

Frederick County ARPA Nonprofit Community Health & Recovery (ANCHR) Grant Program Awards

Name of Nonprofit	Organization Description	Organization's Focus	ARPA Priorities	Final Award Amount
Aavanee	<p>Aavanee is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization located in Frederick, Maryland. We are focused on helping women and families, to make the world a better and happier place.</p> <p>With help from the Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County grant, United Way (Unit Campaign), Rotary Club of Frederick County, Society for Science STEM Advocate program, City of Frederick grant and other generous donors and collaborators (Minnodi LLC, AACF, NIF) we organize community-building events such as Women's Project, STEM for Kids and Yoga for Mindfulness programs, fundraisers and in-depth training sessions for the underserved communities and female head of household and ALICE families. Aavanee extends support and resources to domestic violence victims especially among immigrant population. We provide workforce trainings (in collaboration with Minnodi LLC), such as IT training and HR training to women especially female head of households. Aavanee continues to support women after training.</p>	Education - Employment/Job Training	Children & Families ; Economic Recovery	5,000.00
Animal Welfare League of Frederick County	<p>AWLFC is an all-volunteer, no-kill animal welfare organization. We promote the humane treatment of all animals through education, advocacy, and collaboration with other humane organizations. We rescue homeless cats and special needs dogs in Frederick County, rehabilitating them for adoption to families. Our Community Food Bank provides access to free pet food, litter, and other supplies. Many beneficiaries of this service are senior citizens on fixed incomes and disabled residents with limited funds. AWLFC provides referrals to participating vets for low-cost pet spay/neuters and periodically runs free or low cost spay/neuter events. The AWLFC TNR program traps, sterilizes, vaccinates, and returns feral or at-large cats to their homes. Since 2001, we have helped hundreds of Frederick property owners, farmers, and homeowners. Cats or kittens with the potential to be socialized are brought into our Foster and Adoption Program.</p>	Animal Welfare	Health ; Children & Families ; Mental Health ; Seniors	14,672.16
Brunswick Main Street	<p>Brunswick Main Street's mission is to create and sustain a vibrant downtown for all to enjoy. We focus on economic revitalization through grant funding to downtown business and property owners, investment in vacant commercial property improvement, promotional marketing of our business and community assets, beautification of public spaces, and hosting events that bring residents and visitors downtown. Downtown Brunswick has a charm rooted in our railroad culture, canal history, river and mountain resources that we will accentuate, improve, and promote until we have achieved our vision of a downtown that serves as the focal point of entertainment, shopping, and tourism for the community.</p>	Community Development	Economic Recovery	31,104.38

