



Community Grants Program 2017 Applications

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116th Infantry Regiment Foundation, Inc.

Staunton, VA

<http://116thfoundation.org/>

Mission & Primary Activities: The vision of the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation, Inc. (116th IRF) is for everyone to know and understand the history, heritage and legacy of America's Citizen Soldiers. The 116th IRF realizes its vision by providing a museum and archives for exhibits and artifacts of historic significance from the 116th Infantry Regiment, conducting education programs, sponsoring fund raising activities, and supporting an annual conference and reunion for members of the regiment and their guests.

Constituents Served: Located in Verona, the 116th IRF is a regional as well as national American history resource. The museum is open to the general public, and the archive is available for the regiment members and by appointment for researchers. The digitation of the documents and photographs will increase access to the collection with the creation of an e-library. Visitation has grown from 864 in 2014 to 1,180 in 2016.

Amount Requested: \$1,500

Program Details: Through educational and community outreach activities, the 116th IRF strives to bring the past to life. We want visitors, students, and educators to move beyond the one-dimensional photographs in text in order to develop a physical connection to community history. We anticipate the following outcomes in 2017:

- Serve as an active participant in the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission and develop collaborations with other local historic venues.
- Increase annual museum attendance threefold.
- Fifty teachers will participate in the educator workshops to be held in the summer of 2017 and 2018. Seventy percent of the educators will report satisfaction with the workshops and will indicate they developed techniques they can employ in their classroom activities.
- Sixty percent of the museum visitors and symposium attendees will report an increased understanding of and appreciation for the citizen soldier as measured by a participant survey.

Our long-term goal is to convey to Shenandoah Valley residents that they are intimately & permanently connected to the American Revolution, Civil War, WWI and WWII and many other historically significant local, national and world events through the sacrifices of their neighbors and communities. This highlights the impact that can be made beyond our communities with local service to others.

This year's activities include:

- Install the WWI Centennial Exhibit,
- Implement our strategic plan
- Increase marketing efforts to include social media, the internet, associations, local magazines, and rack cards across the region.
- Host an educator's workshop in the summer 2017.

Operating Budget: \$72,500

American Shakespeare Center

Staunton, VA

www.AmericanShakespeareCenter.com

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the American Shakespeare Center is to recover the joys and accessibility of Shakespeare's theatre, language and humanity by exploring the English Renaissance stage and its practices through performance and education. We produce the works of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, alongside modern plays that work with Shakespeare's staging conditions, at the Blackfriars Playhouse. The Playhouse is the only re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theatre in the world, and located in Staunton. We produce ASC on Tour, the most active Shakespeare touring group in the nation. We offer educational activities to learners of every age, fostering deeper connections to Shakespeare's work. These include: dedicated student matinees, teacher seminars, study guides, summer camps for both high school students and adults, workshops and residences, corporate leadership training, and the biannual Blackfriars Conference.

Constituents Served: We offer services throughout the region, inclusive of Augusta County, Staunton, Waynesboro, Nelson County, and Highland County. We also reach a nationwide audience, through both tourists to the Blackfriars Playhouse, and colleges, universities, school districts, and communities throughout the United States through ASC on Tour. We strongly believe that anyone, regardless of age, background, or experience, can understand and take ownership of Shakespeare's language. As a result, anyone is eligible for our services. Total people served FY16: 87,563; including 12,163 children under the age of 18; 45,100 adults age 18 – 50; and 30,300 older adults/senior citizens age 50+.

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Program Details: ASC provides recurring, play-specific seminars focused on the classroom applications of plays from our repertoire, specifically for teachers and educators at both the high school and college levels. Teacher seminars are a key aspect of our mission, enabling us to touch more lives and share the skills and techniques in teaching Shakespeare we have carefully crafted and honed over our 27-year history directly with the teachers.

Our teachers (an average of 100/year) come from across the region and the US to Staunton for seminars; but until our first year of dedicated teacher seminar funding from the Community Foundation in 2016, very few local teachers were able to participate, due to the cost and the time. The answer? Provide workshops during in-service days at local public schools. We are seeking support for a second year of this highly successful program for local teachers. Our goal is to provide at least 2-3 inservice workshops at local public schools. Your support will help us refine this program for local teachers, helping us reach many more local kids with award-winning education programming.

In FY2018, we will reach at least 30 English teachers in the area served by the Community Foundation with free, in-service teacher seminar training and study guides. Additionally, we will offer 2 complimentary tickets per teacher, available to be redeemed at any time throughout the school year, to see Blackfriars performances and/or student matinee productions at work and perhaps help conquer their own "ShakesFear."

Operating Budget: \$3,323,877

Program Budget: \$8,400 (\$2,400 already committed)

The Arc of Augusta

Waynesboro, VA

www.thearcofaugusta.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Arc of Augusta is committed to education, awareness, advocacy and providing services for all children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in the Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County areas. We offer two adult day support programs, offer educational opportunities to the general public, engage in advocacy activities on the behalf of the individuals we serve and we advocate to the general public to raise awareness, as well as to elected officials to help create lasting change to benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Constituents Served: The Arc of Augusta provides advocacy services for all children and adults with I/DD (intellectual/developmental disabilities); we also provide day support services to up to 36 I/DD adults via two day support programs. The age range for these programs is presently 18 - 70. We serve Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta county with both advocacy and direct services. We also offer advocacy services in Highland County. In 2016 we served 35 adults in our day support programs and 20 adult individuals in our one-week summer camp program.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: We offer a Non-Waiver Scholarship Program providing funding to enable I/DD individuals who lack sufficient funds to attend day support programs. Day support programming is necessary for continued education, socialization, and respite needs. The Arc of Augusta currently provides services for 34 individuals between our two adult day support programs. Of that number, 7 are non-waiver individuals. These individuals learn how to live and interact with others and develop the skills necessary for independent or semi-independent living. Individuals in our programs have gained self-confidence, learned group interaction, gained independence, and in a few cases increased their level of speech, comprehension of time, math and social skills.

Our overall goal is to provide adult day support programming for I/DD individuals who otherwise would not be able to attend a day support programs. Each individual has chosen personal goals and objectives. It is our practice to make sure that each individual receives the supports necessary to achieve their goals and objectives.

Operating Budget: \$270,685

Program Budget: \$25,000 (\$9,000 already secured)

Augusta County Fair

Verona, VA

augustacountyfair.com

Mission & Primary Activities: To promote Augusta County Agriculture and Commerce. Through the Fair we provide educational activities and opportunities to encourage participation by the Augusta County youth from all walks of life. We promote and encourage the participation of 4-H and FFA clubs/chapters and their projects. We also provide family entertainment. Our programs help to complete our mission by educating kids on how to eat healthy, demonstrate the importance of "going green", and by showing how science can be fun.

Constituents Served: All people of every age are welcome to come to the Augusta County Fair. Approximately 28,000 people attend the Fair annually.

Amount Requested: \$9,450

Program Details: We will use this grant to educate kids on where food comes from, the marketability of food, and how agriculture impacts the 21st century.

Operating Budget: \$209,700

Program Budget: \$9,450

Augusta County Historical Society

Staunton, VA

www.augustacountyhs.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To study, collect, preserve, publish, educate about, and promote the history of Augusta County and its communities. The Society also strives to make the citizens of Augusta County aware of their heritage. We promote interest in the rich and diverse history of the Augusta County area. Our archives are open three days a week, our exhibits gallery is open six days a week, and our newly-relaunched website is always available. We have monthly historical talks, biannual meetings with speakers, an annual gala with a national speaker, trips, book launches, and various other events. The society is located in the R. R. Smith Center for History and Art, and we have a gallery with exhibition space, from which we launch four exhibits per year.

