

Community Vision Fund Grantmaking Update- January to June 2024

Arts & Culture

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount
The Trout Museum of Art	General Operating Support for Transformative Art	To provide general operating support in service of the organization's mission to inspire and connect all people through creative experiences and the visual arts, during a pivotal transition year.	\$ 15,000.00
BoomARTS	Sages Stroy Circle	To support the expansion of a second Women's Story Circle in Appleton where elder women have the space to not only connect, but to be seen and HEARD in a way designed to empower and validate them.	\$ 5,000.00
Appleton Community Music	Mile of Music's Educational Activities	To support Mile of Music's Music Education efforts which provide dynamic music-making opportunities for people on the Mile to set them on a path of discovering and developing their musical selves.	\$ 2,500.00
Kaukauna Public Library	Asian Cultural Day	To support an all-ages event featuring dances and instrumental performances, traditional arts and crafts, food, and a multicultural cooking program which will promote greater cultural understanding of East Asia.	\$ 2,000.00
Creative Downtown Appleton	Paint the City 3	To support Paint City 3, a project that will bring together AASD high school students to create a large-scale mural at the Appleton YMCA under the direction of artist Neo Medina.	\$ 5,000.00
Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra Association	Symphony Under the Stars	To support a free family concert at Fox Cities Stadium that works to bring everyone in the community together for a night of music and friendship.	\$ 2,500.00
Fox Valley Pride	Fox Valley Pride 2024	To support Fox Valley Pride 2024 which aims to celebrate diversity and create a sense of belonging for the members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community in the Fox Valley.	\$ 2,500.00
Kimberly Public Library	Kimberly Public Library Love Notes Music Program	To support an all-ages music program that would include a lending library of musical instruments, a sheet music collection, a community piano, and ongoing music programming for children and adults.	\$ 7,500.00
Kids from Wisconsin	Rural Arts Enrichment Initiative: Bringing Broadway to Brillion and Shawano	To support free performing arts workshop for ages 7-14 that aim to spark appreciation and enrich the Brillion and Shawano communities through the arts.	\$ 2,000.00
Future Neenah	Last Light: Neenah	To support the creation of a permanent installation where stories, art, history, and more, can be brought to life on a combination of walls, alleys and other unique spaces through permanent video projection in downtown Neenah.	\$ 5,000.00
African Heritage, Inc.	Juneteenth 2024	To support the Juneteenth 2024 event in Jones Park which will feature a community resource fair with area organizations, food/retail vendors, and a variety of entertainment.	\$ 1,500.00
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass	Revitalizing Glass Studio Programs through Essential Kiln Upgrades	To support the purchase of a new glass kiln and essential tools critical to advancing the organization's mission and sustaining its glass studio programs.	\$ 13,700.00
The Building for Kids	The Story of the Land Where We Stand	To support an interactive art installation created by Menominee tribal members that aims to foster a deeper understanding of Menominee presence in the community by revealing their history and inspiring generations to connect to their story.	\$ 25,000.00

Outagamie County Public Health	Support Others, Support Yourself Campaign	To support the costs of Support Others, Support Yourself project, including a community mural, which aims to equip members of our community with the resources needed for well-being.	\$	10,000.00
Lawrence University	Lawrence Chamber Music Festival	To support the Lawrence Chamber Music Festival which aims to engage community members through free and interactive chamber music performances by local and visiting musicians.	\$	2,500.00
First Nations Outreach Inc.	Neenah -Menasha Intertribal Powwow 2024	To support a community powwow on September 14, 2024, which aims to educate and bring awareness of the Indigenous Tribes of Wisconsin to the Fox Valley Community.	\$	2,500.00
Waupaca Community Arts Board	ARTicipation Week 2024	To support a participatory and collaborative week of fun arts activities leading up to Arts on the Square which aims to engage the community and celebrate creativity.	\$	1,500.00
newVoices	Immigration Stories-Rise to New Opportunities	To support the Immigration Stories-Rise to New Opportunities project which aims to uplift and inspire community members through a commissioned work from immigrant, Filipino composer Saunder Choi & performance of "Borders" by John Muehleisen.	\$	6,000.00
School District of Chilton Libraries	Enriching Lives through Literacy - A Community Reading Celebration	To support the Enriching Lives through Literacy initiative which seeks to strengthen community bonds through the joy of shared stories, providing a unifying and enriching experience for individuals of all ages.	\$	2,500.00
			Arts & Culture Total	\$ 114,200.00

Community & Neighborhood Development

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary		Grant Amount Paid in 2024
Greater Green Bay Community Foundation	Northeast Wisconsin Journalism Initiative	To support six regional news outlets, along with the educational partner University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, to preserve and protect local journalism and amplify important community stories in Northeast Wisconsin.	\$	25,000.00
Zion Lutheran Church	Zion Affordable Housing Project	To support the planning stage of the Affordable Housing Project including research, feasibility studies, project management, ongoing roundtable discussions, etc. \$10,000 to be paid December 2023, \$15,000 to be paid January 2024. \$25,000 total.	\$	15,000.00
Common Ground	The Golden Rule Project - Interfaith Initiative	To bring together local faith leaders from many different faith backgrounds to engage in dialogue and relationship-building.	\$	7,500.00
Volunteer Fox Cities	You Belong Block Party	To support the 2024 You Belong Block Party which celebrates volunteering and community engagement in our diverse community.	\$	2,500.00
Friends of Appleton Library Incorporated	Building Beyond Words Campaign	To support the cost of transforming the downtown Appleton Public Library building into a modern and sustainable 21st century library that will connect and inspire the community.	\$	25,000.00
Brillion Public Library	Reading Garden - Phase 1	To support a Reading Garden which will provide individuals with a comfortable space for social connectedness, education, & overall mental and physical wellness & encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to engage with nature and literature.	\$	15,000.00
CARES Fox Cities	CARES Fox Cities Student Research Institute	To support 2024 Summer Student Research Institute which aims to engage AASD students in investigating issues that matter to them the most and are locally relevant.	\$	20,000.00
			Community and Neighborhood Development Total	\$ 110,000.00