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Catoclin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.	<p>The Catoclin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. works to commemorate, study, preserve, and share the unique and rich history of this Revolutionary industrial village thru preservation of the architecture, art and artistry, cultural traditions, cultural landscape, lifeways, and foodways of the diverse workers. Programs such as our annual commemoration of black history month's "In Their Own Voices" living history program, Maryland Iron Festival, and the autumn performance of Spirits of the Furnace (now in it's 22nd year), provide interpretations of the lives of the enslaved African workers and later European workers. Annual events such as Traditional Village Christmas and The Maryland Iron Festival enrich the lives of those that visit and participate. The Catoclin Furnace Historical society, Inc. stimulates jobs, tax revenues, and visitor spending while enriching the lives of all Marylanders and reminding us of the core values of the workers who built this nation.</p>	Historic Preservation	Economic Recovery	48,686.55
Centro Hispano de Frederick, Inc.	<p>Centro Hispano de Frederick's mission is to inform, refer and educate immigrant & Limited English Speaking residents of Frederick County, promoting full participation in community and successful integration into the mainstream of Frederick County. We envision an informed and vibrant community in which people of all ages and backgrounds can succeed and thrive. We are rooted in the vibrant culture of the diverse Latino community which has increased more than 57% in the past three years. In our 16th year as an incorporated nonprofit, we serve 3,000 clients a year and have long-standing collaborations across academia, business, government, foundations, faith-based organizations and coalitions. Our portfolio consists of a Basic Needs Program with 16 distinct services; Entre Mujeres Self-sufficiency Program for Young Mothers; Años Dorados/Golden Years Senior Center; EXITO! Youth Success Academy with Summer STEAM Curriculum /Academic Year learning reinforcement, Food Pantry/Food Distribution.</p>	Human Needs - All	Health ; Health Disparities ; Children & Families ; Mental Health ; Seniors ; Transportation	21,972.75
Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership	<p>COIPP's mission is to foster the growth of strong, resilient, hopeful children who are impacted by the incarceration of a loved one in the Frederick County region. This is accomplished by the provision of activities that support the child, the incarcerated parent, and the caregiver of the child during the period of incarceration and after. Activities include, but are not limited to, caregiver respite meetings, educational and developmental resources and activities for the children, parenting and reconnection workshops in the Detention Center, community workshops on childhood trauma and its effects, and provision of household necessities (such as laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, diapers, etc.). All activities and services are free to the family. COIPP has accomplished its work for over 17 years with an all-volunteer base; however in Jan. 2022, in conjunction with COIPP's strategic plan, COIPP hired two part-time staff. In 2021, COIPP served over 745 caregivers, children, and parents.</p>	Human Needs - All	Health ; Children & Families ; Mental Health	21,207.75

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City Youth Matrix	<p>Mission: City Youth Matrix connects youth with enrichment opportunities to achieve their full potential in life.</p> <p>City Youth Matrix helps ALICE families with at risk youth in grades pre-K-12 access extracurricular activities that provide enrichment experiences. We offer each family a liaison who helps them navigate the selection and registration for after school activities. We provide scholarships and transportation to ongoing enrichment activities. We bring in subject matter experts to teach monthly workshops, including a focus on wellness. Our "Buckets of Hope" program gives them at home educational supplies and family board games. Our Family Empowerment program continues to support and strengthen both parents and children with seminars, family events and access to resources to support well being and relationships.</p> <p>By eliminating financial, transportation, and language barriers, CYM provides families the opportunities and networks that build a better future for their children.</p>	Education - K to 12	Children & Families	19,847.68
CrossedBRIDGES, Inc.	<p>Our mission: A movement that unifies our community to meet our greatest needs in restoring the good that God intends.</p> <p>Jonathan and Carol Switzer co-founded crossedBRIDGES in 2018, and the organization received 501(c)(3) status in 2019. CrossedBRIDGES has grown rapidly to mobilize the volunteer efforts of over 40 churches and faith communities, as well as hundreds of individuals and dozens of businesses, schools, government entities and service clubs. CrossedBRIDGES has been a leading voice in the County on the opioid crisis and launched a new initiative, CarePortal in 2020 to connect community volunteers to the identified, tangible needs of people experiencing crisis in Frederick County.</p>	Human Needs - All	Children & Families ; Mental Health ; Seniors	26,259.75
February Star Sanctuary	<p>February Star Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 non-profit, with a mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and provide a permanent refuge for cats and horses in need, and support our community through outreach programs to help children develop compassion for rescue animals at an early age. Our programs include: Caring for Cats of the Homeless, Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome Program, Animal Rescue, Animal Adoption & Sanctuary, and Youth and Adult Community Outreach Programming.</p> <p>As part of our outreach programming, we provide weekly children's programming and a free, two-week daytime summer camp for youth. We provide free programming in order to give equitable opportunities to youth who may otherwise not be able to be involved in summer camps and other extracurricular activities. Participants in our summer camp learns about animal care through hands-on experiences.</p>	Animal Welfare	Children & Families	31,276.50

