

2023 Community Grants



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2023/2024 Community Grants: Programs, Projects, and Purpose

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is pleased to announce the 2023/2024 cohort of Community Grants recipients. Through the support of generous donors, our growing Community Grant Endowment funds and net proceeds from the 2023 Garden Party – this year’s program will distribute over \$250,000 to 65 nonprofits in the region.

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made this critical work possible.*

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Dutchess Community Grantees

A Farm For All! Inc.

www.afarmforallnewyork.org

Local Food Security Project

A Farm For All! Inc is excited about restarting their relationship with Dover High School and Middle School and are developing a project where the students will work on the farm and harvest for the Center For Compassion Food Bank in Dover Plains. In order to run this program successfully, they need to maintain organizational support including a director stipend, maintaining the property, and equipment maintenance. Their 1820 historic farmhouse is the base of their operations and important for hosting staff, volunteers and farmers.

The mission of A Farm For All! Inc is to provide access to land to underserved communities as well as events, skill sharing and volunteer opportunities, including community service hours.

Adelante Student Voices

www.adelantestudentvoices.org

Adelante Operating Support

Adelante Student Voices helps undocumented students access higher education. They achieve their goal by holding a 10-day overnight Summer Program, weekend retreats, long-term individualized mentorship, and year-round college trips and workshops. Each participant who graduates from the Adelante Summer Program becomes an “Adelante member”. At this time, they have 116 members. As Adelante has grown, the number of young people who need support navigating high school, applying to college, transitioning to college, transferring, and exploring career options has increased. Adelante remains a small non-profit and relies on local community grants. General Operating Support will greatly assist with the above initiatives.



The mission of Adelante Student Voices is to support undocumented young people in the Hudson Valley on their unique journeys to higher education, while simultaneously building their self-advocacy so that they can increase educational opportunities and advance social justice within their communities.

The Art Effect

feelthearteffect.org

Youth Arts & Workforce Development Programs

Access to art education, art-making, and meaningful paid work in creative fields is life changing for The Art Effect youth and their families. With low-income communities continuing to face high levels of unemployment, their no-cost after-school and out-of-school programs provide much-needed paid employment, transferable skills, and career-building opportunities that can put them on a path

toward a brighter future. Funds will directly support operating expenses for their Youth Workforce Development Program in Arts & Media. Through the development of their creative voice, we see youth become more confident, connected, and optimistic about their futures — critical prerequisites for long-term emotional and financial success.

The Art Effect empowers youth to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change. We help youth in the Hudson Valley explore, experience, and excel in the arts by introducing them to visual arts and media, giving them the opportunity to develop real skills in these fields, and guiding them towards achieving their academic and career goals.

Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Inc.

www.bardavon.org

Bardavon 1869 Opera House - HVAC Phase 1 Project

Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Inc., is a nonprofit arts presenter founded in 1976, that owns and operates the historic theater of the same name in Poughkeepsie. Over 20 years ago the Bardavon replaced its ancient HVAC system. Funding will support Phase 1 of a larger capital project to replace the aging HVAC system at the theatre. The project has been broken down into multi-phases, with the auditorium taking priority to ensure the health and comfort of both audience members and performing artists.

The Bardavon's mission is to present affordable, world-class music, dance, theater, Live in HD Broadcasts, and classic films for the diverse audiences of the Hudson Valley. The Bardavon provides performances by established and emerging artists, unique arts-based education programs, and gathering places for community events. The Bardavon presents renowned performers in productions that inspire, entertain, and educate people of all ages, ethnicities, and incomes--making the arts accessible to all.

The Beacon Sloop Club

www.beaconsloopclub.org



Beacon Sloop Club Community Building

Between their lectures, free river access, festivals, and other activities, the Beacon Sloop Club delivers free programming to thousands of people every year. The purpose is to engage the public in fun, interesting, and educational activities along and on the Hudson River, in order to help build a conservation ethic. This comes in many forms, including festivals highlighting local harvests, music, sailing, environmental education, and more. General operating support for the Beacon Sloop Club will help give the organization the flexibility to invest in new equipment, plan effectively for the coming year, or be better prepared when unforeseen expenses arise.

The Beacon Sloop Club was formed in 1969 as a community-based, all-volunteer organization dedicated to protecting the Hudson River through engagement, education, and advocacy. To promote this mission, we provide free lectures, festivals, and educational sails for the public on board the historic replica Hudson River sloop Woody Guthrie.

CAREERS Support Solutions, Inc.

www.careersupportsolutions.org



Workforce Readiness, Placement & Training Program for People with Disabilities in Putnam and Dutchess

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Christ Episcopal Church

www.christchurchpok.org

Summer Camp at Christ Church

Funds will support the summer camp program to get back to a pre-pandemic level of enrichment at camp. Their highest priority is to offer swimming lessons again, and offering more field trips and outings. The program offers affordable and flexible options for children and family throughout the summer.

The mission of the Summer Camp at Christ Church is to provide an affordable, healthy, and safe summer day camp experience for elementary-age children in the Poughkeepsie area that is culturally and socially enriching and promotes a sense of caring for self, family, and the larger community.

Co-op Hudson Valley

www.coophv.org

Co-op HV Capacity Building

Co-op HV is part of a growing movement that is building, one co-op at a time, an economy that is equitable and inclusive. The worker-owned business model allows historically marginalized community members to create higher quality, stable jobs for themselves - which means not only increased wages, profit sharing and better training, but also control over their schedules, the ability to shape the internal culture of the workplace, and the power to make important business decisions together. Since 2021 Co-op HV has provided direct technical assistance to over 43 local co-ops and aspiring co-ops, and has offered 16 educational programs to the larger community. To date we have

supported the creation of 18 jobs and 11 ownership positions, and channeled almost \$1M of capital into women-, BIPOC- and queer-owned businesses in the Hudson Valley through 11 non-extractive loans.

Co-op Hudson Valley supports the development of democratically governed, worker-owned businesses, known as cooperatives (co-ops). We do this by offering high touch cooperative and business development services along with access to lending capital.

Howland Chamber Music Circle

www.howlandmusic.org

Pay-What-You-Wish Program

Howland Chamber Music Circle is implementing a pay-what-you-wish program (PWYW), setting aside a minimum of 10 tickets for every concert, where the purchaser can pay any price between \$5-\$35, in \$5 increments. This program is intended to bring in members of the community who may be unable to pay the full ticket price. Funds will help cover the lost income from those tickets.

The mission of Howland Chamber Music Circle is to present musical concerts primarily, but not exclusively, in the southern portion of Dutchess County, New York; to promote and encourage appreciation of, and education about, fine music and its performance; and to establish a bond of community among those who participate in the cultural life of the Mid-Hudson Valley.

I Am Beacon

www.iambeacon.org

Mental Health for a Resilient Community

I Am Beacon collaborates with local providers and organizations such as NAMI, fostering awareness through events like NAMI Ribbon Campaign and Rock Out 4 Mental Health. Their efforts expanded in 2020 with the launch of #JoinTheConversation series on This Is Beacon podcast. Funds will help support their commitment to addressing the growing mental health crisis through transformative Mental Health Workshops. These workshops will serve up to 100 youth and 30 adults as a platform to break the stigma surrounding mental health, empower youth with coping skills, and offer early intervention through the support of educators, parents, and community leaders.



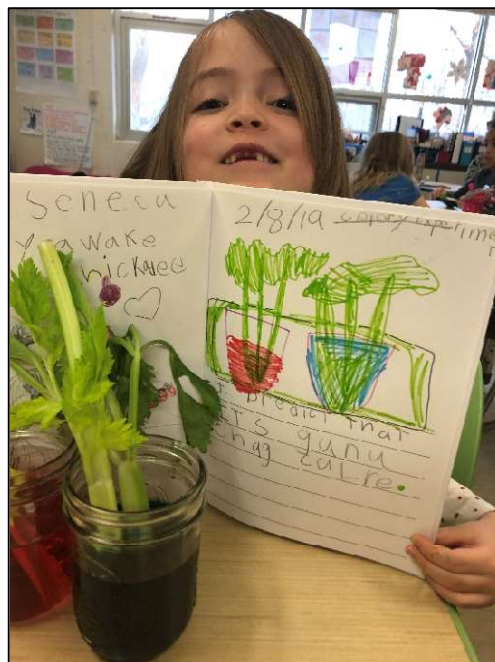
I Am Beacon is a grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering individuals for positive community impact. Our mission is to champion the well-being of the community by offering a range of programs and initiatives. From scholarships to events, education, and aid, we foster inclusivity and resilience, uniting efforts to address local challenges and create a stronger community. Our community events create spaces for connection, fostering a sense of unity and belonging.

