

## Community Vision Fund Grants Paid January - December 2024

### Arts & Culture

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
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 Story 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 a community 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 brings together Appleton Area School District 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-friendly 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 features 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 fosters 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 the 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
Jazz Corner Society, Inc	2024 Fox Jazz Fest	To support the 29th Annual Fox Jazz Fest, a free community event, which aims to promote and preserve jazz music as a vital American artistic heritage.	\$	1,500.00
Fabricating Something More Incorporated	fsm. Arts Journal	To support a free and widely available paper that connects our local creatives and creative institutions to the community through in-depth editorials, thoughtful reviews, engaging poetry, and an informative calendar of events.	\$	2,500.00
IndUS of Fox Valley	Rhythms of the World 2024	To sponsor this collaborative event that creates an accessible opportunity for the community to celebrate and learn about diverse cultural heritage.	\$	1,500.00
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center	Fox Cities P.A.C. Accessibility Improvements	To support improvements to the GalaPro system which will allow the P.A.C. to provide guests with closed captioning, multilingual subtitles and audio descriptions to make their experience more accessible.	\$	4,500.00
Hmong American Partnership Fox Valley, Inc	2024 Fox Cities Hmong New Year	To support the 2024 Fox Cities Hmong New Year celebration on November 16-17 where attendees from across Wisconsin will come together to honor rich Hmong heritage and vibrant traditions.	\$	2,500.00
Appleton Public Library	2025 Fox Cities Reads	To support the 2025 Fox Cities Reads, which works to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience, featuring "The Firekeeper's Daughter" by indigenous author Angeline Boulley.	\$	5,000.00
			<b>Arts &amp; Culture Total</b>	<b>\$ 131,700.00</b>

## Community and 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. (Grant payment 2 of 2; total award: \$25,000)	\$	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 the 2024 Summer Student Research Institute which aims to engage Appleton Area School District students in investigating issues that matter to them the most and are locally relevant.	\$	20,000.00
Victory Church	Early Childhood Education Bilingual Resource Library And Job Skills Training	To support Spanish-speaking individuals in receiving training to become early childhood educators, and to develop a bilingual resource center, increasing access to childcare and inclusion of Spanish-speaking families.	\$	5,000.00
Down with Mylestones	Clintonville's All-Inclusive Park	To support a fully inclusive playground in the Clintonville area to ensure a safe play environment for every child, regardless of ability.	\$	10,000.00
Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity	Almost Home Expansion	To support programming that aims to fortify community & financial stability by partnering with other nonprofits to provide targeted homeownership preparation, estate planning, & financial literacy education to marginalized communities. (Grant payment 1 of 2; total award: \$25,000)	\$	12,500.00
Outagamie County Conflict Resolution Center	Outagamie County Conflict Resolution Center Seed Funding	To support essential start-up costs which will help to build a solid foundation for the organization's growth and community impact.	\$	5,000.00
Fox Valley Data Exchange	Fox Valley Data Exchange Support	To support launch of the Fox Valley Data Exchange covering Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, an evolution of the Fox Cities LIFE Study. (Grant payment 2 of 3; total award: \$150,000)	\$	50,000.00
United Way Fox Cities	Greater Fox Cities Housing Alliance Planning Grant	To support research on the structure and feasibility of a Housing Alliance to address housing issues in the Greater Fox Cities. (Grant payment 1 of 2; total award: \$30,000)	\$	15,000.00
<b>Community and Neighborhood Development Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>207,500.00</b>

## Environment

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
Heckrodt Wetland Reserve	Leadership Capacity Building	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. (Grant payment 2 of 2; total award: \$60,000)	\$ 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
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
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 training and other projects that advance outdoor inclusion.	\$ 30,000.00
Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust	Growing Protected Environmental Gems, Growing Environmentalists	To provide general operating support to advance the work of protecting and adding environmentally significant lands, and expanding educational outreach programs.	\$ 10,000.00
East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	Trail Summit 2.0	To support the Feb. 2025 Trail Summit 2.0 which brings together community stakeholders to discuss gaps in the local active transportation network and future community connections.	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Environment Total</b>			<b>\$ 88,500.00</b>