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<p>FREDERICK BOOK ARTS CENTER INC</p>	<p>The Mission of the FBAC is to teach the craft and techniques associated with the Art of the Book. Letterpress printing, printmaking, book binding, photography, paper arts, and language arts are taught through a combination of workshops, field trips, school visits, and classes. All members of the community have the opportunity to learn, intern, and display work at the Center.</p> <p>The FBAC provides members with the space and equipment necessary to create artwork in the book arts and printing traditions. Artists can utilize letterpress and digital production capability, a complete book bindery, printmaking studio, and soon, a screen printing. In addition to traditional book arts techniques, artists can explore experimental printmaking and alternative photography processes and experimental (such as zines and sculptural books) and new book forms.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p>	<p>Children & Families ; Economic Recovery ; Seniors</p>	<p>19,640.72</p>
<p>Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra</p>	<p>Mission Statement: "The Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra (FRYO) exists to promote, encourage, and facilitate the appreciation and performance of music by the youth of Frederick County and the surrounding region. FRYO offers students the opportunity to study orchestral and band music from a wide range of time periods, genres, and cultures, and to participate in ensembles that reflect their interest and level of musical ability. Through a season of rehearsals and concerts, FRYO aims for the positive development of its student musicians through exposure to a variety of music literature, the experience of hard work, and the accomplishment of performance goals. On a broader scale, FRYO sees a higher intention--the cultivation of citizenship through musicianship."</p> <p>The goals of the Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra are to provide children with the opportunities to improve their skill as musicians and to experience playing different styles of music as part of an ensemble.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p>	<p>Children & Families</p>	<p>6,127.05</p>
<p>Fredericktowne Players</p>	<p>The Fredericktowne Players (FTP) mission is to build a sense of community through positive and enjoyable social interaction and teamwork with its production of live, quality musical theater for people of all ages. FTP ensures it's theatrical productions are accessible and affordable to all residents of the Frederick community, from children to senior citizens. There are individuals who have never had the opportunity to see a live show due to handicap or economic reasons. Through our discount tickets and handicap accessibility, FTP opens a wonderful new world for them to see actors, hear live orchestrated music and talented singers and enjoy rousing choreography. FTP strives to be inclusive with the selection of cast members representing a wide range of social and ethnic groups. FTP recently moved into a new space in the Francis Scott Key Mall where bus transportation is steps from our new front door. Wheel chair areas are available and sign language is provided upon request.</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p>	<p>Economic Recovery</p>	<p>5,554.65</p>

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Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	<p>Mission: The Heart of Civil War Heritage Area—with its partners—preserves and promotes the historic sites, towns, cultural landscapes, and diverse stories in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington County, Maryland. Vision: A vast and diverse audience engages meaningfully with the past and present in the HCWHA, carrying their experiences here into the future. As a certified MD Heritage Area, we exist to stimulate economic benefit through heritage tourism. We provide support to nonprofits and governments in the following areas: Grants (access to certain state grants by local entities is only possible through our organization), technical assistance (including professional development for partner organizations), marketing, an education initiative, and visitor services. Quantitatively, our heritage area's annual impact (based on 2019 data) was recently determined to be: \$450.2 million in economic impact, 6,376 jobs supported and sustained, and \$60.3 million in state and local tax revenue.</p>	Community Development	Economic Recovery	43,288.05
I Believe in Me, Inc	<p>Our Mission is to inspire and challenge youth through mental, physical, and social activities that foster self-respect and respect for the world around them.</p> <p>I Believe In Me operates an after school program which includes educational activities and mentorship for 50 underprivileged youth between the ages of 6-17. Our students are provided with a snack, lesson, educational assistance via homework help and tutors, and recreational activities including socialization. Within the program, I Believe In Me offers math and reading support, mentor program, financial education, hygiene and nutritional guidance, community outreach via volunteerism, and self-esteem and character development.</p>	Education - K to 12	Children & Families	47,624.40
Justice and Recovery Advocates, Inc.	<p>Justice and Recovery Advocates, Inc. is a 501c3 Non-profit organization whose mission is to support and serve systems-involved individuals who suffer from mental health and substance use disorders and their families through health and wellness programming, peer support both direct service and groups, street-based and community outreach, harm reduction education, training and Naloxone distribution, recovery and re-entry case management and services, judicial advocacy and diversion and family support services. Our organization has been providing the listed programs and services to Frederick County citizens since 2017 and we have collaborations and partnerships with several Frederick County Community partners giving us the ability to provide quality services to the county and its citizens.</p>	Human Needs - Health - Substance Use/Addiction	Health Disparities ; Children & Families ; Mental Health	37,367.70