Land to Learn

www.landtolearn.org

Increasing Organizational Capacity & Potential for Programmatic Growth

Land to Learn is an evolving and growing organization. Their main priority for this year is the addition of a part-time educator to provide additional support to their SproutEd education team. SproutEd brings garden-based education to over 2,000 K-2 students in 10 public elementary schools in Beacon, Kingston, and Newburgh. They build school food gardens and teach lessons during the school day, year-round, that educate students in nutrition, cooking, plant science, ecology, and food systems. Ultimately, this grant has potential to help Land to Learn bring the benefits of garden-based education to more people.



Land to Learn's mission is to help grow a movement for food justice and community wellness through garden-based education.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

www.lshv.org

Free Civil Legal Services for Low-Income Dutchess County Residents

LSHV addresses our communities' critical social, health & well-being needs through work in a variety of sectors. They've recently expanded their Affirmative Litigation Unit, which is focused on addressing the systemic legal issues and institutional oppression that plague our communities and cross all of their practice areas. Funds will be applied to the cost of providing services to residents of Dutchess County. As all of their services are scalable, any general operating support awarded enables LSHV to serve more clients.

LSHV's MISSION – which was updated in 2022 to reflect our commitment to equity as a thread running through all of our work – is to provide high quality counsel in civil matters for low-income individuals and families, and other vulnerable persons, who do not have access to legal representation to maintain their basic needs, and to pursue equity through dismantling systemic oppression. Our VISION is to help create a society where all individuals have equal access to justice.

Meals on Wheels of Wappingers Falls

New Refrigerator!

In 2023 due to the closing of the church where MoW was running the program, MoW had to find another home base. They were fortunate to have another church facility welcome the MoW program. Working with the new church and congregation, jointly they had to make some changes to their kitchen including a new sink, grease trap and commercial fridge. While many costs were shared with

the facility, funds were still needed to replace the refrigerator, ensuring nutritious meals can continue to be provided without interruption.

Meals on Wheels (MoW) of Wappingers Falls is able to assist clients in maintaining their ability to live independently in their own homes as long as possible. MoW provides nutritious meals to 50 elderly clients who might otherwise not have the ability to make meals or obtain groceries. MoW serves those returning from the hospital or rehab facility who need assistance.

Mediation Center of Dutchess County, Inc.

www.dutchessmediation.org

General Operating Support

As a member of the New York statewide network of Community Dispute Resolution Centers, the Mediation Center of Dutchess County provides dispute resolution services to individuals, families, and groups. Through mediation and restorative justice practices, they help turn conflict into conversation. They are proud to be a resource within the community, strengthening people's ability to be heard and find solutions. They are also proud to be resourced by the community, with 97% of cases facilitated by volunteers. MCDC's current needs for the coming year include a focus on volunteer engagement, employee retention and taking time out to focus on re-grounding and re-visioning their work. Unrestricted, general grant funds will provide MCDC with the much-needed foundation to operate successfully.

The Mediation Center of Dutchess County's mission is to actively engage all community members through dispute resolution tools when facing conflict.

Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project

mhahp.vassarspaces.net

Building Program Capacity and Sustainability



Since 2006, the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project (MHAFP) has worked to uncover the history of slavery and antislavery in the region. They produced a local Guide to the Underground Railroad, provided presentations on the local history of slavery and antislavery, and sponsored a chorus that taught this history through abolitionist songs. They believe that understanding the past is an essential part of the struggle for justice now and in the future. In collaboration with Celebrating the African Spirit (CAS), they published a timeline of abolition in NYS, in preparation for the 2027 NYS Bicentennial of Abolition. They also started the “Oh,

Freedom! Quilting Project” commemorating names and places of significance to local antislavery history.

Our mission is to conduct and synthesize research on the history of slavery and antislavery in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley; to interpret and share this history with a wide array of residents and visitors in our region; to place this local history in the broader contexts of racial slavery in the Americas, the African American experience, and the legacies of slavery and antislavery today including the impact of this history on the ongoing struggles for racial and social justice.

Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum

mhdm.org

Engaging with the Community From a Position of Continuity

MHDM has increased the ages they serve now up to age 12; accordingly, they have been integrating the new nationally embraced Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) into all of their educational programming. Grant funds will support the Museum's efforts to modernize their business platform with systems that better insulate the organization from a volatile labor and economic market that impact program service delivery and business continuity. Areas to be upgraded and improved are their Membership, Accounts Payable System, Labor Time and Attendance Payroll, IT and a Major Gifts Research Tool.

The mission of the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum is to empower children and their families. Our vision is a world in which each and every child develops curiosity, confidence, and self-worth.

Mid-Hudson Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ)

www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org

Technology for Tomorrow

Mid-Hudson Love INC has a volunteer corps of 180 individuals, and four part-time staff. In such a lean organization, reliable networked technology is critical for supporting the great work being accomplished. Their client base is growing; keeping up-to-date with accurate and accessible information is key to maintain a standard of excellence in service. Funds will support implementation of a robust CRM



(Customer Relationship Management) system. This will provide a centralized, organized hub that enables consistent communication both with clients and within their network of resource providers.

Mid-Hudson Love INC unites local churches to assist people experiencing poverty in ways that will help them to thrive. Volunteers deliver needed resources and build positive relationships with neighbors in need by phone, in person, and in skill-building classes. The approach is collaborative, holistic, and designed to build hope and resilience. Mid-Hudson Love INC stands ready to serve all local individuals who ask for assistance regardless of race, religion, orientation, age, or ability.

Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services (NEDIS)

nedimmigrant.org

Operating Support

Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services (NEDIS) is currently in need of general operational assistance in the form of specific office equipment and technology items to help the organization run more smoothly, and assist in the rapid growth it is currently experiencing. NEDIS recently acquired its own 501c3 status, and in the last couple of years has grown from a consistent team of 3 to a dedicated

team of 6. The growing staff, and growing independence due to the acquisition of its own nonprofit status has in turn allowed the community NEDIS serves to grow, more than doubling its client list in the last couple of years.

Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services (NEDIS) aims to be a guiding light of direct support, leadership development, and education for all immigrant communities in Northeast Dutchess County.

Pawling Resource Center

www.pawlingresourcecenter.org

Entryway Safe Entrance



The Pawling Resource Center renders essential support to the community through three core avenues: a food pantry, medical non-emergency transportation, and the distribution of both durable and consumable medical supplies. The Pawling Resource Center (PRC) caters to a diverse demographic who frequent their premises in person, including individuals such as seniors with mobility issues and young children. For the coming year, they are seeking assistance to acquire protective mats designed to ensure the safety of our walkways throughout the winter season, effectively mitigating snow and ice accumulation. Given their limited workforce comprising two staff members and a dedicated but small group of senior volunteers, the task of snow removal and ice clearance from the walkways poses a significant challenge. These mats will be a safety game changer for the organization!

The Mission of the Pawling Resource Center is: "To enhance the lives of area residents by giving assistance to individuals in need and to local nonprofit organizations by providing information, referrals, and tangible services."

Pro Bono Partnership

www.probonopartner.org

Legal Services for Hudson Valley Nonprofits

The Partnership assists nonprofits in three main ways: Direct Legal Services, Legal Resource Helpline and Education Programs. In 2022, the Partnership provided nearly \$380,000 worth of free legal services to Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster Counties. In 2023, the Partnership is on track to surpass that. The Partnership is the only organization in this region providing transactional legal assistance to other nonprofits. In order to provide this value, the Partnership relies on the generous support of its foundation, corporate, and governmental funders. With many funders recently reducing grant size, the Partnership must seek out new sources of funding to support its vital work. Grant funds will support general operating costs for the organization.

Pro Bono Partnership provides transactional legal services to nonprofit organizations serving the disadvantaged or enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods in the tri-state region. Substantially leveraging the impact of its in-house legal staff, the Partnership annually recruits and mobilizes hundreds of attorneys from major corporations and law firms to donate their time and expertise on behalf of its nonprofit clients, enhancing their ability to improve conditions in their communities.