Constituents Served: The Augusta County Historical Society promotes interest in the rich and diverse history of the Augusta County area and membership is open to all. We serve about 5,500 people a year, 80% of whom are onsite at the Smith Center, 10% attend events only, and the remaining 10% receive assistance online for research projects. Membership is comprised of people near and far, who support the discovery, research and preservation of documents, books, objects, buildings and sites related to Augusta County.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: We are seeking support for our archival program. The ACHS has been actively collecting paper documents, photographs, and books pertaining to the history of Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro since the society's inception in 1964. The collection now includes a great deal of social, architectural, and genealogical material. Although there are some 18th century manuscripts, the bulk of the collection is 19th and early 20th century. Included in the collection are numerous letters, financial ledgers, diaries, and other paper ephemera from private individuals, businesses, and the many past and present educational institutions in the area like the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Hundreds of people come through our doors every year doing research, and hundreds more seek assistance online. The collection is also used to create four exhibits a year, which are visited by hundreds more people. The archives of the ACHS are a local treasure.

The Society's collections comprise about one thousand accessioned entries. Only 25% of our collection has been cataloged and is available online. Our great limiting factors are: our current technology, our lack of physical shelving and hard drive space, and the need for more assistance. With the help of the Community Foundation and other donors, we will purchase new technology (portable hard drives, a scanner, blank DVDs) including a laptop and scanner that can be used onsite, additional supplies, and hire a summer intern. With funding, we could make much greater headway into archiving the collection, a benefit to our entire community.

Operating Budget: \$61,751

Program Budget: \$14,000 (\$9,000 already secured)

Augusta Dog Adoptions

Richmond, VA (incorporation address)

www.augustadogadoptions.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To promote the welfare of animals by providing rescue, rehabilitation, rehoming services and ongoing humane education. Many of the dogs ADA accepts into our foster program are left behind by other rescues because they are considered "unadoptable" or "difficult to adopt". We are often the last resort for large & mixed breeds, hounds, pitbull types and senior dogs that are days from euthanasia. Our many foster homes provide the opportunity for temperament assessment, healing from medical conditions and helping dogs learn to trust and love. We then offer the public a healthy, vaccinated, neutered and microchipped dog at an affordable fee. We are a Petsmart adoption partner and hold adoption events every Saturday at Petsmart in Waynesboro.

Constituents Served: ADA accepts dogs from many circumstances into our foster program. Locally, our key partners are Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center in Lyndhurst and Highland County Animal Shelter. We also work with several high-kill rate shelters in SW Virginia and North Carolina to save as many lives as possible. Owner surrenders, pets from suicide victims and animals left after an elderly owner has passed/moved to a care facility are also a notable portion of our fosters. In 2016 we saved 426 dogs and more than 1,300 in the last 3 years.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: One unspayed female dog and her offspring can produce tens of thousands of puppies in only 6 years. This overabundance is the reason 1.2 million dogs are euthanized in US shelters each year. Spay/neutering is the single most effective way to reduce these tragic numbers. We will use the funds from this grant for the spay/neutering of 40 dogs that we rescue from the Shenandoah Valley Animal Services Center (SVASC) in Lyndhurst and Highland County. ADA has helped save nearly 800 dogs from SVASC in recent years and has been instrumental in helping them achieve a commendable high save rate of 95%. We are expanding our efforts in Highland County by working on owner surrenders to get life-long chained dogs into our foster care and also saving hunting dogs that "won't hunt" who have often previously been shot or turned loose in the woods. Our goal for this year is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome 450-475 dogs.

Operating Budget: \$106,530

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation

Fort Defiance, VA
<http://amaalumni.org/>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Alumni Foundation is to preserve the traditions of the Augusta Military Academy and to honor the memory of the life and times of its alumni, faculty, staff, and supporting families through the AMA Museum, the Legacy Scholarship, and the publication of *The Bayonet*. The AMA Foundation oversees the day-to-day business of the museum, maintains official records regarding alumni, and is the official governing body. It maintains the historic and culturally significant museum and all of the artifacts contributed to it. There are currently over 1,300 active alumni, family, and friends of cadets and faculty, many of whom are local residents. The museum itself has over 1,500 visitors annually, including local students, summer campers, and area tourists. The AMA Foundation works to keep this important part of Augusta County history.

Constituents Served: The Foundation primarily serves over 1,300 alumni, many of whom are local, but some reside all over the world. AMA was the first secondary-level military academy in Virginia, and one of the first schools in the country to adopt a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. The school had a major educational, social, and economic impact on this area of the Shenandoah Valley for over 100 years. The Museum was built in the 1870's and the original house has been completely and carefully renovated. It serves 1,500 visitors annually, predominantly adults aged 35-50, but also students and campers.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: There are currently thousand of records and artifacts in storage that need to be accessioned and archived to preserve our community's history. Being able to preserve that history for future generations is imperative to understanding Augusta County's past and shaping its future. We are seeking funding to continue our archival program. These items represent the history and legacy of the Augusta Military Academy, a vital part of Augusta County's history, and in the lives of many local families. The museum itself also serves as an Augusta County landmark, and provides more than a thousand visitors a year with a glimpse of what life was like in a military academy in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Locals, tourists, and students all benefit from this experience.

Charles S. Roller founded Augusta Male Academy in 1874. During the Civil War, he served in Confederate General J. E. B. Stuart's cavalry and during Reconstruction, he was elected to the Virginia General Assembly, the state's legislative body. He introduced military instruction and discipline to his students by 1879, and changed the name of the school to Augusta Military Academy in 1890. AMA was the first secondary-level, military academy in Virginia.

Operating Budget: \$103,480

Program Budget: \$11,140 (\$6,140 already secured)

Augusta Regional Clinic

Fishersville, VA

<http://augustafreeclinic.org/>

Mission & Primary Activities: The Augusta Regional Clinic (ARC) provides health care and related services to those persons, and their families, who are making a sincere effort to support themselves, but who do not have the means to pay for such services. The ARC provides both medical and dental services. The Medical Clinic provides primary care, chronic disease management care, diagnostic services, medications, referrals to specialists, health education, health programs, and limited mental health services to residents of Staunton, Waynesboro, or Augusta County, who do not have health insurance and who meet the basic income eligibility guidelines of 200% of the Federal poverty level. The Dental Clinic is a Medicaid (Famis, Famis Plus, Optima & Virginia Premier) provider for both children and adults. Ultimately, we provide our patients with compassionate, consistent, and high-quality care, and hope for a better tomorrow.

Constituents Served: The Augusta Regional Clinic (ARC) serves patients from the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area of Virginia. The medical clinic serves adult residents who do not have health insurance and who meet the basic income eligibility guidelines of 200% of the Federal poverty level. Over 1,000 individual patients were seen last year with about 4,000 patient visits. The Dental Clinic serves over 2,800 patients a year.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: We are seeking funding for our ORCAS Program (Outreach, Resources, Care and Prevention, Assessments and Sealants). The ORCAS Program was launched in order to find a way to identify and bring in the many children in the community who previously had no dental care. A team from the ARC travels directly to each of our nine local elementary schools annually (between September and May) and sees patients onsite. The team has a traveling setup, with dental chairs, equipment, and supplies specifically for these visits. A dentist and two technicians, in addition to a dental educator, goes on each visit. Because of this, 100% of the 645 children seen annually see both a hygienist and a dentist.

We seek to continue to provide the ORCAS Program in each of local elementary schools in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. We would like to raise the percentage of children treated in each school in the year ahead. The ARC works with school administrators and nurses to especially identify low-income, high risk children. An average of 20% of the kids are seen at each local school annually. They are provided with x-rays, exams, sealants, fluoride, education, and a report to take home to parents. Of the children seen annually, 70% need significant dental work and have no dental home.