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Justice Jobs of Maryland, Inc.	<p>Mission: To help people with barriers to employment (legal, SUD, homelessness, transportation, childcare, technology, mental illness, or effects of sexism, genderism, racism, ageism, ableism) to get a job, keep that job, and move up to better jobs.</p> <p>We do that by sending people to known second chance or open minded employers, seeking alternative housing, getting them into treatment, applying them to employers close to home or on the right shift, finding childcare, etc.</p> <p>We have helped 219 people with barriers to employment get hired since 2018. Our hiring rate during the pandemic has more than doubled. We require interview skills workshops before job seeking assistance and resume building begins, which contributes to our > 70% job retention rate at 6 months after hire.</p> <p>Successes include people like Rico, who came to us from prison and now runs an Aldi's warehouse in PA, and Stacy, who completed her M.A. and now counsels in a rehab center.</p>	Education - Employment/Job Training	Children & Families ; Economic Recovery	17,705.70
Learning Tree Inc.	Child Care Centers providing care to children ages 2 - 12 years old	Education - Early Childhood	Children & Families	46,065.00
Literacy Council of Frederick County, Inc.	<p>Mission: The Literacy Council of Frederick County teaches adults the reading and other English language skills they need to provide for their families and to contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our community.</p> <p>Vision: A community where literacy is attainable for everyone.</p> <p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustaining our organization through responsible financial stewardship, sound management, and community engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching a parent in order to educate a family. • Educating our students in a learner-centered format with compassion, confidentiality, and respect. • Producing a safer, healthier, economically stronger, and more vibrant community through adult literacy. • Sustaining, empowering, and energizing a passionate, strong, dedicated volunteer base. <p>The Literacy Council provides reading and English instruction to adults to build workforce literacy, parent literacy and life skills, directly impacting families, including 102 families with 195 children, with 65 ages 5 and under.</p>	Education - All	Children & Families ; Economic Recovery	36,385.80

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Marriage Resource Center of Frederick County, Inc. (MRC)	<p>Mission: Building strong marriages, families, and communities</p> <p>We equip and encourage individuals, couples, and families to develop and foster healthy relationships and lasting marriages. This allows more children to grow up in safe and nurturing families which lead to less divorce, reduced poverty, and better life outcomes. We do that through mentoring and relationship education with a focus to establish and grow communication and conflict resolution skills, increase resilience, and decrease the effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).</p> <p>A majority of clients are individuals with significant ACEs and other life challenges (ALICE, etc.). Our clients see improvement in psychological wellbeing, resilience, and personal and marital satisfaction. Our evidence based approach builds autonomy, competence, and relatedness which are universally important for psychological wellbeing and autonomous motivation. MRC has positively impacted thousands of individuals and families since 2005.</p>	Human Needs - Health - Mental	Health ; Children & Families ; Mental Health	5,000.00
On Our Own of Frederick County, Inc.	<p>Our Mission: We provide free intentional and inclusive peer-led recovery and wellness services. By creating an accepting, supportive community we educate and empower people to heal, reconnect, and find their own way forward. We strive to passionately serve any adult who is seeking to recover from significant life challenges, mental health issues or SUD.</p> <p>On Our Own of Frederick County, Inc. is a non-profit that provides much needed human services to the underserved in our county. We operate a Wellness and Recovery Center located in downtown Frederick, Maryland. We are staffed by "Peers" who are living in recovery with mental health issues or SUD, and can provide a non-judgmental and empowering environment for people to be self-directed in their wellness. Through a variety of support groups, one on one peer sessions, trainings and rapid case management, our participants gain skills and connections to build stability. We typically serve 80-110 Frederick County adults a month.</p>	Human Needs - All	Health ; Health Disparities ; Mental Health	21,901.95
Our Dream Pursuits, Inc.	<p>Our mission is to provide employment opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities. We are in the process of setting up a concession trailer in order to provide food service opportunities in Frederick County, MD. Funds are needed to meet operational requirements by the Frederick County Health Dept. We hope to employ 5 to 10 adults with intellectual disabilities throughout a fiscal year. We are also raising funds in order to purchase a building to house our equipment and supplies. After getting our food service program going, we hope to provide landscaping and law care services; car detailing; cleaning services; digital photography studio; florist shop and restaurant and bakery with a gift shop in order to sell art work produced by adults with intellectual disabilities. We also hope to be able to provide a facility in order to cater large events, along with a dinner theater facility, and gymnasium and fields for Frederick County Special Olympics activities.</p>	Education - Employment/Job Training	Children & Families ; Economic Recovery	5,000.00