Reading & Math, Inc. dba Ampact

www.ampact.us

Scaling the nation's most effective, high dosage, tutoring programs in Dutchess County

Ampact provides critical educational services to students in Poughkeepsie with Early Learning Corps (ELC) and Math Corps (MC). They recruit individuals from the local community to serve as AmeriCorps members for a service term. Members are trained to serve as tutors. They are placed at a school to serve students in need of supplemental learning support. Early Learning Corps and Math Corps programs are largely sustained by federal AmeriCorps funds; however, these funds are only unlocked for use with local matching funds. Funds from the Community Foundations of Hudson Valley directly impact how many tutors Ampact is able to place at schools and early learning programs in the community. For every dollar invested into Early Learning Corps and Math Corps, they are able to unlock two federal dollars for the benefit of the Poughkeepsie community. This year Ampact is expected to place over 36 tutors throughout numerous community partners, including Poughkeepsie City School District's four (4) elementary schools and their Early Learning Center.

Ampact's mission is to transform lives. Ampact implements programs that combine the power of AmeriCorps with proven practice to help solve our most pressing issues. We are powered by AmeriCorps members. Each of our programs engages service-minded individuals with a passion to make a difference. Every student has something special to offer, but they do not all have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County

www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org

Operating Support

Rebuilding Together plans to assist 25 households through their programs in 2023. Due to the needs in neighboring counties, they have expanded their service area to include Ulster County and are changing their name to Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley! Funding will support their existing programming in Dutchess and outreach efforts as they work to keep folks safe in their homes in Ulster County.



Our mission is "Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives," and our vision is "Safe homes and communities for everyone." We provide critical repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy efficiency improvements for low-income homeowners, including those who are older adults, persons living with a disability, and families with children or veterans, at no cost to the homeowner. We also rehabilitate properties that house qualifying nonprofit organizations serving our community.

Red Hook Responds

redhookresponds.org

Strategic Plan Development

RHR was created established in March 2020 in response to extraordinary needs generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the pandemic has substantially subsided, we're witnessing a continued need for assistance, particularly with meal deliveries and a sense of companionship for

those who are experiencing isolation. A primary focus of Red Hook Responds continues to be the Red Hook Eats (RHE) program, which provides free meals to anyone in need within the geographic area they serve. Over the past year, RHR partnered with the Red Hook Community Center to commission Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to conduct a Community Needs Assessment. The recently-completed analysis revealed multiple areas of concern for community members, including food support, childcare, youth services and opportunities, senior services and aging-in-place support, healthcare, public transportation, mental health, and attainable housing. Based on the assessment, RHR will utilize funds to formulate a strategic plan to ensure their operation is aligned with the community's needs and to help their organization refine their vision for the future.

Red Hook Responds (RHR) is in its fourth year of providing services to the Red Hook and Rhinebeck communities. RHR is dedicated to fostering community support and aiding those in need by coordinating volunteers and resources. Our mission promotes food security, inclusivity, equality, diversity, sustainable agriculture, emergency relief, and environmental upcycling. RHR aims to continuously expand and improve its services based on the community's needs.

Red Hook UMC Food Pantry

redhook.umchurches.org

Supporting the Food Pantry

The Red Hook UMC Food Pantry's goal is to meet the needs of the food insecure in our community. These needs continues to increase. They are a Client Choice pantry open to all in the community on Sundays from 12 - 2 pm. From January of 2018 to January of 2023 there was a 137% increase in the number of seniors, a 130% increase in the number of children, a 75% increase in the number of adults and a 35% increase in the number of families using our food pantry. While the need was greatest during the pandemic, there are many households who still rely on food pantries in a way they were not before. The rising costs have impacted the pantry and their ability to meet their goals. Funds will support the purchase of needed food and personal care goods to serve our community.

The mission of the Red Hook UMC Food Pantry is to alleviate hunger, prevent food waste, and nourish the community we serve. A member agency of the Regional Food Bank of NENY.

Saint James' Nursery School

stjameshydepark.org/nursery-school

Play Area Renovation Project

The Saint James' Nusery School has provided a quality program for 3- 4- and 5-year old children in the greater Hyde Park community for over 60 years. Like many individuals, schools, organizations, businesses, etc., the Nursery School was hit hard by the Covid epidemic. Funds will support renovation of their play area which provides an opportunity for the children to be outdoors where they can run, play, and engage in various activities within the beautiful tree-covered grounds of the school. They envision a seamlessly



inclusive environment where children with varying abilities can be simultaneously engaged. The play area will be developmentally appropriate with the goals to improve motor skills, sharpen coordination, increase strength, and promote critical thinking. Equipment and activity play events under consideration will be: spinning, sliding, swinging, sensory play elements, rocking, bouncing, balancing, bridges and ramps, symbol communication board, nature inspired play, and smart play structures. A modern and multi-faceted play area will benefit the children, increase enrollment, and round out a tried-and-true program beloved by the community for many years to come.

The mission of the Saint James' Nursery School is to provide a safe, caring, and inclusive environment for 3,4 and 5 year-old children, in the Hyde Park community and beyond; to foster curiosity and natural learning abilities; impart knowledge through age-appropriate lessons and activities; and develop social skills for school readiness and the world within a small, intimate, and child-centered classroom and outdoor setting.

Sparrow's Nest of the Hudson Valley

www.sparrowsnestcharity.org

Sparrow's Nest Operations

Sparrow's Nest's goal for the coming year is to expand their mission through the construction of a 7000-square-foot facility in Beekman. With the space provided in their new building, they will be able to feed anyone undergoing treatment due to a cancer diagnosis, not just those with children living in the home. This expansion will allow them to feed some of the most vulnerable populations, including our senior citizen community. While the new building will be financed via a capital campaign, the costs associated with meal preparation and delivery will be increasing so funds will support the growing number of people they will feed.



The mission of Sparrow's Nest is to cook and deliver homemade, nutritious meals to families of caregivers and children facing a cancer diagnosis in Dutchess, Putnam, and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Our mission will be expanding in early 2024 to include anyone facing a cancer diagnosis in these areas, rather than just those who have children 18 and under living in the home. Meals will be delivered to anyone undergoing treatment resulting from a cancer diagnosis.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Amenia Union NY

www.stthomasamenia.com

Food Insecurity Missions at St. Thomas

The organization needs to grow its administrative and organizational structure to meet the work that they are doing through their missions, which aim to provide our neighbors with access to fresh, local, nutritious foods and the tools to grow them. They are prioritizing capacity building to support current staff and to culturally support the diverse community they serve. Funds will support their programs, specifically staffing and supplies. In the past year and a half, they have hired a full time pantry manager for the Food of Life Pantry and have opened Jean's Garden for its first growing season. These two significant changes have expanded their offerings to the neighborhood. Support of

new staff and the garden will ensure that those experiencing food insecurity in Dutchess County have 24/7 access to fresh, nutritious food.

Access to fresh, nutritious foods and the tools to grow them remain a challenge in our neighborhood. The Giving Garden grows fresh vegetables for distribution at Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry. The Jean Krulis Teaching Garden, a new venture, functions uniquely within St. Thomas' focus on food insecurity by giving neighbors agency and involvement in the gardening process. Jean's Garden provides space for our community to cultivate relationships with each other, our food, and the earth.

Still Waters in a Storm

www.stillwatersinastorm.org

Program Space

Still Waters in a Storm is a one-room schoolhouse, a reading and writing sanctuary for immigrant families in the neighborhood of Bushwick, Brooklyn... and now also in Poughkeepsie! The structure of the meetings is the same in English, Spanish, Latin and Musical Notation: children and grown-ups study a text together, each writes something inspired by the text, then they take turns reading their writings out loud while everyone listens in a sacred hush. Funds will support rental of program space for the busy classroom environment of Still Waters in A Storm. A common ground and safe space in the heart of the community, where students can study English and express themselves without fear is critical to the success of the program and individuals served.

Still Waters in a Storm provides free classes in English for refugees, based on the telling of their own life stories in writing and speaking, and reciprocal listening to those stories. The group practices of writing, reading, and speaking and listening create community and a sense of belonging for people on the margins of society. The one rule is "Everyone listens to everyone."