Operating Budget: \$1,372,420

Program Budget: \$24,652 (\$14,652 already secured)

Beverley Street Studio School

Staunton, VA
www.bssschoool.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of Beverley Street Studio School (BSSS) is to provide the community a variety of opportunities to explore the world of visual art through practice, professional instruction, and contact with working artists. The School distinguishes itself from other art organizations in the region by offering year-round, non-degree, college-level art classes to the serious art student. In addition to the core curriculum and as part of the School's mission to make art accessible to everyone in the community, BSSS offers: an art gallery with rotating exhibits by professional guest artists, instructors and students; several offsite exhibit opportunities; a high quality Travel Study program; Open Session figure drawing; and numerous free community programs including monitored art discussions, lectures, and peer critiques.

Constituents Served: BSSS welcomes those of all skill level to participate in programs and enjoy art exhibitions. 2016 Participation:

- Classes/workshops: 360
- Conversations about Art: 328
- Open Session: 452
- Travel Study: 30
- Peer Critiques: 72
- Gallery openings: 556
- Book Club: 54
- Exhibits (off-site and Gallery): open to the public

2016 student age range: 40% were 65 and older, 30% ages 51-64, 25% ages 31-50, and 5% ages 9-30. 75% of program participants come from within a 45-minute drive of Staunton; 25% come from Richmond, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Winchester, and Northern Virginia. In 2016, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Florida, and Ohio, were also represented.

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Program Details: Art impacts, inspires, heals, and encourages a healthier way of life. BSSS is a resource to our community and nurtures creative growth. The skills learned, the conversations had, and the dynamic community built in the studios and gallery are unique and enhance the way residents view their town, boosts the downtown economy by attracting visiting artists and art appreciators, and reinforces the message from the City that Staunton is a "vibrant arts destination". The School's diverse palette of programming and pricing (including free and open to the public events), offers opportunities for many types of students; from beginner to advanced, from appreciators to aficionados. Through the QCPA festival and Paint Staunton, BSSS has the potential to showcase art to hundreds of adults and children who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

This year's 25th anniversary is marked by several special events including the second annual Paint Staunton Day. We have a new logo and redesigned website to improve access to information, increase traffic and reduce administration fees. The Biennial Queen City Plein Air Festival is planned for 2018.

Operating Budget: \$190,080

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Verona, VA
www.brafb.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To feed hungry people through a network of community organizations in central and western Virginia, and to engage our communities in the fight to end hunger locally and nationally. Our vision is a hunger-free Virginia in a hunger-free America. We distribute food through our partner agencies. In addition, the Food Bank distributes food through six outreach programs, including Kids Café's (afterschool meals); the Family Backpack Program (food to school children and their families for weekends and holidays); the Summer Food Service Program; the Reach Program for seniors and the disabled who lack transportation; the Mobile Food Pantry and Super Pantry, a nutrition education program.

Constituents Served: We serve all people who need food. Our service region covers 25 counties and 8 cities on either side of the Blue Ridge through distribution centers in Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester and our headquarters in Verona. We provide nutritious food to 114,400 people each month through a far-reaching network of 215 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, churches and other nonprofit groups. Approximately one third of our clients are 18 years of age or younger, fifteen percent are 60 and older and the rest are adults between those age ranges.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: The Food Bank respectfully request support for the distribution of family food bags to approximately 254 households (668 children and 376 adults = 1,044 individuals) participating in the Family Backpack Program at Wenonah, William Perry, and Craigsville Elementary Schools in Waynesboro and Augusta County during the 2017-2018 school year. The goal of the Family Backpack Program is to ensure that all children at risk of hunger in each family have adequate food for times when students are out of school and cannot access school-based feeding programs.

The Food Bank partners with elementary schools that have at least 50% or more of their students receiving free and reduced-price school lunches through the National School Lunch Program. On a weekly basis, volunteer groups pick up food from the Food Bank, pack the food bags and deliver them to the school. School staff provide the students with food bags to take home at the end of the school day each Friday or on the last day before a school vacation. Three times during the year, health and nutrition education materials are distributed with Backpacks, including information SNAP benefits.

Operating Budget: \$7,135,764

Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.

Weyers Cave, VA
www.brcc.edu/edfound/

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the BRCC Educational Foundation is to build community relationships and secure resources to strengthen the programs and services of Blue Ridge Community College. The mission of Blue Ridge Community College is to anticipate the educational needs of the central Shenandoah Valley, providing access to comprehensive academic programs and services. The BRCC Educational Foundation provides both academic and need-based student scholarships, purchases equipment and technology to keep programs state-of-the-art, funds grants to faculty members for instructional innovations, purchases relevant volumes for the Houff Library, assists students in need through the Student Outreach and Resource Center, and much more.

Constituents Served: BRCC's service region includes the counties of Augusta, Highland, and Rockingham, as well as the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro. Students in credit programs at BRCC must have a high school diploma / equivalent, or be 18 years of age or older, and be able to benefit from a program of study at BRCC. In addition, the College offers a number of credit programs that impact younger populations, including dual enrollment, and concurrent enrollment. Finally, BRCC also offers non-credit programs to a wide variety of lifelong learners, from school-age to senior citizens. Spring 2017 credit enrollment is 3,646.

Amount Requested: \$4,395

Program Title: Exploring College with 8th Grade Students at Blue Ridge Community College

Program Details: Blue Ridge Community College exists to help those students who are interested in utilizing education to work toward a better life for themselves and their families. This project will aim to increase rates of post-secondary educational attainment, exposing students to the college experience at a young age.

Middle school students are being required to create a program of study that guides them throughout their high school experience. The difficulty is that many middle school students have not had the exposure to a college campus and to post-secondary educational opportunities. The Exploring College event is a chance for every 8th grade student in Augusta County, Staunton, and Waynesboro to visit Blue Ridge Community College and explore educational opportunities. The event will provide exposure to dual enrollment, financial aid, in-demand careers including health sciences and STEM. Students will also learn about college life and basic college terminology.

If grant funding is known by May 2017, schools in the Greater Augusta service region will be informed of this upcoming opportunity before their school years end. Planning will be undertaken in summer 2017 with supplies purchased and volunteers recruited. The field trip event will take place in October 2017.

Operating Budget: \$627,386

Program Budget: \$4,395

Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.

Harrisonburg, VA

www.brls.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Blue Ridge Legal Services (BRLS) is a nonprofit charitable legal aid society providing free legal assistance in civil matters (i.e., not criminal) of critical importance to low-income residents of the Shenandoah Valley and Roanoke Valley. BRLS is committed to eliminating poverty-based inequities in the civil justice system. We do so through a combination of paid staff (attorneys and paralegals, etc.) and volunteer attorneys who accept referred clients from us on a pro bono basis. Our free legal assistance ranges from advice and limited service (such as drafting wills) to representation in negotiations and litigation in state and federal courts and administrative agencies.

Constituents Served: As a general rule, residents of our service area (Shenandoah and Roanoke valley) whose household income is less than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible. For households with incomes of less than 200% of the poverty guidelines, we deduct certain expenses to see if their adjusted net income falls below 125% of the poverty guidelines. Last year we assisted 2,378 clients, of whom 409 lived in the Staunton, Augusta County, Waynesboro area. Program-wide, 25 were under age 18, 1850 were ages 18-59, and 503 were ages 60 or older.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: We seek funding to continue to make free legal assistance more accessible to low-income senior citizens of Staunton, Augusta County, and Waynesboro ("SAW") in matters of critical importance to their autonomy, their quality of life, and their safety and security. The requested allocation would fund the provision of free legal assistance to an additional 10-13 low-income SAW senior citizens over the grant year, folks who might otherwise fall through the cracks due to our limited resources. The project is a continuing one which funds a half-time elderly-services attorney at BRLS. It promotes equal access to justice for low-income older adults, addressing the most pressing legal problems confronting them, including wills, powers of attorney, guardianship, financial exploitation, nursing home problems, protecting their homes, possessions and limited savings while dealing with debts, access to health care, and eligibility for government assistance programs.

