



Recent Grants: Jeannette F. Schlobach Grant

2018 Grant Recipients:

Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Inc.

\$7,500

Funds will support the Arts-in-Education programs for disadvantaged youth in Dutchess County. High arts involvement among disadvantaged students is related to finding a better job, earning a college degree, and volunteering. Each workshop is prepared and led by professional visiting artists, who work with the education director and classroom teachers, to implement their programs and link lessons to school curriculum.

<http://www.bardavon.org/>

Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh

\$20,000

Funds will support the operations of The Afterschool Project, an academic enrichment program that will enable youth to improve their academic performance through participation in literacy skill building activities and will provide support for staff, program supplies and space rental. The Afterschool Project offers students access to positive youth development activities in the areas of academic enrichment, science and technology, leadership development, arts and culture, and sports and recreation.

<http://www.bgcny.org/>

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County, Inc.

\$20,000

Funds will allow for the continuation and expansion of the Dress for Success programming, which will provide unemployed and underemployed women with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully obtain and retain employment and is paramount to improving the lives of hundreds. The increase in a woman's economic status directly impacts the life of her child. Short term, she is able to provide a stable living situation. Long term the children benefit from watching their mother set and achieve goals of self-sufficiency.

<https://dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org/>



Community Family Development, Inc.

\$4,000

Computers will be purchased to enhance administrative capacity and school-aged childcare technology resources. Administrative computers are used to track attendance, enrollment, process invoices and subsidy reimbursement requests, which are critical to to sustain services. In addition, the computers in the school-aged classroom are used to support homework assistance, and related educational activities for the after-school program. Overall, enhanced technological capacity will support CFD's ability to continue ongoing efforts to ensure sustainability and significantly strengthen program quality.

<http://www.communityfamilydevelopment.org/>

Exodus Transitional Community

\$20,000

A van will be purchased to provide transportation for program participants in the Poughkeepsie office. Transportation is the biggest barrier to getting individuals to their multiple appointments, job interviews, and mandated reporting with Parole and/or Probation. Poughkeepsie has limited public transportation, and all participants have to travel extensively to obtain the services needed. Having a van means staff can escort participants to critical appointments, help obtain needed benefits or medical/ behavioral health services, help with foster care visits, and help keep participants out of jail. The van will also pick up participants upon release from the correctional facility and bring them directly to Exodus.

<http://www.etcny.org/>

Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center

\$5,000

The grant will support the HTASC program by offsetting the salary expense of a professional teaching staff. Staff members are qualified teachers with background in serving at-risk children. Because the focus at HTASC is academic support and enhancement, as opposed to non-educational child care, professional staff is critical.

<https://www.htasc.org/>



Hudson River Housing, Inc.

\$7,500

Funds will help pilot a program to establish self-sustaining social enterprises that will incorporate job training to help homeless and long-term unemployed Dutchess County individuals to increase self-sufficiency. The EATS Work Readiness Program will tap developing social enterprises operating at the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory (PUF) to provide specialized training/employment opportunities for homeless individuals and those with significant employment barriers. Also initial support will be provided to develop the social enterprises into self-sustaining businesses that will offer the target population expanded and ongoing training/employment opportunities.

<http://hudsonriverhousing.org/>

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

\$5,000

Funding will support the expansion of existing domestic violence services, which have consistently been proven effective in assisting economically disadvantaged individuals to work toward achieving safety, health and self-reliance for themselves and their children in Dutchess County. LSHV knows that the key answers to the problem of domestic violence lie within the justice system that holds abusers accountable, creates long-term and permanent safety strategies for victims and families, and ensures economic justice and financial stability for survivors. LSHV provides advocacy and representation, giving clients access to the protections of the courts, including solutions that over time transform previously battered, fearful and dependent victims into secure, independent and confident women, and also provide the safety and security children need to thrive.

<https://www.lshv.org/>



Mid-Hudson Workshop for the Disabled

\$20,000

Funds will help replace the damaged, outdated roof with a safe and watertight roof, enhancing the nonprofit's capacity to provide workforce training and employment for physically and medically disabled individuals. The roof was damaged by frequent leaks, negatively impacting the building's safety, appearance and perceived professionalism when touring new potential clients. Drips and leaks can damage merchandise and hinder the ability to effectively fulfill client orders. A working roof affects every aspect of the day-to-day operations, as well as the long-term sustainability and ability to grow business and expand programming.