Stonewood Community Project Inc. (dba Stonewood Farm)

www.stonewoodny.org

Full Heart Kitchen Food Recovery Program

Stonewood Farm is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and USDA certified organic vegetable farm who founded the First Harvest Food Pantry 8 years ago with Lyall Church in Millbrook. It is the only fresh food pantry in the Town of Washington. Stonewood Farm has partnered with NEDIS to create a food recovery program called Full Heart Kitchen (Cocina de Corazón Lleno) Stonewood's Culinary Director takes the unused food from NEDIS's distributions and combines it with our farm's produce to create healthy, culturally-appropriate foods to include in NEDIS's distribution. Guests at MESA, many of whom lack the resources to prepare a wholesome meal, can now enjoy nutritious and delicious eat-in or take-out fare. It's a simple idea with big impact. Funds will support the operating costs to prepare the meals, including labor, packaging, and delivery costs.



Stonewood Farm's mission is to address food insecurities in our community; to use our land to support the next generation of growers; and to partner with local organizations to achieve our charitable and educational purposes and create a more vibrant community. Our partnerships include First Harvest Pantry/Lyall Community Church; Meals on Wheels; Dover Senior Recreation Program; Cardinal Hayes Home for young people with developmental disabilities; and Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services .

Unshattered

www.unshattered.org

Capacity Growth - Operational Development

Unshattered firmly believes in the power of employment to empower women, break the cycle of addiction, and support them in rebuilding their lives. Funds will support their focus on growing the leadership team and strengthening operations as they enter a capital campaign and renovate their new facility. By having a consistent project management system they will be able to more efficiently handle their work - creating both capacity for growth and improving the experience of their partners and customers. As a social enterprise with a product - their customer relationship is a key determinant of their growth and funding.



Unshattered is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social enterprise whose mission is to end the addiction relapse cycle. We employ women in recovery to make handbags from upcycled materials, including retired military uniforms, industry scrap, and leather upcycled from the seat backs of Southwest Airlines' planes. Unshattered is a healing-centered employment community that helps women continue their journey beyond sobriety toward healing and growth.

Wassaic Project

wassaicproject.org

Education Support

One of the core purposes of WP is to bring art and arts education to underserved communities — specifically to minority and rural populations in Dutchess County. WP pursues this through two channels: arts programming and education initiatives. Integrated throughout is a commitment to anti-racism, equity, inclusion, and diversity, which means creating opportunities for underrepresented artists. Funds will support general operating costs to sustain their education programs. In addition to their afterschool enrichment arts program, summer camps and artist designed workbooks, they are also running two additional education initiatives: reopening the Art Nest and participation in the Troutbeck Symposium.

The Wassaic Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, uses art and arts education to foster positive social change. We nurture connections between artists and neighbors in order to facilitate a mutual broadening of perspectives and respect across economic and cultural boundaries. Partnerships between artists and our rural community improve the reach and quality of our work and inspire new ways of looking at art and the world.

Community Grants – Putnam County

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www.careersupportsolutions.org

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Cold Spring Farmers' Market

csfarmmarket.org

The Cold Spring Farmers' Market Capital Improvement Grant



Among many of their goals for the 2024 year, the Cold Spring Farmers' Market would like to expand seating for patrons, increase community outreach and offer vendors the opportunity to bring more product to the market by using tents and tables provided by the market. Funds will support these needs including replacing their current storage shed with a larger and more robust model. Upgrading the storage area will not only provide the physical structure to house their operation, but it will also help them to reach their goal to invest in more seating, purchase additional vendor tents and tables and increase their public outreach via signage and ads.

The mission of the Cold Spring Farmers' Market is to support local, regional and sustainable farms by providing an outlet for direct sales of agricultural products year-round. Our vendors are either farmers, farm employees, fishermen, or food artisans selling value-added products with ingredients sourced from regional farms. To that end, the board's responsibility is to ensure that the market is commercially viable. Our farmers depend on the revenues they earn each week.

Ecological Citizen's Project

ecologicalcitizens.org

General operating support

The ECP organizational goals for the coming year are to maintain and enhance programming including partnering with the Town of Philipstown Climate Smart Task Force on the Philipstown Fights Dirty campaign to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040. This coming year, the ECP is raising funds to support increasing general operating costs that are associated with their programs and the organization. The CFHV Community Grant for general operating support will significantly relieve any budget deficit associated with the critical work and growth of the organization.

The Ecological Citizen's Project (ECP)'s mission is to support campaigns to produce a more just, healthy, regenerative and democratic way-of-life. We have a track record of social impact in the Hudson Valley: establishing a Community Choice Aggregation in the Mid-Hudson Valley, facilitating the Community Congress process in Philipstown and Peekskill, leading a community climate action campaign in Philipstown, and training 15 diverse new farmers to steward public food gardens.

Garrison Art Center

www.garrisonartcenter.org

The right tools for progress

Garrison Art Center is in year two of a comprehensive 5-year strategic plan and have made significant progress toward their goals. They have implemented new cloud-based software, donor management systems, an updated website, and an additional pottery studio manager to expand their classes. However, office computers are outdated and incompatible with software upgrades, and staff cannot rely solely upon them but depend on their personal devices to compensate. Funds will support updated technology in the workplace to maximize efficiency as they modernize and adapt their small non-profit arts organization into the 2020s!

By upgrading their equipment, they can better serve staff and community while pursuing their forward-looking vision and goals.



Our Mission: Founded on the banks of the Hudson River in 1964, Garrison Art Center seeks to connect and enrich lives by cultivating an open environment for the creation and appreciation of art.

Our Vision: Through education, exhibitions, and community outreach programs, our vision is to foster a vibrant, diverse community where art is everywhere and accessible for ALL to experience.

Hillside Food Outreach

www.hillsidefoodoutreach.org

Fighting Food Insecurity/Maximizing Impact in Putnam County



Hillside's Putnam clientele are all low income individuals and families who from week to week can't be certain that they'll be able to put food on the table. COVID's economic impact and after-effects have led to widespread job loss, savings drain, etc. in vulnerable communities and poverty numbers continue to grow in the county. Cost increases across the board (to include fuel, maintenance, and cost of living in general...) have led to ever more people losing ground and/or falling below the poverty line. Funds will enable Hillside to ensure that all Putnam County clients will take delivery of ample healthy and nutritious foods each month, such that Healthy Plate nutritional standards are met or exceeded in each household. ((i.e., Healthy Plate = 1/2

fruits and vegetables, 1/4 grains, 1/4 protein, plus a serving of dairy.) The grant will help to raise vulnerable low-income, Putnam clients out of the "processed food pit."

The mission of HFO is to deliver healthy food to low-income people in need, who are unable to access/utilize local food pantries for reasons outside of their control. This includes people who:

- *Are housebound due to illness or disability*
- *Don't have a food pantry near them or lack transportation*
- *Require better nutrition than food banks can supply*
- *Are low-income workers who are at their jobs when pantries are open*
- *Are elderly, and find it difficult to travel and/or carry home the bags*

Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc.

www.mhaputnam.org

Peer Support Center for Mental Health Recovery and Wellness

Until 2020, MHA Putnam had space that allowed people with mental health issues to receive both telephone and in-person services. With the onset of the pandemic, MHA had to pivot to virtual services. This was meant to be a temporary solution as MHA recognized that the stigma associated with a mental health diagnosis often leads to isolation and an exacerbation of other symptoms; therefore, an opportunity to be in an environment with peers is of great importance. Funds will help support the greater effort to secure a new space so all MHA staff can be based at the center. With the center, MHA will expand its hours of operation and capacity to provide support services and information. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Youth or additional services that best occur on evenings or Saturdays will be able to meet at the optimal times.

The mission of the MHA in Putnam County, Inc is to instill hope and provide tools for wellness and recovery to individuals and families in our community who are coping with everyday stresses and mental health challenges through shared experiences, education and advocacy. MHA's peer specialists provide information & resources to callers, in person and virtual supports and education to the general public at community events. All the services are provided without cost to those that participate.

Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project

mhahp.vassarspaces.net

Building Program Capacity and Sustainability

Since 2006, the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project (MHAHP) has worked to uncover the history of slavery and antislavery in the region. They produced a local Guide to the Underground Railroad, provided presentations on the local history of slavery and antislavery, and sponsored a chorus that taught this history through abolitionist songs. They believe that understanding the past is an essential part of the struggle for justice now and in the future. In collaboration with Celebrating the African Spirit (CAS), they published a timeline of abolition in NYS, in preparation for the 2027 NYS Bicentennial of Abolition. They also started the “Oh, Freedom! Quilting Project” commemorating names and places of significance to local antislavery history.

Our mission is to conduct and synthesize research on the history of slavery and antislavery in New York’s Mid-Hudson Valley; to interpret and share this history with a wide array of residents and visitors in our region; to place this local history in the broader contexts of racial slavery in the Americas, the African American experience, and the legacies of slavery and antislavery today including the impact of this history on the ongoing struggles for racial and social justice.

Philipstown Aging At Home

paah.net

More To Our Story

2023 saw a hugely successful pilot of More To Our Story (MTOS) an innovative program incorporating storytelling and theater practices to collectively build a play based on the lived experiences of its participants. No acting or writing skills are needed to participate but it requires a professional leader with theater, writing and social worker skills. Town Covid Funds and cut-price stipend for the professional leader enabled the 5 month Pilot Program resulting in 2 packed shows at the Depot Theater. Funds will help to support PAAH to do another series. The MTOS content is specifically relevant to our older community which is wanting to participate and to come and watch. It is important not only for the 15 or so people engaged in each series but because of the community that is being built with its audiences of seniors, carers, children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. PAAH needs them all if it is to be successful in its mission.



Philipstown Aging At Home (PAAH) is dedicated to helping Philipstown's older adults stay in their own homes as they age. We aim to create a community of neighbors helping neighbors and programs that range from the practical to those that continue to challenge our minds and to stimulate our creative souls and our bodies. Many seniors in our community experience isolation. Our goal is to reach out and draw in as many older adults as we can and to lobby for resources for them.

Philipstown Depot Theatre, Inc.

www.philipstowndepottheatre.org

Putnam Theatre Alliance presents PAY DIRT: A new play about power, injustice, and control over land

The Putnam Theatre Alliance will use grant funds to support their spring 2024 production of PAY DIRT, a new history play set in Putnam County that explores power, injustice, and control over land -- forces that shaped our region's growth and development and continue to define it today. PAY DIRT is inspired by the experiences of three local historical figures and is set during the tumultuous struggle over land ownership in the Hudson Valley just before the American Revolution. These historical figures are Wappinger Chief Daniel Nimham; Mary Philipse Morris, a member of our area's ruling family before the Revolution; and Cesar, an enslaved mill operator at the Philipses' manor. PAY DIRT will be performed at each of the three nonprofit theaters that make up the Putnam Theatre Alliance: the Philipstown Depot Theatre (Garrison), Arts on the Lake (Kent), and Tompkins Corners Cultural Center (Putnam Valley). The Depot applied for this grant on behalf of the **Putnam Theatre Alliance**.

The Putnam Theatre Alliance is a cross-county arts collaboration founded by three nonprofit theaters on the belief that together we can create bigger, bolder projects than any one of us can do on our own. Our goal is to position Putnam County as a vital hub for developing new plays. The three founding members of the Alliance are: Arts on the Lake (Kent), Tompkins Corners Cultural Center (Putnam Valley) and the Philipstown Depot Theatre (Garrison). The Depot is applying on behalf of the Alliance.

Putnam History Museum

www.putnamhistorymuseum.org

Heritage Horizons: Advancing Accessibility and Archival Preservation



The PHM's vision is to discover and share the stories that have shaped our local, regional, and national community, ensuring that these narratives are accessible to all. In order to fully realize this vision, PHM have identified several goals and projects for the coming year. Their initiatives build on the positive momentum from the past three years, where they have demonstrated successes in dynamic exhibitions, updated BIPOC interpretive narratives, guided history hikes, hybrid lectures, diverse public history programs, and the recent creation of 10+ public brochures. The "Heritage Horizons: Advancing Accessibility and Preservation at the PHM" project addresses critical needs by

replacing an outdated museum collections database computer in the library, and by acquiring essential equipment for the expansion and organization of our archival collection.

The mission of the Putnam History Museum is to collect, preserve, interpret, and present the history of Putnam County, Philipstown, the West Point Foundry, and the Hudson Highlands. Through exhibitions, programs, and events, the museum uses its collections to engage the community with the vibrant history of our region, and to foster greater understanding of the role it has played in the growth of our nation.

Second Chance Foods

secondchancefoods.org

Building Capacity to Feed More People in Need

Second Chance Foods was founded in 2016 and immediately began rescuing food from grocery stores and recovering produce from regional farms. In the summer of 2017, with a grant from the CFHV, they added a processing program, which creates meals from recovered food. Through August of this year, they have cooked almost 60,000 meals and donated more than 200 thousand pounds of groceries. Funds will support operating costs for Second Chance Foods to stay innovative, flexible, and responsive to the increasing need for their services in the area.

Second Chance Foods (SCF) elevates the health of people and the planet by recovering nutrient-dense food from local sources, and providing it to organizations that address hunger, in order to break the cycle of wasted food and food insecurity.

The Susie Reizod Foundation

www.thesusiereizodfoundation.org

Educational Support: Backpacks and Shoes for Economically Insecure Children in Ulster and Putnam

Susie Reizod programs address child poverty that is exacerbated by the current economic climate and the lingering impact of COVID-19. Parents who had previously been employed are now unemployed. The families are not able to keep up with the cost of health care, food, transportation, housing and utilities. The families find it difficult, if not impossible, to pay for school supplies (e.g., backpacks and shoes) needed by their children. As a result, the children are often embarrassed, reluctant, or unable to attend school and participate in school activities. The Foundation will respond to their need by providing new shoes and new backpacks for the children. Funds will be used to purchase and distribute 100 new backpacks and 100 pairs of new shoes to 100 unduplicated economically disadvantaged children in Ulster and Putnam Counties. With these funds, they will expand their services to an under-served and marginalized population of children in need.



The mission of The Susie Reizod Foundation is to provide new shoes to children in need. In special cases, we also provide educational support such as new backpacks, other school items, and financial assistance. We are a group of dedicated volunteers. We serve economically disadvantaged children, aged 18 and younger, in poor urban and rural areas of the United States and developing countries, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, language, sexual orientation, or physical ability.

Topfield Equestrian Center

www.topfieldcenter.org

Access to Therapeutic Equestrianism for ALL: Bringing Equine-Assisted Activities Within Reach



Since 2006 TEC has offered private and small-group adaptive ground and riding programming, and have recently expanded their service offerings to include additional therapeutic ground programming (for veterans, kids/teens, and people in recovery from substance misuse), equine camps, and creative arts therapies with and without horse involvement. Collectively, these services are referred to as Equine-Assisted Therapeutic Services (or EATS). Funds will help to increase affordability and access to programs and equine-assisted therapeutic services for people who may not be able to afford therapeutic equestrianism on their own, and to thereby increase the diversity and equity within, and inclusion among, their client base. Client financial need will be assessed using an already-

established Community Scholarship Application and through direct request.

At Topfield Equestrian Center, our mission is to "partner with horses to empower humans."

United Way of Westchester and Putnam

www.uwwp.org

United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Ride United Last Mile Delivery Program

UWWP's Ride United Last Mile Delivery Program (RULMD) began in 2020 as a community-wide response to combat the spread of COVID-19. The function of RULMD is to directly deliver weekly or monthly compiled resource packages to underserved households. While factoring in low-income households with residing disabled persons, homebound seniors, pregnant mothers, mothers with newborns, and households with lacking transportation, RULMD became a crucial resource for assisting thousands of families across Westchester and Putnam Counties. Each delivered package includes nutritious food parcels, clothing, personal care items, educational resources, and/or other essential goods that the household needs. The overarching goal is to alleviate the financial stressors that low-income families experience on a daily basis and to foster economic stability along with improved nutritional outcomes. The funds will impact RULMD immensely by having an opportunity to conduct at least 650 deliveries to low-income households.

United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) utilizes strategic partnerships and leverages resources to create a more equitable community by advancing education, financial stability, and health initiatives. With 40% of Putnam County residents living in poverty or paycheck to paycheck, UWWP supports low-income and Asset Limited, Income Constrained & Employed (ALICE) households. ALICE households have an income near federal poverty guidelines but are ineligible to receive government assistance.