Operating Budget: \$2,558,394

Program Budget: \$57,000

Blue Ridge Medical Center

Arrington, VA
www.brmedical.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Mission of Blue Ridge Medical Center is to provide patient-centered quality health care to all people in Nelson County and surrounding communities; and to improve their general health and well-being through prevention, education, and treatment. BRMC provides primary care, including pediatrics as well as family medicine. The center also provides behavioral health services and dental services, which are fully integrated with primary care services. X-ray, physical therapy, lab, and pharmacy services are available on site. Enabling services provided by our patient advocates and our Rural Health Outreach Program include transportation, medical interpretation for non-English speakers, case management, education support groups, and telehealth.

Constituents Served: Anyone can receive health care at Blue Ridge Medical Center. The services of the Rural Health Outreach Program (RHOP), including the Latino Outreach Program, target people who are low income and experience access barriers to health care and/or disparate health outcomes due to those barriers to care. Eligibility for some RHOP services as well as the BRMC sliding fee scale is based on income. People whose incomes are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for free or discounted health care throughout the center. To qualify, individuals complete an application and provide proof of income.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: Latino Outreach Program Services

Program Details: The Latino Outreach Program impacts lasting patient outcomes such as being seen within the first trimester of pregnancy, improved HA1c results, and other improved quality of care measures. Our Rural Health Outreach Program offers a variety of services through its Latino Outreach Program to address the needs of the population and to equalize disparities in access to care as well as health outcome measures. To do this, we need to go where program recipients live and work, including migrant and seasonal farmworker camps and worksites. We need paid health care professionals and support staff who are bilingual and culturally competent. We need medical and office supplies. We need to measure population trends as well as individual health issues. We need to coordinate our services with other service organizations.

- Camps visited for outreach and total number of clients contacted: 14 camps, 325 clients
- Mobile Unit Visits with medical provider (includes DOL physicals): 6 camps, 48 patients
- Camp Health Depots: 9 depots, 86 BP/BS screens
- Follow -up Home Visits: 63 visits
- BRMC new patient Registrations and Slide Applications: 41
- Case Management: 589 encounters
- Hispanic Community Day: 175 attendees, 22 BP/BS screens
- Volunteer hours: 107 hours

Operating Budget: \$7,890,334

Program Budget: \$150,650 (\$112,985 already secured)

Boys & Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County

Waynesboro, VA
openthebluedoor.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Boys & Girls Club provides area youth with a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, and life-enhancing programs and character development experiences. We offer hope and opportunity year-round through our Afterschool and Summer Camp Programs.

Constituents Served: All area youth, ages 5-18, are eligible for our services. We offer programs for kids and teens year-round in both Staunton and Waynesboro, as well as coordinated outreach events (seasonally) in August County. In 2016, we served 404 members, including children and young adults in:

Kindergarten: 52 members	7th grade: 25 members
1st grade: 55 members	8th grade: 17 members
2nd grade: 68 members	9th grade: 2 members
3rd grade: 50 members	10th grade: 3 members
4th grade: 57 members	11th grade: 2 members
5th grade: 43 members	12th grade: 2 members
6th grade: 28 members	

Amount Requested: \$7,000

Program Details: The Boys & Girls Club is requesting funding for support of 22 Summer Camp scholarships to assist low-income families with covering the costs of 8 weeks of childcare during the 2017 summer season. During the out-of-school months, at-risk youth are in even greater need of a safe environment, enriching activities, hot meals and mentorship.

Through our 8-week program this summer, we will offer diverse and creative activities to roughly 175 area youth. Offerings will include trips to the local pool, stimulating experiences with community partners like Project Grows, YMCA, local libraries, visits to a variety of educational destinations, and a wide array of guest speakers and teachers from our community. As always, our programs strive to develop a foundation of healthy lifestyles, civic engagement, community leadership, and provides a summer academic bridge for the area youth who need us most.

Operating Budget: \$439,800

Program Budget: \$20,480 (\$3,000 already secured)

CASA for Children

Staunton, VA

<http://casa4children.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: CASA for Children exists to promote and protect the best interest of abused or neglected children involved in the juvenile courts, by training volunteers to advocate for them in courts, in schools and in our community to help them find safe, permanent and loving homes. To do so, CASA volunteers collect information from all parties within a child's life and compile a court report for the Juvenile and Domestic Court Judge. CASA's Court report is the most comprehensive report that the court will receive on the child's case. Better informed decisions lead to better outcomes.

Constituents Served: Children up to the age of 18, who have been victims of abuse and neglect are eligible for our services. In some case, the Juvenile Judge allows us to serve a young person until she/he becomes 21. CASA served 106 children in FY16 in our service areas, including children:

Ages 0-5: 42

Ages 6-11: 36

Ages 12-15: 17

Ages 16-17: 10

Ages 18+: 1

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: In Staunton, Augusta, Waynesboro (SAW) there are approximately 150 children in Foster Care at any given time because they were sexually, physically or emotionally abused and neglected. All of these children were living below 125% of the poverty line. Many of them are victims of abuse and neglect again, while they are in the foster system under the custody of the state. All of them are less likely to finish school or go to college, more likely to commit a crime, experience homelessness, develop PTSD, become alcohol and substance dependent, and be unemployed. Our current capacity allows us to offer a CASA Volunteer to only 50 of these children. Because of their CASA Volunteer's advocacy, these 50 children are 50% less likely to suffer abuse and neglect again, more likely to finish school, go to college, and receive mental health services to treat their trauma.

Our most important goal for FY18 in the SAW area is to hire another Advocate Manager. We currently only have one part-time advocate manager, which allows us to train and supervise 15 volunteer advocates who serve up to 50 children a year. Hiring a new full-time advocate manager would allow us to increase our service capacity close to 150 children yearly.

Operating Budget: \$267,763

Cat's Cradle of the Shenandoah Valley, Inc.

Harrisonburg, VA
www.catscradleva.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Cat's Cradle seeks to ensure a safe and compassionate community for cats by decreasing the intake of healthy, adoptable animals at area shelters. We do this through spay/neuter, rescue/foster/adoption, and pet retention programs (the latter including medical assistance, pet food assistance, short-term boarding assistance and behavioral counseling). We have three primary programs:

1. Spay/Neuter Program - - we facilitate spay/neuter of owned cats and TNR of feral colonies, providing funding for those who cannot afford clinic prices and trapping/transport assistance as needed.
2. Rescue/Foster/Adoption - - we rescue cats and kittens from area shelters, foster them with volunteers, fully vet them, and adopt them locally or transport them to no-kill adoption partner rescues.
3. Pet Retention - - we offer behavioral counseling, as well as financial assistance to keep pets with their families (help with vet fees, pet food assistance, short-term boarding).

Constituents Served: Cat's Cradle's spay/neuter financial assistance program and our pet retention programs serve primarily low-income and at-risk families and citizens in our service area; however, our rescue/foster/adoption and humane/behavioral counseling and education programs are open to all.

Amount Requested: \$7,500

Program Details: Cat's Cradle is seeking support for our efforts to keep people and their pets together, which not only aids families and single elderly, disabled, veterans, and victims of domestic violence and abuse in our communities by helping them keep their companion animals, but it also helps reduce shelter intake at our public intake shelter, to reduce the number of animals euthanized there each year. This grant will target pet owners in the five zip codes which represent the highest numbers of cats surrendered by owners to our local shelter, affording them financial assistance to help with the costs of spay/neuter, medical assistance, pet food assistance, short-term boarding assistance, or other assistance needed for them to keep their pets instead of surrendering them to the shelter. In this way, we enhance quality of life for humans and animals.

Our goals for 2017-2018 include facilitating the spay/neuter of over 2,000 cats and kittens, targeting high intake zip codes throughout our service area to make the biggest impact on reducing shelter intake. We also seek to increase the pet retention assistance we can provide to pet owners who need financial or logistical help to keep their pets. Often these are vulnerable members of the community (low-income, elderly, disabled, victims of domestic violence, etc.).

