

Licking County Foundation grants \$734,168 to nonprofits

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NEWARK – The Governing Committee of the Licking County Foundation recently approved grants totaling \$734,168 to nonprofit organizations through unrestricted, field of interest, designated agency and agency funds.

The organizations receiving these grants are listed as follows:

Community Grants

Each year, the Licking County Foundation accepts proposals from area nonprofit organizations as part of a competitive grant-making process to respond to new programs, emerging needs, and innovative services that might not be started or continue were it not for the Foundation's support.

A total of \$346,047 in grants were awarded to 21 local nonprofit organizations through unrestricted and field of interest funds. These funds were established by compassionate donors to allow the Foundation flexibility in responding to the community's most pressing needs and taking advantage of the best opportunities.

All grant recipients are organizations that serve Licking County residents.

In 2015, these grants will support a wide variety of activities benefiting citizens of all ages, with focus given to projects or programs that provide services for under-served youth and families, including preventive and emergency dental and vision care; advocacy for child victims of violence; positive mentorship and development programs for youth; and emergency assistance for basic needs.

The Foundation awarded grants totaling \$113,190 (33%) to health; \$96,224 (28%) to human services; \$84,433 (24%) to education and mentoring youth; and \$52,200 (15%) to supportive, safe and livable communities. Summaries of recipient organization projects grants are as follows:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties: \$18,098 to support expansion of the school-based mentoring program within Newark City Schools and Lakewood Local School District for sustaining existing matches as longer matches yield stronger, more positive youth outcomes.

- The Center for Balanced Living: \$11,224 to support the construction of a state-of-the-art Nutrition Center in a newly-purchased building (8001 Ravines Edge Court, Columbus) for specializing in evidence-based treatment, education and prevention, research, and fostering balance in the lives of all persons served in the area of eating disorders,
- The Dawes Arboretum: \$1,335 to support The Fairchild Challenge, a multidisciplinary, standards-based, environmental education outreach program designed to give students an opportunity to investigate the thorniest environmental issues, to devise imaginative and effective responses to these issues, and to take action to address them.
- Food Pantry Network of Licking County: \$35,000 to support the purchase and renovation of a new facility (1035 Brice Street, Newark), which provides increased capacity to secure and store food for people who face hunger every day, including space for an on-site produce market to provide fresh produce year-round.
- Habitat for Humanity MidOhio: \$10,000 to support the purchase of parcels of land in Newark for future development, the direct construction costs of one new home to be built in Newark, and a “Rock the Block” neighborhood impact event.
- Johnstown United Methodist Church: \$10,000 to support the Johnstown-Northridge Freedom School, a six-week summer enrichment program which helps children fall in love with reading, increases their self-esteem, and generates more positive attitudes toward learning.
- Licking County Aging Program: \$20,000 to support the Licking County Aging Program Emergency Utility Assistance Fund which provides emergency utility assistance to low-to-moderate income older adults (60 and over) when all other resources have been exhausted.
- Licking County Center for the Visually Impaired: \$40,000 to support the Non-Senior Program, which provides full professional basic eye care health services, including glasses and low vision aids, to all qualified Licking County residents from birth to age 59.
- Licking County Community Health Clinic: \$5,000 to purchase and stock medications that provide basic care and treatment of various ailments and infectious diseases for dispersing to uninsured and under-insured clients (18 to 65).
- Licking County Family YMCA: \$25,000 to support the All For One Camp which is designed to give children with varying abilities an opportunity to experience a traditional camp setting for developing a sense of community, building new relationships, and learning through first-hand experiences.
- Licking County Health Department: \$19,401 to support dental health education and prevent dental cavities in children by sealing the teeth of second-, third-, sixth- and seventh-graders in Licking County schools (Lakewood, Licking Valley, Newark City and North Fork school districts).
- Licking Memorial Hospital: \$27,439 to support the Licking Memorial Dental Clinic for Children which provides access to preventative dental care to the uninsured children of Licking County's low-income parents and educates the young patients on the importance of good dental hygiene as a way of life.

- Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc.: \$10,000 to support out-of-school activities throughout the school year and during the summer for youth (12 to 18) and their families the participating in GoodGuides Youth Mentoring Program.
- Look Up Ministries: \$21,350 to support the operations of the Look Up Dental Clinic which provides free urgent dental care services to uninsured, low-income adult residents of Licking County through a professional team consisting of mostly volunteers.
- Mental Health America of Licking County: \$15,000 to support the Girls In Progress program which utilizes school homeroom time to present topics including character building, mental health, financial literacy, healthy relationships and creativity to at-risk students at Heritage Middle School in Newark.
- My Place To Be: \$5,000 to support the STEP UP Camp MakeBelieve Program which works to prevent self-destructive behaviors and promote optimal mental health in teenagers who may need assistance in their developmental journey.
- Newark Development Partners: \$5,976 to support moving the Newark seal from its present location at the State Route 79 and State Route 16 overpass to a location in downtown Newark, as a component of the streetscapes plan to beautify the gateway into downtown Newark.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio: \$5,000 to support the Helping Hands program which is designed to help support nights of rest for families of seriously-ill children from Licking County.
- The Salvation Army: \$25,000 to support the daily operations of The Salvation Army Emergency Homeless Shelter in Licking County for meeting the needs of single men, women, and families who are homeless and living in the local area and helping them towards the goal of self-sufficiency.
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facility: \$11,224 to support salary and benefits for two staff positions to provide supportive services for a proposed 22-unit transitional housing facility to provide affordable, independent living for single men, single women, women with one child, men with one child, and couples.
- The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio, Inc.: \$25,000 to support a full-time Child Advocate position for The Center for New Beginnings, an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence, for meeting the needs of children who have witnessed violence with vital resources and services.

Designated Agency & Agency Fund Grants

The Licking County Foundation awarded grants totaling \$388,121 to 37 nonprofit organizations to support their operations, specific projects or programs from designated agency funds and agency funds.

These funds were created by caring donors to provide an annual source of revenue to support the good works of a specific nonprofit agency, educational institution, faith-based organization or other tax exempt charitable entity. The grants were distributed to the following organizations:

- Behavior Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking and Perry Counties
- A Call To College
- Camp O'Bannon
- Croton Church of Christ
- Croton United Methodist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Foundation for Hospice of Central Ohio
- Hartford Library Association
- Lakewood Local School District
- Licking County Coalition of Care
- Licking County Family YMCA
- Licking County Foundation
- Licking County Historical Society
- Licking County Humane Society
- Licking Memorial Hospital
- Marshall University Foundation
- Mental Health America of Licking County
- National Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
- New Lexington United Methodist Church
- Newark Catholic High School
- Newark City Schools (Newark High School)
- Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra
- Newark Midland Theatre Association
- Newark Sport and Event Commission
- North Fork Local Schools (Newton Elementary School, Utica Elementary School)

- Ohio University Southern (Ironton Branch)
- Par Excellence Academy
- Phi Delta Theta Foundation Fund
- Second Presbyterian Church
- St. Francis de Sales School
- A Special Wish Foundation of Licking County
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- United Way of Licking County
- Village of Hebron
- The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio, Inc. (The Center for New Beginnings Shelter and Services)
- The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art and Technology

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