Community Grants – Ulster County

Arm of the Sea Productions, Inc.

www.armofthesea.org

Support for 2024 Season at Tidewater Center

For decades, Arm-of-the-Sea (AotS) was almost exclusively a touring theater company. That changed in 2021, when they opened the Tidewater Center, (TWC) a new cultural park and education center on Esopus Creek in Saugerties. AotS continues to operate an in-demand touring company, with roughly 50 touring performances a year, in 2024 they will also focus on expanding programming at Tidewater Center. The 150-seat Performance Tent at Tidewater has made it possible to present programs over a 5-month season. A CFHV Community Grant will help underwrite expenses that Arm-of-the-Sea must cover for Tidewater Center operations and programs. Specifically support for their Program Logistics Coordinator who will organize volunteers and equipment for Waterfront Wednesdays and the new Hudson River Arts & Science camp. The grant would also help underwrite insurance, marketing, portable toilet rental, site maintenance, and bookkeeping expense.

The mission of Arm-of-the-Sea (AotS) is to create theater and offer experiences that inspire wonder, spark joy, offer insight and enrich the public imagination. We accomplish our mission by translating insights from science, history and literature into the visual poetry of mask and puppet theater. The immediacy and handmade quality of this venerable art form offers a surprising means to engage people of many ages and walks of life.

Ashokan Center, Inc.

www.ashokancenter.org

Arts & Outdoor Education Initiative for Underserved Youth

The Ashokan Center is a nature & music focused 501c3 located in Olivebridge, NY that offers 120+ programs to 15,000 participants from all walks of life, including 5,000 children, many from under-resourced school districts in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Ashokan is committed to connecting underprivileged youth to nature through: 5-day free summer camps; satellite “Explorations” in-school field trips to local schools that are enriched by an additional one-day Ashokan field trip; and after school programs at the Everette Hodge Center in Kingston, NY. Community Grant funds will help offset costs of the free programs the Ashokan Center delivers for Hudson Valley youth and continue to fill increased demand for quality extracurricular activities that promote life-altering skills development in youth—including leadership abilities, self-esteem, and a deeper connection to the natural world.



Ashokan’s mission is “To inspire learning and build community through shared experiences in nature, history, music and art.” Ashokan recognizes that connecting with the natural world promotes creativity and transformational experiences. The Center delivers ~120 annual programs to 15K NYS residents i.e. field trips for ~5,000 school-aged kids, many from low-income, rural areas; Music & Dance camps for all ages; and public events & musical performances that bridge gaps between cultures & generations.

Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster

www.ccsos.org

Food and Transportation Assistance for Our Ulster County Neighbors



Catholic Charities has operated a food pantry in Kingston for many years. Throughout the pandemic community outreach and home delivery services were increased and pop-up, drive through food pantries were introduced. The pantry has returned to operating as a client-choice food pantry and is open to community members on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 3 pm. Each month, the pantry picks up an average of 2,000+ pounds of food from the Regional Food Bank and serves an average of 90 households each week. Handling this volume of product puts wear and tear on equipment, as well as

staff. Funding will help to upgrade pantry equipment to improve our efficiency and effectiveness and protect the safety of staff and volunteers. Funds will also will be used to provide cab service to seniors, people with disabilities and single parents without access to transportation.

Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster is committed to building a compassionate and just society. We serve the homeless and hungry, the emotionally and physically challenged, as well as immigrants, and other marginalized and vulnerable members of our community. We collaborate with parishes, Catholic, and non-Catholic partners alike to provide help and create hope for our neighbors in need, regardless of religion, ability to pay, insurance or documentation status.

The Center for Photography at Woodstock

cpw.org

CPW Workforce Training Program

Community-based and collaborative programming is at the heart of CPW's mission and the organization has recently undergone three key changes to help achieve that mission. In December 2021, CPW sold its long-time home in Woodstock and moved to nearby Kingston. In June of 2022, the CPW hired as Executive Director Brian Wallis, who brings decades of cultural leadership experience to the organization. In February 2023, CPW purchased the 40,000 square-foot Van Slyke & Horton cigar factory, a historic building located at 25 Dederick Street in the heart of the Kingston Midtown Arts District. Acquisition of this building as their permanent home enables CPW to expand substantially all aspects of programming, and to become a central meeting place for the arts community. Funding will be used towards two local apprentices to learn how to run our state-of-the art Digital Media Lab and to eventually lead community education programming and to launch a workforce training program that will provide much-needed skills to area residents who are hoping to break into the region's budding photo-film-television industries.

A museum and school, the Center for Photography at Woodstock (CPW) is the leading regional hub for critical dialogue and creative learning about photography and related media in the Hudson Valley of New York. Through its educational programs and community outreach, CPW brings together a diverse array of artists and viewers, and fosters opportunities for them to create photography and to explore its vital role in contemporary culture.

Children's Home of Kingston

chkingston.org

CHK Tech Upgrades

CHK is working to make great strides to improve their business operations. Currently, they're shifting to address the major technological advancements that have occurred over the last five years. There is an increased need for data backup and disaster recovery, robust security measures that update and address security vulnerabilities, and improve accessibility and collaboration. Funds will support a cloud-based server for the agency as well as an upgrade to their camera systems. These upgrades will provide both internal and external stakeholders better services, safety and security.

The Children's Home of Kingston is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, providing a progressive range of services for boys and young men ages 8 to 21 whose personal, social, developmental, or family situations preclude them from living at home or in a less restrictive setting, and who may benefit from milieu therapy, active psycho-therapeutic interventions, and specialized care.

Family of Woodstock, Inc.

www.familyofwoodstockinc.org

Spanish Helpline and Citizenship Application Assistance

The agency is committed to outreach and providing services as needed to the immigrant community and more specifically the Spanish speaking community. Funding will support staffing and services for a Spanish helpline and comprehensive case management to assist with obtaining citizenship. Supports will include acquisition of required documents, translations, interpretations, access to health, mental health and substance abuse services, assistance identifying and applying for services, education on American history and naturalization requirements for citizenship.

Family of Woodstock, Inc's mission is to provide confidential and fully accessible crisis intervention, information, prevention, care coordination, and support services to address the needs of individuals and families, and to build a supportive and healthy community. The common ground which unites us, both helper and helped, is greater than the differences which divide us, and everyone deserves the respect and support of our larger community.



HomeShare Woodstock

www.familyofwoodstockinc.org/home-share-woodstock

HomeShare Woodstock

HomeShare Woodstock (HSW) is a new initiative and the first home sharing program in New York State. They are in their second year of accepting applications to the program, after making six matches in their pilot year. Similar programs in other states have stressed the importance of incremental growth of their programs, supported by ongoing outreach efforts and stories of successful matches. Grant funds will support efforts to upgrade and revise outreach materials and activities that support awareness of the HSW program toward the intention of increasing the number

of matches in the coming year. There is a targeted goal of eight new matches for their third year. This expansion will create a story of growing success that will lead to program growth and additional fundign supports.

HomeShare Woodstock is Family of Woodstock's newest program. It seeks to address the serious shortage of affordable housing in our community, using existing homes. HomeShare Woodstock connects homeowners ("providers") and renters ("seekers") in the wider Woodstock area in order to create affordable, satisfying housing opportunities, allowing people to continue to call Woodstock their home. HomeShare Woodstock is the first of its kind in New York State.

Hudson River Maritime Museum

www.hrmm.org

Hudson River Maritime Museum – Support for Youth Education Programs



For 43 years, HRMM has been preserving and teaching the Hudson Valley's maritime heritage through lectures, exhibits, school field trips and historic vessels. As our community has changed, so too have their views on what sort of museum they want to be. HRMM is amid a multi-year transformation into being something more than a traditional museum. While still teaching the heritage of the river, they also offer hands-on and immersive programs at the Wooden Boat School and the Sailing & Rowing School - places where people learn by doing.

Funds will support their work developing new courses and a new framework for delivering youth education programs. They are transitioning away from pre-set program curricula to a flexible menu of course modules that allow students to mix and match to create custom programs. They envision offering numerous themed modules that can be used by all types of learners. With the new curricula, they will adopt the goals of past successful youth programs: to empower youth, build character, and foster teamwork through developing the skills and discipline used in traditional maritime activities.