## Financial Stability and Well-being

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
Community Early Learning Center of the Fox Valley	Kindness Project	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. (Grant payment 2 of 2; total award: \$50,000)	\$ 25,000.00
Reach Counseling	Expanding your services into Outagamie and Calumet Counties	To expand counseling, advocacy and prevention education services into Outagamie and Calumet Counties. (Grant payment 2 of 2; total award: \$50,000)	\$ 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
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
Kids Forward	Opportunity Youth Initiative: Fox Valley Region	To support the Opportunity Youth Initiative, a youth-led capacity building program bringing educational and advocacy opportunities to youth-centered and youth-serving organizations in the Fox Valley region. (2 grants totaling \$31,000).	\$	31,000.00
Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin, Inc.	Welcome Baby Shawano	To expand the Welcome Baby program to Shawano by supporting a part-time Family Resource Specialist who will work in tandem with local clinics and hospitals to connect parents of newborns to supportive resources. (Grant payment 3 of 3; total award: \$30,000)	\$	10,000.00
African Heritage, Inc.	ABLE - Academy for Black Excellence	To provide culturally responsive academic tutoring and coaching, counseling, and wraparound services to students in 2nd-8th grade in N.E.W. (Grant payment 3 of 3; total award: \$75,000)	\$	25,000.00
Multicultural Coalition, Inc	Hispanic/LatinX Outreach Program	To support the continuation of the outreach program that helps individuals navigate systems, fill out required paperwork, find jobs, housing, food, social connection and more. (Grant payment 1 of 2; total award: \$70,000)	\$	35,000.00
Wisconsin Philanthropy Network	Wisconsin Funders for Children and Families Collaborative	To join the Wisconsin Funders for Children and Families Collaborative, hosted by the Wisconsin Philanthropy Network.	\$	5,000.00
Hope Clinic and Care Center, Inc.	Wraparound Care Services	To support no-cost Wraparound Healthcare Services to ensure high-quality medical care is accessible to all community members. (Grant payment 1 of 2; total award: \$25,000)	\$	10,000.00
			<b>Financial Stability and Well-being Total</b>	<b>\$ 218,500.00</b>

## Nonprofit Effectiveness

Grantee	Project Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount Paid in 2024
(NPLI) - Nonprofit Leadership Initiative	General operating support	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. (Grant payment 3 of 5; total award: \$250,000)	\$ 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. (Grant payment 2 of 3; total award: \$70,000)	\$ 20,000.00
Association of Fundraising Professionals-NE W	AFP Northeast WI National Philanthropy Day	To bring together fundraising professionals from across the region for a day of learning, networking, and celebration of philanthropy. (Grant payment 1 of 3; total award: \$4,500)	\$ 1,500.00

Atlas Science Center	Development Director Funding, Support for Dissolution of Atlas	To initially support the addition of a Development Director (2023 & 2024); converted in Fall 2024 to general support for the sale and dissolution of Atlas. (Grant payments 2 and 3 of 3; total award: \$50,000).	\$	25,000.00
(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 Center	To support renovations to Manawa Masons' former Lodge building to use for food distribution which will consolidate and house supplies, keep volunteers safe, and improve overall program effectiveness.	\$	15,000.00
Waupaca Area Recovery Coalition	Non-Profit Development	To support development efforts including: organizing educational events, developing a professional website, and establishing a social media presence to enhance community engagement to better aid individuals in their addiction recovery journey.	\$	2,500.00
Casa Hispana	Casa Hispana Communications and Resource Coordination Support	To support marketing and communications contract work and wages for Casa Hispana's Bilingual Resource Coordinator.	\$	10,000.00
Rainbow Alliance Advocacy, Inc.	Infrastructure and Resilience Building	To support core services ensuring lasting impact and organizational resilience for the future.	\$	6,000.00
Shawano County Arts Council	Sound Equipment Upgrades	To support sound equipment upgrades that will make the system safer and more accessible to those with hearing issues, along with the general population.	\$	7,500.00
Child Care Resource and Referral	Technology Upgrade	To support upgrades to smart boards, computers, and other technology to enhance training sessions for childcare providers across Northeast Wisconsin.	\$	9,600.00
			<b>Nonprofit Effectiveness Total</b>	<b>\$ 194,600.00</b>
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 840,800.00</b>