<http://www.midhudsonworkshop.org/>

Jewish Social Action Coalition

\$15,000

Funds will help expand the ongoing project at the Morse Elementary School which assists students and their families, with the goal of providing needed resources to improve nutrition, learning and literacy. In consultation with the school staff, the ability to respond to emergency and everyday needs will be expanded. Food, backpacks, pencils, paper and other necessary school supplies and clothing and hygiene items will be provided to identified students. Additionally library materials will be purchased to revitalize the library. Children need appropriate school supplies and backpacks in order to feel valued and to succeed in school.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

\$5,000

The Coming Home Program empowers men and women who are released from jail or prison with little hope for their futures. Participants work with facilitators and mentors to support personal healing and growth, skill development, and reintegration into the community. Funds will be used to continue to support this program and help create a sustainable, multi-year effort.

<http://www.uupok.org/social-justice/coming-home/?view=mobile>



Wassaic Project

\$7,400

Funds will be used for a renovation of the year-round education space, the Art Nest, to better serve the 2,500 youth and family members who utilize the space annually, and better prepare for anticipated growth in attendance. The renovation will help ensure that the space is welcoming to newcomers, safe, organized and clean so that educators can easily find supplies and restock when needed, and also allow for different types of multi-generational community programming to happen in the space. Areas of focus of the renovation include: improved flooring, classroom updates including seating, and tables, ceiling painting by a commissioned artist, entry area signage, replacing a wooden staircase with a metal one and re-orienting it for safety, and a sprinkler system update.

<http://wassaicproject.org/>



2017 Grant Recipients:

Astor Services for Children & Families

\$20,000

Funds will purchase needed furniture such as beds and dressers for the residential program's living units. Given the population served, replacing these items must meet required standards so that they cannot use any items to possibly harm themselves. Making the children feel at home is critical to the healing process.

www.astorservices.org

Boys & Girls Club of Newburgh

\$20,000

The grant will help develop and implement an after-school academic enrichment program to provide Poughkeepsie students in grades K-8, with the academic, social and emotional skills needed to successfully graduate high school and enter college. The program will operate out of the New Hope Community Center and offer students access to positive youth development activities in the areas of academic enrichment, science and technology, leadership development, arts and culture, and sports and recreation.

www.bgcny.org

Family Services

\$6,435

Funds will be used to build the capacity of the Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC) to continue overall program development, staff training and supervision, and financial sustainability of the program. TRAC is a safe haven for adolescents in Poughkeepsie and now serves more than 200 teens each year. TRAC offers a free, supervised place for youth to come afterschool at the Family Partnership Center where youth engage in basketball or performing arts, get academic support, eat a nutritious dinner, and relax with friends, all while gaining exposure to positive adult role models.

<http://www.familyservicesny.org/>



Harriet Tubman Academic Skills Center

\$10,000

Funds will be used to expand staffing to three teachers in order to accommodate three program "areas," one for children in K-2 grades, one for children in 3-5 grades, and one for middle and high school students. Staff members are qualified teachers with backgrounds in serving at-risk children. Adding staff will help increase the student-to-teacher ratio at the program and allow better support to more students.

<http://htasc.org>

Mediation Center of Dutchess County

\$5,500

Funds will be used for program pilot support to establish a Restorative Justice Initiative (RJI) at the Mediation Center of Dutchess County. RJ is a process to involve those with a stake in a specific offense to collectively identify and address harms, needs and obligations in order to heal and put things as right as possible. It brings people together to have their voices heard, find community support, move forward and heal.

www.dutchessmediation.org

Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley

\$20,000

Security will be upgraded at the Poughkeepsie Health Center and administrative office with funds received. This upgrade will significantly increase patient and staff safety and help save lives. As per the recommendations of local and state police, an upgraded system is needed to allow police to remotely monitor illegal activity in and around the centers. Installation of security film on windows, security doors, acrylic sheeting in the wall and ballistic blankets are all necessary upgrades.

www.ppmhv.org



Poughkeepsie Farm Project

\$10,000

Grant funding will support Farm Fresh Home Chefs (FFHC), a food access and healthy eating program for low-income families. PFP will facilitate a four six-part workshop series for families on preparing and eating healthy affordable meals. FFHC supports families in leveraging their food dollars more effectively and establishing a norm of healthy eating through positive experiences selecting, preparing, serving, and eating fresh local produce in balanced meals.

www.farmproject.org

RDC Loaves and Fishes Inc.