Hudson River Maritime Museum connects people to the Hudson River and its watershed through education and preservation of the river's maritime history and environment. HRMM engages diverse audiences through exhibits and hands-on experiences. HRMM inspires life-long learning for people throughout the Hudson River Valley and is a tourism and culture hub and serves as a thought leader in modeling a resilient, sustainable and inclusive waterfront.

Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

www.lgbtqcenter.org

General Operating Support

The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center (the Center) is a safe and nurturing space that affirmatively engages with the community by providing health and human services, professional resources, advocacy, education, and community-building programs that support and unite the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning community. New programs have been

initiated to serve the needs of a more diverse constituency including The Queer BIPOC Intersection and Regional School LGBTQ+ Outreach Initiative in partnership with the Ulster County Department of Mental Health. Support from CFHV will help to offset costs associated with the engagement and training of qualified staff.

The HV LGBTQ+ Community Center (the Center) promotes positive social change through advocacy, education, artistic, cultural and social programming, wellness and vital mental health services. Center services are provided at no cost to 2.5K participants annually. The Center's mission is to: "support the LGBTQ+ community by promoting well-being, advocating for equity, opportunity, and celebrating our diverse experiences."

HUDSY

www.hudsy.com

Operating Support

HUDSY is currently in transition from a multi-stakeholder cooperative governance structure to a nonprofit organization in order to expand their ability to reach and support more members of our community. Funding will support their apprentice program where they pay the apprentice to learn the importance, art and function of community storytelling. The



filmaking industry, like many others, is predominantly made up of white, straight men with access to training and resources, while many other creatives are struggling with access to the same. Traditional training is often geared towards working in the larger, corporate industry rather than offering training for community-based storytellers and documentarians. These spaces are often not accessible for people without access to wealth, and also not safe or affirming for BIPOC or LGBTQI+ people. They seek to address the need to support and empower people with marginalized identities who are interested in filmmaking, to ultimately diversify the stories being told and empower future leaders of the industry. Out of the 13 apprentices who have passed through their program so far, 12 are either BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, or women.

HUDSY strengthens, engages, and connects with the community through the power of storytelling with the goal of elevating the diverse voices of the Hudson Valley in order to foster mutual understanding and respect. HUDSY tells the stories of, preserves, and archives the culture of the Hudson Valley online by aggregating HUDSY Originals and films from other local creatives on HUDSY TV; in-person at community screenings and events; and by training the next generation of community storytellers.

The Hurley Recreation Association, Inc.

hurleyrec.org

Swim Lessons for Special Needs Children

The Hurley Recreation Association, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is funded entirely through membership dues and donations. Current programs offered include summer camp, swim lessons, swim team, as well as regular club membership. Funds will support The Rec to further develop their swimming program to be more inclusive, better serving the needs of our community by offering swim lessons to children with disabilities. Many parents may be hesitant to enroll their children with special needs in swim programs for fear instructors will be unable to understand and adapt teaching to their child's specific needs. They hope to train staff and provide a safe place for these special children so that they too can benefit from learning to swim and learning how to be safe around water.

The Hurley Recreation Association's mission is to provide a safe, friendly and respectful place for members and visitors to gather in the spirit of cooperation, relaxation, good will, fun, outdoor activity and friendly competition. The Hurley Rec, or simply The Rec, is a welcoming place for everyone to build lasting friendships and happy memories, with a special focus on promoting water safety and swimming skills.

Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative

www.kingstonemergencyfood.com

Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative (KEFC)



KEFC has developed its own program to obtain and deliver groceries to folks in the community. They currently support 112 individuals in 50 households with a monthly delivery. Fruits and vegetables are donated by Hudson Valley Farm Hub. Grains, proteins, and dairy are purchased at retail at full cost. Funds will support an additional grocery delivery each month, which may be used to increase support of existing individuals and households or to increase the number of folks served. Further, funds will be used to purchase a wider variety of grains, proteins,

and dairy and a larger quantity of appropriate foods for individuals with dietary restrictions due to allergies, health issues, religious observances, etc. KEFC, unlike many organizations that offer free groceries to folks in the community, does not require that people provide proof of need. As a result, KEFC is able to support ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) households, which do not qualify for social safety net programs, and folks who are not able to get to food distribution sites for a variety of reasons (because they work during distribution hours, have physical or mental disabilities, lack transportation, etc.).

KEFC partners with organizations and individuals that are working in solidarity with community members to ensure that folks have food. We focus on meeting immediate needs while working to eliminate all factors that contribute to food insecurity and developing plans and policies to achieve food sovereignty for all.

KThunder Futbol Club

kthunderfc.com

Coach Development Grant

KThunder provides highly competitive soccer at a very low to no cost membership. They develop the talent and provide a pathway for serious players that want to excel but lack financial support.

Similar programs charge between \$1500 - \$3000 a year and KThunder only suggests a fee of \$400.

With this in mind, they allow low income families to participate in leagues and tournaments within NYS and out of state. They have recently joined forces with other youth organizations such as NY

Red Bulls and Kingston Stockade to provide different pathways for players that want an opportunity to excel and maintain a minimum to no cost. While this is a 100% volunteer program, this year the United States Soccer Coaching Federation is requiring Soccer Clubs to obtain coaching licenses for all current coaches, or they will not be able to coach. Funds will support stipends to cover some of the expenses for traveling, tuition, and hotel expenses, and continuing education for the coaches.

K-Thunder F.C. looks at each player holistically and not just their ability to play soccer. Our program focuses on development on and off the field. We focus on delivering individualized development that helps each individual contribute as a true team player. We stress the importance that hard-work pays off. Players learn about community responsibility, volunteering, community partnerships, and financial literacy/responsibility.



Maya Gold Foundation

www.mayagoldfoundation.org

Community Programs

Funds will support the Foundation's Community Program events. These events are programs that are open and free to the public. In a safe, welcoming environment, expert speakers (including actors, readers, teachers, mentors, documentaries, etc.) offer presentations tailored towards teens, adults, or parents depending on the topic so each age group can receive the most benefit from the program. Their Community Programs Committee includes local teen members that serve on their Youth Action Team and work alongside volunteer Board members to plan events. These teens have identified challenging topics that they wish to be addressed, including mental health, social media, post-high school choices, relationships, body image, substance use, gender roles, human trafficking and suicide. Coping mechanisms and tools are always offered. An information table provides materials with local resources. At the end of each event, there is time for questions, supportive dialogue, and community interactivity.

The Maya Gold Foundation's mission is to empower youth to access their inner wisdom and realize their dreams. The Foundation's core values are to: uplift and empower youth and adults, promote and embrace change, work with compassion and respect, and celebrate creativity and joy. We are committed to supporting and developing programs for teens that enhance emotional awareness, build mutual support and caring among teens and adults, strengthen inner resilience and teach mindfulness practice.

Pharmacy for the Public Good, Inc.

<https://www.pharmacyforthepublicgood.com/>

Wellness Rx Phoenicia Nutritional Program

Funds will support the establishment of a comprehensive nutritional program in the rural community of Phoenicia, NY, with a focus on supporting low-income individuals and elderly residents. The program aims to address the nutritional needs of these vulnerable populations by providing access to individual nutritional counseling, community talks, and educational literature, ultimately improving their overall health and well-being. The grant funds will enable the organization to offer subsidized or free individual nutritional counseling to clients who cannot afford the fee. This support will ensure that low-income individuals and elderly residents have access to personalized dietary guidance and support, helping them make informed choices about their nutrition and improve their overall health outcomes.

Pharmacy for the Public Good Mission: Expanding a new model of nonprofit pharmacy and wellness centers built around a holistic philosophy of care and a commitment to serve all individuals and families regardless of race, religion, or ability to pay. Incorporate within the wellness centers educational and training opportunities for high school students, college students, and post-college students interested in a career in health care.

Pine Hill Community Center

www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Phoenicia Farmer's Market



Funds will support the partnership with the Phoenicia Farmer's Market during the winter months. Last year Phoenicia Farmer's Market was invited to use the Center's facility to hold their market inside. It was a huge success and provided food access to folks far and wide during the cold winter months. It was a wonderful social gathering spot and way to bring two hamlets together to conquer barriers and unite resources. It brought in over 300 visitors every Sunday from November through April and became a beloved activity for so many friends, community members, and tourists alike.