Environment

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
Heckrodt Wetland Reserve	Leadership Capacity Building to be paid \$40,000 2023 and \$20,000 2024; total grant \$60,000	This grant is awarded as general operating support to give the organization maximum flexibility as to where dollars can be applied to ensure stability and success as the leadership transitions.	\$ 20,000.00
Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance	Capacity Building - Development Director	To support the organization's mission by helping to build organizational capacity to diversify funding through the work of the Development Director.	\$ 25,000.00
Multicultural Coalition, Inc	Inclusion in the Outdoors 2024	To support Inclusion in the Outdoors program expenses including: program director salary and benefits, grants to partners for DEI training and other projects that advance outdoor inclusion.	\$ 30,000.00
Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance	2024 Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup	To support the 2024 Fox-Wolf Watershed Cleanup to remove garbage and debris from public lands located near or adjacent to our water resources.	\$ 1,000.00
Environment Total			\$ 76,000.00

Financial Stability & Well-Being

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
Community Early Learning Center of the Fox Valley	Kindness Project to be paid as \$25,000 2023 and 2024; total grant \$50,000	To support the Kindness Project, which provides mindfulness trainings and learning opportunities for children and their parents to reduce the negative effects of stress through the promotion of positive mental health and relationships.	\$ 25,000.00
Reach Counseling	Expanding your services into Outagamie and Calumet Counties to be paid as \$25,000 in 2023 and 2024; total grant \$50,000	To expand our services into Outagamie and Calumet Counties. Our organization has accepted a letter of intent to receive a Wisconsin Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to expand our counseling, advocacy and prevention education programs.	\$ 25,000.00
Hearing Loss Association of America-Fox Valley Chapter	General Operating Support	To provide general operating support to fulfill the mission of shining light on hearing loss, raising awareness, and providing resources in the community.	\$ 2,500.00
First 5 Fox Valley	General Operating Support	To provide general operating support to advance the work of this critical early childhood backbone organization.	\$ 15,000.00
Helios Heuristic, Inc.	Helios Heuristic	To provide general operating support in service of the organization's mission to offer peer support, advocacy, and resource navigation for families that find themselves at the intersection of substance use disorder and child welfare.	\$ 10,000.00
Kids Forward	Fox Valley Opportunity Youth Initiative	To provide a follow-on payment of \$7,000 to the \$25,000 planning grant approved in 2023, to ensure the two part-time youth facilitators can continue through the completion of the planning phase.	\$ 7,000.00
Chain Exploration Center	Sources of Strength Youth Mental Health and Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Program	To promote positive mental health through implementation of an evidence-based Peer-to-Peer Suicide Prevention Program.	\$ 5,000.00
Ebb & Flow Connections Cooperative	Community Living Room	To support Community Living Rooms which aim to address social isolation through increased access to social connection.	\$ 20,000.00
Financial Stability and Well-being Total			\$ 109,500.00

Nonprofit Effectiveness

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary		
(NPLI) - Nonprofit Leadership Initiative	General operating support - 5 year \$50,000 per year commitment; 2022-2026.	To provide general operating support to help ensure Fox Valley area nonprofits have high-quality opportunities for leadership development and learning to better achieve their missions.	\$	50,000.00
Fox Valley Literacy Council	Fox Valley Literacy's Classroom Expansion Initiative	To support the expansion of current classroom facilities which will enhance literacy education for non-native English speakers.	\$	20,000.00
Mission of Hope House of Wisconsin	Thrift Store Revitalization	To support the revitalization costs of The Bridge Thrift Store to enhance operational efficiency and customer experience.	\$	15,000.00
Friends of Hearthstone	Capacity Building	To help the organization achieve its strategic vision and become more sustainable by increasing the Executive Director and Development Director positions to full time, and adding a part-time museum educator position. 3 year commitment of \$70k - \$30k in 2022. \$20k in 2024. \$20k in 2025	\$	20,000.00
Association of Fundraising Professionals-NE W	AFP Northeast WI National Philanthropy Day, to be paid \$1,500 annually in June from 2024-2026; total grant \$4,500	To bring together fundraising professionals from across the region for a day of learning, networking, and celebration of philanthropy.	\$	1,500.00
Atlas Science Center	Development Director Funding to be paid \$25,000 2023, \$15,000 2024, \$10,000 2025; total grant \$50,000	To support the addition of a Development Director.	\$	15,000.00
(NPLI) - Nonprofit Leadership Initiative	Productive Fundraising Workshop	To support the May 23, 2024 Productive Fundraising Workshop which covers the topics of: finding time for fundraising, what's changing in fundraising & ways to adapt, and how to get boards to fundraise.	\$	2,500.00
Impact Wisconsin	Bridge Funding for 2024	To provide operational bridge funding for the remainder of 2024 as financials are adjusted for the strategic purchase of a men's recovery home in Waupaca.	\$	10,000.00
Neighbor to Neighbor - Manawa	Neighbor to Neighbor Distribution Garage	To support construction of a food distribution garage which will consolidate & house all freezers, supplies, & pantry items; keep volunteers safe; and improve overall program effectiveness.	\$	15,000.00
Nonprofit Effectiveness Total			\$	149,000.00
Grand Total			\$	558,700.00