Operating Budget: \$376,500

Program Budget: \$30,000 (\$15,000 already secured)

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Annapolis, MD
<http://www.cbf.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is to protect and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the abundance and diversity of its living resources. Our two principle goals are to improve water quality by reducing nutrient pollution and to train Bay constituents to take an effective role in restoration and protection of our natural resources

Constituents Served: The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) works with all communities and people within the six-state Chesapeake Bay watershed. Through our advocacy, agricultural stewardship, education, and outreach programs, we served nearly 100,000 people last year, from pre-school through senior citizens, including several hundred farmers through Ag stewardship programs, more than 30,000 students, teachers, and adults in our education programs, and almost 60,000 volunteers who helped us implement agricultural best management practices, clean up hundreds of tons of waste from our streams, plant several million oysters in the Bay, and engage decision-makers at all levels.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: CBF's Headwaters Agricultural Stewardship Project (HASP) is a 3-year project supported by VA DEQ funding that will focus on two watersheds located primarily in Augusta County, Virginia: Christians Creek and South River (a small portion of the Lower South River extends into neighboring Rockingham County). These waterways are in violation of the state's water quality standard for bacteria and the general standard for aquatic life use. In the course of this 3-year project we will install approximately 30,000 linear feet of stream exclusion fencing, establish 23 acres of riparian buffers, convert 300 acres to rotational grazing, and restore 200 linear feet of streambank. Additionally, during 2017-18 we will host five community events about the economic and environmental benefits of AG BMPs; host two Educational Field Days to showcase existing BMPs and enroll new participants; provide two public educational presentations on AG BMPs; and host two volunteer workdays to help install achieve HASP goals.

Agriculture continues to be the largest source of nitrogen pollution entering the Bay each year. Rockingham County is the top producer of dairy and poultry in Virginia. Augusta County is ranked second in those categories and ranked first in farm acres and farm size for the state. Our HASP project targets two of Virginia's largest concentrations of agricultural operations, continues the work of our Agricultural Stewardship Management Initiative, and will address two of the more polluted streams in the region.

Operating Budget: \$25,863,431

Program Budget: \$703,744 (\$391,203 already secured)

Children's Art Network, Inc.

Staunton, VA

www.childrensartnetwork.com

Mission & Primary Activities: The Children's Art Network delivers engaging art experiences to children in the Shenandoah Valley region. We bring art and cultural opportunities that support the VA Standards of Learning in Art, History, Geography and Language Arts to elementary school aged children. Through the Traveling Studio, we take our programs directly to the students' classrooms. They are hands on, innovative, visual learning experiences. They are not intended to replace in-class curriculum, but rather to enhance them. Each program has a lesson plan at the beginning followed by time to create three works of art using different media to support the lesson of the day. We make learning fun.

Constituents Served: Any elementary school, public, private or home school group located in Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County or Bath County school districts are eligible to enroll in our programs as long as they have 10 students. The group must be able to provide a space where the programs may be presented as we travel to them rather than them to us. During the 2015-16 school year, 3,527 students participated in 11 programs which we presented in their own classrooms. Students were between the ages of 5 and 12.

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Program Details: We are asking for \$1 per child, up to 6,000 students, to reduce the price that local students pay for our Traveling Studio Programs from \$5 to \$4. The price reduction helps families. Many of the students in our area are recipients of free and reduced lunch. Teachers in our schools tell us that the price is often a hardship on the family of the student.

The expected outcomes from our programs are: to offer children more experiences in seeing and appreciating art and people from other cultures, giving them an opportunity to create art and use their creativity using different mediums, to help them understand that ancient civilizations have made an impact on our world today, to have them listen and follow directions in a group setting and to support information that they have learned in their classrooms. Our evaluations show that we are successful in doing this.

Operating Budget: \$56,010

ComfortCare Women's Health

Staunton, VA
supportcc.org

Mission & Primary Activities: ComfortCare Women's Health is a life-affirming, non-profit medical clinic that empowers women to make healthy life choices. ComfortCare exists to promote the value of life through the love of Jesus Christ by providing limited medical services for early pregnancy and reproductive issues, promoting healing from pregnancy outcomes. ComfortCare provides services for women before, during and after unplanned pregnancy. Before: We provide KISSN, an abstinence program offered to local schools and youth groups. During: We provide free pregnancy testing, confirmation ultrasound, and STI testing. A trained patient advocate and licensed nurse meet with each patient. Our staff offers hope, compassion, and necessary resources so each woman leaves ComfortCare knowing she is educated and equipped to make a healthy decision for her future. After: We provide HEART (Healing Emotions and Renewing the Heart), an 8-week bible study offering hope and healing to women with an abortion in their past.

Constituents Served: With three operational clinics, the geographical areas we serve include Augusta and Rockbridge Counties, including the cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Lexington, where our three clinics are located. In our last fiscal year of 2016, we served a total of 473 distinct clients, including clients under the age of 15 (2), ages 15-19 (85), ages 20-24 (173), ages 25-29 (129), and ages 30+ (84).

Amount Requested: \$3,500

Program Title: STI Testing Collection Site

Program Details: We see an at-risk population who are not very compliant with follow-up appointments especially at a different facility, the Public Health Department. To offer patients STI testing during their appointment is very effective in getting at-risk individuals tested. As a result, we can address our patient's physical health, but this service will allow us to have conversations about their at-risk behaviors and help them see where change is needed. We would like to be known as the sexual health experts in our community, meaning that whenever there are questions or concerns, we will be the first one they call. By building trust, a relationship is present, and if there is a crisis pregnancy in their future, they will know where to turn. We are scheduled to begin training in March and will complete in May. We will then train our nurses in June and July. We will look to start offering the expanded STI services to our patients in August and offer the STI clinic dates in September.

Operating Budget: \$534,762

Program Budget: \$3,500

Community Child Care

Staunton, VA

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide safe, affordable, quality child care to the children of Staunton and surrounding communities. Community Child Care offers scholarships and a sliding fee scale to at risk families. This allows the center to target and support families by providing protective factors such as quality care for their children. By partnering with Virginia Quality the center is able to bring the professional development of teachers and administration above the basics of VA state licensing. In addition, as a part of this partnership curriculum is aligned with the Dept. of Educations Milestones for children.

Constituents Served: Any child between the ages of 2 years to 11 years that lives in the greater Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro area. Total number of children served by the center for 2016 is 85 of which 85% are at or below federal poverty guidelines.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: 85% of the children served at the center are at or below the federal poverty guide lines, receive a scholarship, meet USDA qualifications or qualify for DSS subsidy for childcare. By giving these children access to quality early childhood education and care they will be ready to learn upon entering into kindergarten, giving them a opportunity for success in completing their education goals.

Many of the children continue on in our after-school program instead of becoming latch-key children, enabling them to receive homework support and engage in other enrichment activities.

Currently our building is in need of general and preventive maintenance especially in the bathroom, classroom and kitchen areas. This would include updating and replacing old and outdated plumbing fixtures, maintenance of industrial stove/oven hood, and new air-conditioning units for the two pre-school classrooms, one after-school room, and two offices.

Operating Budget: \$313,068

Creative Works Farm

Crimora, VA

www.campLIGHT.org, www.creativeworksfarm.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To show kids with special needs and circumstances that life is only limited by their imagination, and to give them new tools and skills, along with love and support, to inspire them to become anything they can dream. CWF operates Camp LIGHT, a summer camp program for children ages 6-17 with special needs diagnoses and at risk youth during the summer months. Our summer camp activities focus on areas that encourage our campers to be active, learn about healthy living, and empower them to learn new skills that will make a positive impact in their lives. Skill focus includes social skills, teamwork and communication, self esteem, gross and fine motor, cognitive function, and more. The activities revolve around these core categories: sports, nature exploration, nutrition and gardening, animal therapy, sensory therapy, and the arts.