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Safe Ride Foundation Inc.	<p>The Safe Ride Foundation is a Frederick County-based nonprofit organization taking a stance against intoxicated driving.</p> <p>By educating the public on the dangers of driving under the influence, providing a safe and reliable alternative, and supporting the families of those who are directly affected, the foundation aims to cultivate an environment in Frederick County that eliminates virtually any excuse to operate a vehicle while intoxicated.</p> <p>The primary activities of the organization include drunk driving education, victim relief services, and rehabilitation programs. Most notably, the organization's flagship program is the SOS Safe Ride program, a nonprofit rideshare program that safely transports intoxicated Frederick County citizens to their homes.</p>	Public Services - Public Safety	Health ; Transportation	16,608.75
SOAR, Supporting Older Adults through Resources, Inc.	<p>SOAR serves Frederick County seniors aged 65 and above who have limited funds to meet their monthly needs, especially the unexpected and life-challenging needs. The ALICE Report reinforced what led to the establishment of SOAR in 2015; seniors are struggling to make ends meet. Seniors need transportation, assistance for aging in place, access to medical providers, treatment for substance abuse disorders, and immediate support when the unexpected threatens their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>For the past 7 years, SOAR has successfully filled a critical gap in services available to our seniors. We do not limit our assistance; we ensure that seniors receive the services and support to meet their essential needs. These include medical equipment for aging safely; short-term, in-home care services; transportation; rehousing homeless seniors; needed medications; utilities; medical needs; operation of a Food and More program in partnership with a local Rotary; and much more.</p>	Human Needs - All	Seniors	16,149.30
Sophie and Madigan's Playground Inc.	<p>The mission of Sophie and Madigan's Playground is to honor the lives of Sophie and Madigan Lillard by building a memorial playground and providing opportunities for children and their families to play, learn, and create lifelong memories together, and in ways that reflect the beautiful personalities and spirits of these two sisters. Sophie and Madigan's Playground achieves this mission and serves the community through its Park project and its Play, Learn, and Create programs. The organization's primary Park project is the Sophie and Madigan Lillard memorial playground, which is being built in phases, and is located in Frederick, Maryland. The organization is currently fundraising for the second phase that will be installed during November 2022. All playground areas will be open to the public at no charge. Sophie and Madigan's Playground also serves the community through its Play, Learn, and Create programs that teach children the importance of play and serving their community.</p>	Public Services – Parks & Rec	Children & Families	35,294.10

