meetings.
* GHCF New Member Orientation will now take place on July 8 from 10:30-Noon; the meeting location is still undetermined and will either take place via ZOOM or in person.
* GHCF Grantmaking Meeting One (UPstream): October 27, 1-3:30pm, TFEC
* GHCF Grantmaking Meeting Two (UPstream & Benjamin Franklin Fund): November 5, 1-3:30pm, TFEC

**CURRENT WORK & COMMUNITY NEED**

* All Spring 2020 grantmaking meetings, including the Perry County Community Foundation, Children’s Home Foundation Fund, Family & Children’s Services of Lebanon County Fund, and The Kids Trust Fund, were able to take place as scheduled via ZOOM.
* As anticipated, organizations who had previously received funds from the United Way of the Capital Region and who had been identified as participants of the decreasing funding program have reached the end date of this program. A such, the TFEC Community Investment department anticipates an increase in the number of grant applications to TFEC’s Fall 2020 grantmaking program
* As stated above, the TFEC Community Investment Team had already anticipated a

significant increase in the number of grant applications to TFEC’s Fall 2020 grantmaking program, which includes: GHCF UPstream, GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund, the Arts for All Partnership, the Fund for Women & Girls VISIONARY grant opportunity (an increased funding opportunity for 2020 consisting of five $20,000 grants totaling $100,000), MACF, FCCF, Children’s Home Foundation Fund (Round Two), Emerging Philanthropist Program, the Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund, and the Palmer Family Foundation Fund.

* However, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our entire regional nonprofit ecosystem, we are now anticipating an even greater amount of need and increase in applications.
* In March 2020 the COVID-19 Community Response Fund was created and in April the COVID-19 Community Response Fund Application for Support was created and posted to the TFEC homepage and began to accept applications.
* To address immediate needs, we are pleased that the COVID-19 Community Response Fund has indeed enabled us to address as many nonprofit COVID-19 response needs as quickly as possible. We feel that this grant opportunity has worked, and will continue to work, to assist our nonprofits as they work to respond to the new normal and move forward in new ways. All COVID-19 Community Response Fund meetings have been successfully held via ZOOM.
* At this time, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund has completed two rounds of grantmaking and has awarded a total of $127,212 in COVID-19 support funds to 54 non-profit organizations. We are pleased to carry out this program in partnership with the United Way of the Capital Region.
* Knowing the unprecedented challenges our nonprofits are facing and the need we are anticipating in Fall 2020, the Community Investment Team also carried out the following actions in April 2020:
* Distributed an email message to all nonprofit organizations seeking assistance to communicate that we are seeking to assist them at this time by further streamlining our grant application process and sharing a four bullet message capturing all available TFEC grant resources, including the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, current TFEC grant opportunities, the new Fund for Women & Girls VISIONARY opportunity, and the new Early Education Resource Center.
* Worked to ensure that our grant process is not a barrier to our applicants. We have streamlined our instructional language, added digital signature options, and all materials will now be submitted through our online portal or via email, as directed in the grant guidelines for each application. No materials will be mailed and all applicants will follow three simple steps to Access, Complete, and Submit applications. The grants@tfec.org email address was also introduced and allows both members of the Community Investment Team to view, send, and receive grant materials. This email ensures coordinated communication and does not take the place of individual communications.
* Reformatted the grantee Final Evaluation to create a singular Final Evaluation Form with clickable and fillable fields. This will allow grantees to select their grant type and year within the form rather than needing to download multiple forms. This form is posted in the Grantee Toolkit & Reporting web tab.
* We continue to work with current grantees whose projects have experienced delays or need to deliver their work in new ways, and communicate all changes to the respective grantmaking committees.

**TFEC GRANTMAKING - CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

TFEC offers a range of competitive grant opportunities to meet area needs. Our opportunities are available annually through 1 of 2 grant cycles with deadlines of February 1 and August 1.

The following grant application and guidelines were posted on April 1, 2020 and will close on August 1, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their grant status on or before December 1, 2020. Proposed projects may take place at any time during the grant year beginning January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021.

* Arts for All Partnership
* Children’s Home Foundation Fund
* Franklin County Community Foundation
* Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation
* Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation: Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund
* Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation: UPstream
* Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund
* The Fund for Women & Girls
* The Palmer Family Foundation Fund
* Emerging Philanthropist Program—Application released June 1, 2020

**NEW IN 2020! – COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

TFEC Board Members may now access a range of community assessments under the *Board Education Community Connections* header within the Member Portal Login. These curated resources represent a range of community focused assessments documenting need throughout the entire TFEC service area. Please access, review, and share as needed.

*Meeting minutes respectively submitted by Jennifer Strechay, Program Officer for Community Investment*