Constituents Served: We serve children ages 6-17 with special needs diagnoses and at risk youth in the Staunton, Augusta County, Waynesboro area and surrounding counties (including Harrisonburg / Charlottesville areas). For the 2016 summer camp season, we served 115 campers with 40 different diagnoses or special circumstances. Our special needs diagnoses included autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, diabetes, seizure disorder, and many others. Our at risk youth included children in foster care, history of past abuse, have a parent incarcerated, and other situations. Campers come at no cost to their families.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: CWF operates Camp LIGHT, a summer camp for children with special needs and at risk youth. We provide an experience for many children who would not normally be able to attend a mainstream camp, with a program that is adapted to their unique needs and circumstances. Activities focus on areas that encourage our campers to be active, learn about healthy living and empower them to learn new skills that will make a positive impact in their lives. During camp, campers will engage in many activities to improve social, cognitive, and motor skills. Because we offer the camp at no cost to the family, many campers that live in low income households are able to attend without the burden of the costs usually affiliated with summer camp. It also allows parents and caregivers a bit of well needed respite knowing their children are in a caring and safe environment.

Our goals for 2017 including the completion of our barn for additional programs/activities, the addition of new activities that will enhance our current program, and outreach to other organizations to build partnerships that will benefit our campers (e.g., therapy students from Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences have partnered with us for a community practicum project for the spring of 2017 to focus on ways to benefit campers with Sensory Processing Disorder).

Operating Budget: \$186,000

Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery

Harrisonburg, VA
www.c2bir.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To improve the quality of life for those affected by brain injury by ensuring that individuals and their caregivers have access to the information, resources and services they need to lead independent and productive lives. Crossroads provides comprehensive case management, life skills training and behavioral supports for persons with brain injury. Annually, we serve about 65-70 individuals. Approximately half of these individuals reside in the greater Augusta County area.

Constituents Served: Children, youth and adults who have a documented acquired or traumatic brain injury who reside in our service area (Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge and Rockingham counties and cities therein) are eligible for our services. Last year, we served 65 unique individuals (7 children/youth; 19 aged 21-49; 25 aged 50-69; and 2 aged over 70).

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Program Details: Every 23 seconds, an individual in the U.S. sustains a traumatic brain injury (TBI). According to the Brain Injury Association of Virginia and based on Virginia Trauma Registry statistics, 9,435 individuals who reside in our 5-county area were admitted to hospitals for TBI's and strokes during the past year (April 2015-March 2016). Of those, 5,952 were admitted for TBI's. Though the vast majority of these injuries were considered "mild," they do not include statistics of people who were treated and released without being admitted to a hospital. TBI is the leading cause of disability in people under age 40 worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. Many people with brain injuries need long-term services and supports. The Virginia Statewide TBI Action Plan highlights the need for services such as those provided by Crossroads to help bridge the gap in services and help individuals maximize independence.

Our program goal is to increase the quality of life for persons with brain injury by: (1) increasing self-sufficiency and independence; (2) increasing participation in meaningful, productive activities in the community; and (3) ensuring physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Specifically, Crossroads will provide intensive case management, life skills training and behavior supports; utilize an inter-professional team to assess and make treatment recommendations; provide/provide for more in-depth evaluations; obtain and train individuals on use of assistive technology and compensatory strategies; and provide team building and education.

Operating Budget: \$273,610

Daily Living Center

Waynesboro, VA

www.dailylivingcenter.com

Mission & Primary Activities: Our mission is to maximize individual independence, dignity, and quality of life for adults, as well as for their caregivers, by providing exceptional adult day health care, advocacy, and education. The DLC has been serving the Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County area for 29 years. The center provides socialization and recreational activities in a safe, structured and warm environment, medical care by licensed professionals, hot noon meal and snacks with a staff to client ratio of 6 to 1. The DLC is invaluable in providing the community with safe, professional care for adults while allowing their caregivers and families a much needed respite or to continue to work outside the home and remain financially solvent.

Constituents Served: Adults 18 and over with a debilitating disease who requires medical supervision and/or an individual who is not capable of fully independent living at home, but does not require 24-hour nursing care. Payment eligibility includes private pay, Medicaid reimbursement through the EDCD waiver, Elderly or Disabled with Consumer Direction, and we are contracted through the Veterans Administration to serve eligible veterans. We served 52 people last year, including: ages 20-40 (8), ages 41-60 (6), age 61-80 (18), ages 80 and older (20).

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: The DLC is seeking funding to provide fee assistance for participants who do not qualify for other funding and to supplement funding source shortfalls, which include our low-income Medicaid participants. Many of our participants could not attend the DLC without supplemental assistance, impacting the financial and mental well-being of the participants and their caregivers. The DLC is invaluable in providing the community with safe, professional care for adults while allowing their caregivers and families a much needed respite or to continue to work outside the home and remain financially solvent. There are no other licensed programs or services in the Staunton, Augusta County, and Waynesboro Area that offer the same services as the DLC. Other options for families of adult dependents are considerably more expensive. The DLC provides high-quality care for 50% of the cost of a home health care aide and 30% of the cost of a nursing home.

Operating Budget: \$398,626

Disciples Kitchen, Inc.

Waynesboro, VA
discipleskitchen.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The primary mission is to feed the hungry in Waynesboro. To fulfill this mission, we offer a hot meal 4 times a week in East Waynesboro to anyone in need. Food is donated, prepared and served by more than 20 serving teams from area churches and civic organizations. Leftovers are distributed for take out. In 2016, we served a total of 10,954 meals at our two locations.

Constituents Served: Anyone who comes for a meal may receive one providing only that they adhere to behavioral expectations. We request name, age and gender for tracking, but these are not required. There is no means or religious test. For the calendar year 2016, we served at least 397 people: 8% under 5 years of age; 10% ages 6-18 years; 75% ages 19-65 years; and 7% over age 65.

Amount Requested: \$2,063

Program Details: 99% of our clients reside in Waynesboro. In addition to sustaining our meal program, our goals for 2017 include increasing our base of small donations in conjunction with celebrating our tenth anniversary.

Operating Budget: \$10,673

Program Budget: \$2,063

Elk Hill Farm, Inc.

Goochland, VA

www.elkhill.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Elk Hill enables children and families to transform overwhelming challenges into successful futures. Through specialized education, community based services and residential treatment programs, children and families can discover the academic, vocational, behavioral, and relationship skills they need to be successful. Our suite of specialized education and mental health services includes:

- Residential Services: Four group homes that provide 24-hour therapeutic treatment, structured support and life skills training.
- Specialized Schools: Three schools that provide therapeutic and individualized education. This includes reading intervention (Literacy for Life) and workforce development (Education for Employment) components.
- Community-Based Services: Provide children and their families a combination of educational and mental health services at their homes and in their schools. This includes our summer camps that follow a unique model that combines academics, enrichment activities, and mental health services.

Constituents Served: Elk Hill serves youth ages 4-18 in Central Virginia, from New Kent County to the Shenandoah Valley. However, all youth throughout the state of Virginia, who are in need of emotional, mental, behavioral, and educational support are eligible for services. Last fiscal year Elk Hill served 518 youth, including 13 ages 0-4, 101 ages 5-10, 197 ages 11-14, and 207 ages 15-18. We maintain a 7:1 student--to--teacher ratio and a staff of experienced educators and mental health professionals that design individualized plans and support students progress.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Studies show youth with emotional and behavioral challenges are more likely to be unemployed than any other disability area. Similarly, youth leaving foster care suffer over 50% unemployment. Because of the population we serve, our students are more vulnerable to this linked set of poor vocational and life outcomes. Elk Hill's Education for Employment (EFE) program will be offered to students grades 8th -12th. This program will follow our school calendar, beginning in September 2017 and go through June 2018. Students will receive at least 50 minutes per day dedicated to career and technical education. This comprehensive program includes:

- Online Workforce Development Software: Career exploration and work-readiness software that will aid in the development of career-minded youth and will support our EFE curriculum.
- Work Co-op: Students will be offered paid positions under the mentorship of trained Elk Hill staff.
- Cool Jobs Initiative: You can't be what you can't see. Elk Hill's Cool Job initiative will help our students see the possibilities for their future. Throughout the school year our students will have a variety of opportunities to explore different career paths by meeting with industry leaders and touring different company facilities.
- Workplace readiness: Students develop core competencies, tools to navigate individualized career paths, and the basic skills to securing a job.