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<p>Steadman-Keenan Post No. 96 The American Legion, Incorporated</p>	<p>Veterans Service Organization serving the Veteran and family members of the greater Brunswick and Frederick County area. We provide VA assistance with claims and death benefits to include Honor Guard detail for veteran's funerals throughout the tristate area. We provide a meeting place to numerous community organizations (Rotary, CSX Union, etc...) free of charge. The Post holds the charter for BSA Troop 277. We maintain a Veterans Memorial Park within the Town of Brunswick and are responsible for the graves of veterans in 22 surrounding cemeteries. We assist veterans and their families financially in times of need and sponsor fundraising activities for a myriad variety of charitable organizations throughout the year.</p>	<p>Human Needs - All</p>	<p>Health ; Health Disparities ; Children & Families ; Mental Health ; Transportation</p>	<p>32,353.96</p>
<p>STEM ENABLE INC</p>	<p>STEM ENABLE INC is a 501c3 organization incorporated on 6/6/2016 and got its non-profit status on 03/10/2017. We engage students in critical subjects needed in the 21st century of STEM and applied subjects. Shortage in STEM skills is a national problem but the situation is more dire for students from disadvantaged communities. This is usually due to lack of exposure and resources. Through this exposure students can begin to see themselves in these crucial fields and have the full confidence that they can do it. Learning is a scope that begins with awareness training and then education. Education opens opportunities that drive economic development and growth. A healthy nation can then carry out its activities successfully. Hence the mission and vision of STEM ENABLE INC.</p> <p>Our mission is to support a holistic innovative and efficient knowledge of STEM and applied subjects by empowering, engaging,, and equipping students from disadvantaged backgrounds by building the pipeline early.</p>	<p>Education - K to 12</p>	<p>Children & Families</p>	<p>5,000.00</p>
<p>The African American Resources-Cultural and Heritage Society Incorporated (AARCH Society)</p>	<p>The African-American Resources Cultural Heritage (AARCH) Society was established in 2000 and incorporated as a 501c3 nonprofit in 2009 to preserve, document and share the often-omitted history, heritage and culture of African Americans in Frederick from the historical past to the present. Established from the vision of William O. Lee, Jr., a distinguished city Alderman and educator, the vision for the Society and for the first African American Heritage Center in Frederick County was carried forward and championed for over two decades by the late President David V. Key.</p> <p>For over two decades the Society has served the community as a resource and a source of knowledge and information through education and public programs and services, including history fairs, cemetery restoration, exhibits, displays and presentations in schools and libraries, walking tours, among others. The AARCH Society is now poised for growth in 2023 in its first permanent home, the African American Heritage Center.</p>	<p>Historic Preservation</p>	<p>Children & Families ; Seniors</p>	<p>21,660.11</p>

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The Birthing Circle	<p>At the Birthing Circle, we believe that knowledge is the key to making more informed birthing choices. We contribute to this effort by holding multiple group meetings each month, offering community building and knowledge sharing through Facebook groups, and providing a catalog of local birth and baby resources. We hold monthly parent support groups, offer childbirth education, birth and postpartum support and lactation support to those who cannot afford it. We continue this effort by maintaining our "mothers closet ", a donation center for families to obtain the many items they need to care for themselves, their newborn and if applicable their other children. We offer diapers, wipes, formula, breast pumps, clothing, cribs, car seats and more. We use a trauma informed care model, and are open and affirming.</p> <p>Growing, supporting and sustaining families in Frederick and the region is our passion.</p>	Human Needs - Health - Physical	Health ; Health Disparities ; Children & Families ; Economic Recovery ; Mental Health	5,000.00
The Frederick Center	<p>The Frederick Center exists to support and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people and our families so we thrive, accepted and affirmed, in the broader Frederick community.</p> <p>The Frederick Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2012. The mission is to support and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people and our families so we thrive, accepted, and affirmed in the broader Frederick community. The first program, founded by an Urbana High School graduate, was a weekly youth group designed to create a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth from ages twelve to twenty-five to congregate, share stories, offer peer support, learn about resources, and enjoy life in an affirming, supportive space.</p> <p>Since the launch of this signature program, TFC has been on a meteoric rise in its peer support programming, growing to eleven support programs by 2021 and with plans to add three more support programs in 2022.</p>	Human Needs - All	Health ; Health Disparities ; Children & Families ; Mental Health	21,054.00