The addition of the Farmers Market to the Community Center has been invaluable. When the community center can afford to host partnerships like these they can make bigger things happen for our community.

The Pine Hill Community Center's mission is to offer a place where people can exchange and act on ideas that inspire involvement with each other and their surroundings. Our vision is to cultivate an open and engaged community in the Central Catskills.

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County

www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org

Operating Support

Rebuilding Together plans to assist 25 households through their programs in 2023. Due to the needs in neighboring counties, they have expanded their service area to include Ulster County and are changing their name to Rebuilding Together Hudson Valley! Funding will support their existing programming in Dutchess and outreach efforts as they work to keep folks safe in their homes in Ulster County.

Our mission is "Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives," and our vision is "Safe homes and communities for everyone." We provide critical repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy efficiency improvements for low-income homeowners, including those who are older adults, persons living with a disability, families with children or veterans, at no cost to the homeowner. We also rehabilitate properties that house qualifying nonprofit organizations serving our community.

Resource Center for Accessible Living, Inc.

www.rcal.org

Furnish New Employment Center

After many years of gathering funding RCAL is in the final stages of converting space into a Loan Closet and an Employment Center for Vocational Services. Funds will support the purchase of furniture. The loan closet will become a part of the employment center as it will provide retail experience, customer interaction and inventory skills. The remaining part of the building will provide a classroom/workshop space, offices and training stations for typing and job

development. The Employment Center will combine several existing programs, create opportunities to create additional classroom style programs, and increase their impact to persons with disabilities seeking employment and the business community.

RCAL's mission is to facilitate independence, choice, accessibility, and participation in all aspects of life. We believe in Respect, Integrity and a Commitment to Service. Our vision is to live in a fully accessible, integrated community without barriers for people with disabilities.



Rosendale Heart and Soul, Inc.

www.rosendaleheartsoul.org

General Operations Grant

This grant will in part enable the Rosendale Heart and Soul to receive a \$10,000 matching grant from the Orton Family Foundation to hire a part time coordinator, a Heart and Soul coach, and to pay for certain administrative expenses to enable Rosendale Heart and Soul, Inc. to bridge relationships between longtime residents, second-home owners, and newcomers. By developing grassroots ideas, directions, and actionable plans for community challenges as well as opportunities.

The mission of Rosendale Heart and Soul is to engage the people of Rosendale in shaping the future of our town. We will seek out the full diversity of people who live, work, and play in Rosendale and together employ our collective wisdom to envision and plan for the future.

The Susie Reizod Foundation

www.thesusiereizodfoundation.org

Educational Support: Backpacks and Shoes for Economically Insecure Children in Ulster and Putnam

Susie Reizod programs address child poverty that is exacerbated by the current economic climate and the lingering impact of COVID-19. Parents who had previously been employed are now unemployed. The families are not able to keep up with the cost of health care, food, transportation, housing and utilities. The families find it difficult, if not impossible, to pay for school supplies (e.g., backpacks and shoes) needed by their children. As a result, the children are often embarrassed, reluctant, or unable to attend school and participate in school activities. The Foundation will respond to their need by providing new shoes and new backpacks for the children. Funds will be used to purchase and distribute 100 new backpacks and 100 pairs of new shoes to 100 unduplicated economically disadvantaged children in Ulster and Putnam Counties. With these funds, they will expand their services to an under-served and marginalized population of children in need.

The mission of The Susie Reizod Foundation is to provide new shoes to children in need. In special cases, we also provide educational support such as new backpacks, other school items, and financial assistance. We are a group of dedicated volunteers. We serve economically disadvantaged children, aged 18 and younger, in poor urban and rural areas of the United States and developing countries, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, language, sexual orientation, or physical ability.

TMI Project

www.tmiproject.org

Empowering Marginalized Youth Through True Storytelling

As they continue to pursue their mission to help craft and amplify the important, and often silenced, stories of marginalized individuals and their communities, their greatest organizational need is resources to launch programming for teens and young adults in Ulster County. TMI is currently working on two programs with Kingston High School students, Locker Room Talk and Period Power!, both scheduled to become available in 2024. Empowering youth to craft and share their own stories in a safe environment can take them out of isolation, give them the opportunity to receive support, and can provide the best chance of moving towards more positive life trajectories - and may even save their lives. Amplifying their stories empowers parents, classmates, educators, and other community members to come together to create a safer, more supportive environment for everyone.

Funds will support their true storytelling performances, podcast, films, and other programs help audiences see that they are not alone, promote community inclusivity, and inspire actions for change.



TMI Project helps craft and amplify the true stories of everyday unsung heroes. In our live performances and digital content, our storytellers do more than entertain. They divulge the “too much information” parts we usually keep to ourselves for personal liberation, human connection, and freedom, for themselves and for those who listen.

Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, Inc

ulsterimmigrantdefensenetwork.org

Food/Housing Security and Pathways to Self-Sufficiency For Ulster County Immigrants

UIDN's goal is to continue existing programs - weekly food distribution/pantry and emergency food and rent and utilities assistance to help ensure food and housing security, prevent homelessness and ensure that individuals and families have heat, electricity, hot water and for students, access to the Internet. Additionally,



they will continue their legal and transportation programs to assist as many people with asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Prosecutorial Dismissal cases to prevent detainment and deportation and to help those that qualify to gain legal status. Legal Status is a pathway to economic mobility, increased opportunities and self-sufficiency for marginalized immigrant communities. Funding will directly impact our immigrant friends and neighbors so that they can meet their basic and essential needs and also have pathways towards increased opportunities, economic mobility, self-sufficiency, language access and justice. The larger goal is that immigrants in our county can build viable and vital lives which increase the health and well being of those we serve and enriches and enhances the community at large.

Ulster Immigrant Defense Network's mission statement is to provide a network of safety and support to immigrants, regardless of status. Since 2017, UIDN has been providing direct services to immigrants in Ulster County to help ensure that basic and essential needs are being met for food and housing security. We are also focused on pathways to self-sufficiency through legal assistance and workforce development to help those we serve create economic mobility.

UlsterCorps

www.ulstercorps.org

Expanding UlsterCorps' Volunteer Outreach and Collaboration Capacity in Ulster County

UlsterCorps is a nonprofit coordinating organization whose sole purpose is to promote volunteerism and collaboration in Ulster County. Often organizations have small budgets or lack the staff capacity to enable them to find volunteers to help with one-time events or longer-term projects; this is where UlsterCorps fills a vital need. The Ulster County Office for the Aging, Hispanic Heritage Festival, Hudson Valley Repair Café, and HomeShare Woodstock are just a few of the recent volunteer opportunities promoted in our monthly e-newsletter with over 3,700 subscribers. Additionally, our

three ongoing collaborations with over seven nonprofits and local governmental agencies include the Farm to Food Pantry Collaborative, the Disaster Response and Recovery Team, and the Ulster County Animal Rescue Team. Funds will help UlsterCorps to expand capacity to reach new and existing residents and promote awareness of nonprofits and agencies.

UlsterCorps is a countywide resource dedicated to promoting a culture of volunteerism and community service by facilitating volunteer placements and fostering collaborations with nonprofit organizations and local governmental agencies. While UlsterCorps involves individuals of all ages in its activities, it has a deep commitment to encouraging, engaging, and educating youth in community service and leadership.

YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County

www.ymcaulster.org

Youth Basketball Clinics

The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County will utilize grant funds to offer free Basketball Clinics to the youth (ages 3 – 12) of the entire community. Basketball (invented by a YMCA) is a very popular sport that many youth are interested in mastering. The Y's Basketball Clinics are always completely enrolled since they are free and open to non-members as well as members. The grant will cover salaries and fringe benefits, advertising, supplies, and indirect costs. Each participant is recognized for their special contribution to the clinic; in addition to basketballs and nets, supplies include medals and trophies.



The YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County is part of an open, inclusive interfaith movement which advocates principles through programs that build character, respond to community needs and help build spirit, mind, and body for all. Programs serve a secular purpose. The Y does not require participation in religious activities. Y's aren't supported by a religious organization and do not support one. YMCA-USA is a resource office and nothing more. It does not support individual YMCAs.



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