Operating Budget: \$10,175,563

Program Budget: \$24,121

Explore More Discovery Museum

Harrisonburg, VA
www.iexploremore.com

Mission & Primary Activities: Explore More Discovery Museum's mission is to engage young minds through interactive, multi-sensory learning experiences that promote greater understanding of themselves and the world. Explore More provides an environment that promotes early literacy, creativity and critical thinking skills, nurtures childhood and family, supports the school learning standards and reaches out to serve children of all backgrounds and abilities. Led by a 17-member Board of Directors, this 501(c)(3) organization annually hosts 60,000 visitors and offers 11 hands-on exhibit galleries. Exhibits are the backbone of Explore More's mission, and programs extend the learning through weekly activities, enrichment workshops and an extensive field trip program based on VA Standards of Learning. Explore More regularly partners with local organizations and universities to offer experiences

Constituents Served: Explore More is a place for all children and their families, with a focus on children up to the age of 12, and hopes to increase attendance from tweens. About 50% of visitors are under the age of 12. 75% of museum visitors come from Virginia, with the majority coming from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham region and the greater Augusta region. 25% of visitors come from 42 different states and countries including Germany, Canada, China and England. Scholarship opportunities exist to ensure that every child has access to Explore More's rich learning environment through field trips, memberships, and enrichment classes and camps.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Title: Community Maker Space

Program Details: Explore More Discovery Museum (EMDM) is seeking support to transform a new 1,250 sq. ft. classroom/exhibit area into a Community Maker Space. The Maker Space will encompass the values of collaboration, innovation, risk-taking, creativity, and personalized learning. One of our primary goals is to provide entry points to creative problem solving at an early age. In addition to serving EMDM's target maker audience (upper elementary/middle school), we anticipate connectivity between participants of all ages. New York Science Institute in 2013 noted that 5% of U.S. Workers are in science and engineering, yet these fields account for 50% of all job expansion. With an identified future shortage of STEM workers, EMDM seeks to engage youth early to explore these careers.

This learning laboratory will feature work stations, tools, and materials that enable participants to investigate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) topics through hands-on exploration. It is our goal to expand our current high school and college mentoring partnerships to sustain and expand the scope of the Maker Space.

Operating Budget: \$465,000

Program Budget: \$174,920 (\$113,850 already secured)

Friends of the Augusta County Library

Fishersville, VA
www.friendsofACL.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Friends of the Augusta County Library advocate and raise funds to support the Augusta County Library. We envision a superior public library system with adequate resources and facilities to anticipate and respond to the changing needs of the Augusta County community. For more than 35 years, the Friends have supported programming, staff professional development, technology and other needs of the Augusta County Library.

- We support literacy programs for children, including weekly storytimes, summer reading programs, STEAM programs, and Puppet Pandemonium.
- We provide copiers, printers and fax machines for public use in all library locations.
- We purchase materials for craft activities, lectures and exhibits for adult audiences.
- We support training opportunities for staff including memberships to professional organizations, conference registrations, and guest trainers for staff day.
- We maintain garden and reading spaces at all library locations.

Constituents Served: Our sole mission is to support the Augusta County Library, which serves the general public in both Augusta County and all of Virginia. In our previous fiscal year, over 30,000 reference questions were asked, and patrons checked out around 400,000 items (52% adult materials and 48% children's materials). Around 29% of Augusta County residents have library cards, allowing us to serve more than 22,000 individuals, including 5,658 ages 18 and under, 3,576 ages 19-29, 2,727 ages 30-39, 2,686 ages 40-49, 2,522 ages 50-59, 3,761 ages 60 and older, and another 1,093 who did not provide their date of birth.

Amount Requested: \$2,000

Program Details: Our support of the Augusta County Library provides internet access, educational material, job application resources, reference resources, programs and learning experiences and more to both children and adults. Our contributions to the library work towards making sure everyone has equal opportunities and the resources necessary to succeed. For example, in FY2016, the library helped more than 132 individuals with resumes and job applications, and overall, there were 25,753 user sessions of public internet computers. There were 738 total library programs, and 18,109 children and teens attended their respective programs.

Our most important goals are in regards to library patrons. We want the patrons of the Augusta County Library to have the best materials at their disposal, including books, DVDs, playaways, computers, classes, and more. Over the next fiscal year, we would like to expand our reach with new advertising options, updated technology, and new and continuing programs for all ages.

Operating Budget: \$29,120

Garth Newel Music Center

Warm Springs, VA
www.garthnewel.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of Garth Newel is to share, explore and celebrate the infinite variety of chamber music in an intimate setting of natural beauty. This mission is nourished and sustained through high-quality performances, educational programs, and personal interaction among musicians and guests. Garth Newel Music Center [GNMC] is home to the Garth Newel Piano Quartet, one of the few resident full time piano quartets in the country. GNMC also provides public concerts by the resident quartet and visiting artists that span a wide range of styles. In addition, our education programs include the Emerging Artist Program for outstanding young instrumentalists (ages 18-26), the Amateur Chamber Music Workshop for adults, and the Allegheny Mountain String Project which is the only comprehensive string program available to the regional communities including Highland, Bath and Alleghany Counties.

Constituents Served: The concerts are held at Garth Newel Music Center in Hot Springs, VA and the audience of 4,225 people (majority adults) comes from roughly a day's drive in all directions. We have a large regular audience from both Bath and Highland counties and see many one-time and repeat guests from the Mid-Atlantic region. The education programs serve all ages as: Amateur Chamber Music Retreat (long weekend), roughly 14-20 adults each year; The Emerging Artist program (4 week program), roughly 12-16 college students per year; The Allegheny Mountain String Project (year round), 40-50 K-12 students per year.

Amount Requested: \$3,050

Program Details: The Allegheny Mountain String Project has a strong presence in Highland County. Where there are limited opportunities for local students, we have created the first and only comprehensive strings program that is available to everyone (public or home schooled) regardless of economic background with our scholarship program. Opportunities include private instruction, ensembles and a youth orchestra. String education is linked to brain development in connection to spatial reasoning which improves problem solving, mathematical and organization skills. It improves language skills and vocabulary while playing in ensembles encourages teamwork. Our curriculum also includes historic context for songs we study helping students realize the value of music in society and making the world a better place. The program partners with and supports The Highland Center by holding our activities there and creates a local job for our instructor.

We strive for a diverse community with music as the common thread. To achieve this we need continued support for our scholarship program and funding for costs that would be passed to families (teaching and performance space). Scholarships are need-based and our policy is to never turn a child away. We also request funding to help send Highland County students to the creative strings workshop held in Clifton Forge 2017.

Operating Budget: \$1,071,624

Program Budget: \$86,505 (\$61,580 already secured)

Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, Inc.

Roanoke, VA
www.gsvsc.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouts provides girls not only fun and friendships, but also courage, confidence and character. In Girl Scouts, girls find a safe place to grow and share new experiences, learn new skills, develop values, and perform service within their local communities. Our program emphasis is on Business and Financial Literacy, Outdoor Adventure, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and Healthy Living.