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The Frederick Children's Chorus	<p>Our mission is to bring children together for the joyful exploration and celebration of singing.</p> <p>The Frederick Children's Chorus offers music instruction for children ages 3-18 with progressively advanced activities. Little Music Makers (ages 3-8) learn the basics of music as they sing, dance, play games, play instruments, and rhythmic movements. Performance Chorus (ages 8-18) singers advance through four levels of music mastery: Training Chorus I and II, Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers. The treble choruses, high school ensemble and Chamber Singers stage at least two major concerts per year. Additionally, the Chamber Singers lead the Messiah Sing-Along in December each year. The Chorus also sings at numerous free, community-based events. We offer Summer Chorus Camps—cancelled for 2020 and 2021—for students ages 5-12, located in multiple locations around the county.</p>	Arts and Culture	Children & Families	9,197.39
The Global Z Recording Project	<p>MISSION STATEMENT: Uniting culturally diverse student musicians through educational virtual audio/video production experiences. We unite student musicians from diverse backgrounds to create original commercial-quality music. Scholars teach virtual audio production & collaboration skills, build community, and promote dialogue on the value and acceptance of diverse others, civility, democratic processes, and creating cross-cultural friendships. We explore how culture influences musical genres, what it means to be a musician, and the power musicians have to make positive social change. We give peace a chance through music. Three projects impact Frederick: 'From A To Global Z' is a public-facing educational YouTube channel; library patrons in Frederick and Urbana may record their COVID oral histories which will be part of the state archives; 'Frederick Circle of Musical Unity' unites diverse student musicians through music education, student internships, and audio production.</p>	Arts and Culture	Children & Families	5,000.00
Veteran Enhancement Project Inc.	<p>Utilize cross-service brotherhood and comradery to heal and empower veterans by restoring their confidence and self-esteem through facilitating/financing their training in motorcycle repair or other valuable trade; integrating them back into the motorcycle community by constructing motorcycles for veterans with battlefield inflicted disabilities or assisting in motorcycle repairs; providing guidance in securing veteran benefits or care and treatment of veteran related illnesses.</p>	Human Needs - Transportation	Transportation	5,000.00
Whole Heart Grief & Loss Resource Center	<p>The Whole Heart Grief & Life Resource Center coaches people so that those impacted by adverse childhood, community, and historical experiences are empowered to use our self-coaching, conflict resolution, and communication tools to wholeheartedly address the issues of life, loss, leadership and legacy while managing the grief that comes from both death and life. We accomplish this via experiential workshops, one-on-one coaching, and facilitator training that yield transformative interpersonal and intrapersonal results. We provide services regardless of a client's ability to pay. While our services are open to all people, we have found that what sets us apart is our constituency (84% of the clients who come to us are women of color), cultural backgrounds (two thirds of our coaches and facilitators are Black women with proximity to those we serve), and cultural sensitivity (via lived experiences that shape our approach, strengthen our relationships, and make us relatable and influential).</p>	Human Needs - Health - Mental	Health ; Health Disparities ; Economic Recovery ; Mental Health	8,422.50

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Woman to Woman Mentoring	<p>Woman to Woman Mentoring, Inc. provides women with guidance, support, and community connections through mentoring relationships. Through our programming, we offer women the opportunity to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be heard. Discover how sharing “you” can start to open doors. Take action. Dig into your challenges and explore the possibilities. Get the information and encouragement needed for new habits to take root. Move forward. Collect small wins that help to create momentum! Grow without limits. Enjoy an extended community that remains committed to your success.</p> <p>Our innovative, effective programs combine the power of one-on-one mentoring, community-building workshops, and opportunities to connect to help women identify and work toward their goals in education, career, and life. For over 10 years, W2WM mentees have used the power of mentorship to succeed in transition; start, restart, and complete school; explore, start, grow, and advance in their careers; and to build connections.</p>	Human Needs - All	Children & Families ; Economic Recovery ; Mental Health	33,320.25
			Total Awards Made	725,748.90