\$20,000

Funds will be used to help feed the 108 students throughout the school year who are part of the backpack program, provide over 150 Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to those in need, buy nutritious food for the food bank that helps feed those in need throughout the year, and provide gifts to children during the holiday season. The Center of Compassion's mission is to nurture hope, liberation and empowerment by offering nutritional support, advocacy and counseling to all low income individuals in the Dover Plains area.

www.thecenterofcompassion.com

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie

\$9,500

Funds will be used to support the Coming Home Program which empowers men and women who are released from jail or prison. Participants work with facilitators and mentors to support personal healing and growth, skill development, and reintegration into the community. Money will be used to cover stipends for staff, transportation for participants to the program each week and marketing costs.

www.uupok.org



Vassar-Warner Home

\$10,061

Integration Medication Management (IMM) software will be purchased with the grant. IMM is an add-on to Vassar Warner's current electronic medical record system that streamlines the purchasing of medication from the local pharmacy, reducing medication errors and the potential for adverse drug events, and maximizing staff efficiency. IMM provides drug interaction and formulary checking, order queuing, and secondary confirmation of orders by another practitioner. It eliminates the need for time-consuming phone calls and faxes and it alerts staff to potential mistakes.

www.vassarwarner.org



2015 Grant Recipients:

Family Services, Inc.

\$10,000

The grant will be used to build the capacity of the Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC) by establishing a critically needed program coordinator position who would enable overall program development, staff training and supervision, and financial sustainability of the program. TRAC has been a safe haven for adolescents in Poughkeepsie since 1999. Now serving more than 100 teens each year, TRAC offers a free, supervised place for youth to come afterschool at the Family Partnership Center. Youth engage in basketball or performing arts, eat a nutritious dinner, and relax with friends, all while gaining exposure to positive adult role models. www.familyservicesny.org/

North East Community Center

\$5,000

The funds will be used to enhance the NECC Case Management Services Program which assists residents in financial, housing, health, or other crises with the goal of resolving immediate problems and getting people back on the path to independence. By connecting clients with other NECC resources, as well as those provided by partner organizations, CMS addresses gaps that government social services alone cannot fill.

<http://www.neccmillerton.org/>

Nubian Directions II, Inc.

\$15,000

The grant will supplement the construction rehab project at 23 Hooker Avenue and the storm water diversion project at the 209 Cottage Street warehouse through the YouthBuild AmeriCorps program which provides construction training for out-of-school youth ages 16-24. Additionally, funds will supplement efforts to train a new cohort of YouthBuild students to continue the project started by the previous group, including maintaining the community garden, constructing two greenhouses, and conducting 10 additional design consultations.

www.nubiandirections.org



Poughkeepsie Farm Project

\$5,000

The grant will be used for Farm Fresh Home Chefs (FFHC) which is a food access and healthy eating program for in-need families. PFP will facilitate a six-part workshop series for families (parents/guardians and their children) on preparing and eating healthy affordable meals. Through relationships built through its Farm to School program, PFP will recruit families to participate in FFHC from Poughkeepsie City School District. The workshops will take place after school in Poughkeepsie schools, and will be done in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

<https://www.farmproject.org/>

The Chamber Foundation

\$5,000

The funds are for DCRCO Workforce Development Center (WDC) Rapid Response Funds to support bridging the gap of federal, state and county funds and to make available a continuum of supportive services to economically disadvantaged persons who are unable to meet their basic needs such as, housing, food, daycare and transportation once they no longer fall under the guidelines of the Office of Management and Budget.

<http://www.chamberfdn.org/>