Constituents Served: Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline serves over 6,000 girls, age 5 to 17, and 3,300 adult volunteers in a 36-county area within Central, Southside, Southwest and Western Virginia. Our council's headquarters is located in Roanoke City. The Skyline Girl Scout Shop is also located at our headquarters. We enjoy three camp properties: Camp Icimani in Roanoke County, Camp Sacajawea in Bedford County and Camp Sugar Hollow in Albemarle County. Last fiscal year we served 4,176 elementary school girls, 1,078 middle school girls, 639 high school girls and 262 girls who did not identify a grade.

Amount Requested: \$3,200

Program Title: Girl Scout Outreach in Staunton, Augusta, and Waynesboro

Program Details: The Boys & Girls Club Kidz Zone in Waynesboro wishes to add a Girl Scout component to their afterschool program. Virginia Skyline feels the program will be beneficial to the girls who participate at the Boys & Girls Club.

Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouts develops life skills in girls, primarily by engaging girls and teaching them to apply a learning and decision-making process, rather than by directing them to participate in any specified type of activity. All Girl Scout activities are designed so that girls will:

- Decide what they want to learn and what activities they want to do (girl-driven).
- Work in small groups and teams to discuss, debate, discover, practice, and teach (cooperative learning).
- Reflect on their activities and use experience to guide further plans and actions (experiential learning).

Our program emphasis is on STEM, healthy living, outdoor adventure and financial literacy, which enables girls to build social and emotional skills, gives them the opportunity to exhibit anti-bullying behavior and develop confidence and leadership skills. The council will implement a Girl Scout outreach troop at the Boys & Girls Club, holding weekly program sessions on-site during the school year for girls who register to participate. A trained council staff member will plan and execute each program session. GSVSC plans to recruit and register girls during the month of September 2017 and begin weekly program sessions in October 2017 that continue through May 2018. We anticipate holding 25 sessions.

Operating Budget: \$2,364,032

Program Budget: \$4,200

Girls on the Run of Central Virginia

Lynchburg, VA

www.girlsontheruncenva.org

Mission & Primary Activities: We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. At Girls on the Run of Central Virginia we inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Trained coaches lead small teams through our research-based curricula which includes dynamic discussions, activities and running games. Over the course of the ten-week program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event.

Constituents Served: All girls ages 8-14 are eligible to take part in the Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole Programs. Girls on the Run of Central VA is proud to serve Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bedford, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, Orange, Prince Edward and Rockbridge Counties, along with the cities of Bedford, Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Lexington, Lynchburg, Staunton and Waynesboro. In 2016, 1021 girls, ages 8-10, and 76 girls ages 11-14 were served.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Girls on the Run inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based Curriculum which creatively integrates running. GOTR's 10 week curriculum incorporates Lerner's 5 C's plus 1 - lessons targeting the promotion of competence, confidence, connections, character and caring and contribution to the greater good of society. Physical activity is woven into the program to inspire an appreciation of fitness and to build habits that lead to a lifetime of health. The culminating experience of the program is a celebratory, non-competitive 5k event that provides girls with a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. Established in 2005, Girls on the Run of Central Virginia is an Independent Council of Girls on the Run International, and serves 15 counties in CenVA including Nelson and Augusta counties.

GOTR CenVA is committed to bringing the GOTR program to any girl wishing to participate. Existing program include Riverheads and Stuarts Draft Elementary schools and Rockfish River and Tye River Elementary schools in Nelson County. Our goal is to continue these programs and expand into the other elementary schools of Augusta County, including the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro. Each team of 8-15 girls has a cost of \$2500. The families pay a fee based on family income, which does not always cover the cost per girl. No girl has ever been turned away due to an inability to pay.

Operating Budget: \$220,000

Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc.

Glen Allen, VA

grasp4va.org

Mission & Primary Activities: GRASP helps students and families, regardless of financial resources and at no charge, develop an educational plan by assisting them with the financial aid process; awarding and administering scholarships; inspiring them to believe that secondary and post-secondary education are attainable; and supporting them during the completion of their educational goals. GRASP fills a specific need in a high school by educating students about how to fund post-secondary education and providing hands-on help to follow through with the required applications. This is an involved process made more complicated by an array of deadlines and necessary information. In-school advisors work within high school counseling departments where they are welcomed for their particular expertise in post-secondary financial aid. Besides In-School Advising, grant area students will have access to GRASP's other Key Programs: Early Commitment, Summer Melt, College Success, Last Dollar Scholarships and 2+2 Scholarships.

Constituents Served: All high school students in Augusta, Highland, Nelson, Staunton, and Waynesboro, and their parents or guardians (and grandparents) are eligible for GRASP's services. Last fiscal year, GRASP helped 732 students from these schools, of whom 58% came from families with extreme financial need. Most students were age 17 or 18 years of age, 53 were 16, 11 were 15, and one was 14. While most of these students were high school seniors, 116 of the 732 students were enrolled in the Early Commitment program where they started working with their GRASP advisor in 9th or 10th Grade.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: In the last three years, 2,100 Central Blue Ridge students were helped by GRASP advisors. 55% were low-income. GRASP awarded \$137,000 in scholarships to high school seniors or those completing their post-secondary degrees. Advisors at Gap, Nelson, Lee, Draft, and Highland mentored a cohort of students starting in tenth grade through SOAR Virginia®, a program created and funded by Virginia529 College Savings PlanSM to inspire and assist high school students to reach their post-secondary education goals. This program encourages post-secondary education through a three-year mentoring process that promotes community service, good grades, appropriate behavior, and regular school attendance. 98% of participants graduated from high school. Since 2010, GRASP's implementation brought \$305,250 in scholarships to students in these schools who qualify for Free or Reduced lunch. Financial aid yield per dollar invested in GRASP was \$154 in 2016.

Operating Budget: \$1,205,208

Program Budget: \$136,533

Heifetz International Music Institute

Staunton, VA

<http://www.heifetzinstitute.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Heifetz International Music Institute is to develop the expressive potential of every performer. Through the innovative and cross-disciplinary Heifetz Performance & Communication Training, the Institute teaches musicians to communicate the emotion of music, beyond mere technical agility and beautiful playing, to explore their creative potential. The Heifetz Institute is held on the campus of Mary Baldwin University each summer. The Institute is highly selective, accepting only the most talented young string players (violin, viola, and cello) from all over the globe apply to the Institute for only 76 openings. In 2016, students from 15 countries and 23 U.S. states were admitted to the Institute for six weeks of intensive study - including the signature "Communication Training" program - and concertizing, with 50 public performances. The Institute also has a year-round touring program - including in the Shenandoah Valley - for outstanding alums.

Constituents Served: The community at large. A key part of the Institute's mission is to foster access to and awareness of classical music in general and the Heifetz Institute in particular far beyond the concert hall, as well as to create access to classical music in non-traditional venues. We estimate that we served live audiences of between 15,000 - 20,000 people within the region in 2016. This included 50 Heifetz Institute "Festival of Concerts" events from June – August, and 24 Outreach/school/Heifetz On Tour/special events January - December 2016. We estimate that 25% of our audience members were preK-12; 10% were ages 21-35; and 65% were ages 35+.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: As an experiential program, the Heifetz Institute is deeply committed both to developing the potential of our gifted young artists, as well as to serving the community and making the area a better place to live. From June to August, the Institute presents more than 50 concerts and events, the vast majority of which are either free or at a cost of less than 10 dollars. Not a day goes by without a Heifetz performance, ranging from the intensity of a high-level chamber music performance to the relaxed informality of a multi-genre "Heifetz Hootenanny." The Institute also makes a point of having our artists perform in local schools, churches, businesses, clubs, and community events large and small. Noting that the Institute played to more than 12,000 patrons and spurred downtown business, the News-Leader observed, "These events are all good for the local pocketbook and the local soul."

Operating Budget: \$1,075,945

The Highland Center
Monterey, VA
<http://thehighlandcenter.org/>

Mission & Primary Activities: To serve all citizens of Highland County by being a catalyst for cultural and economic development. The Highland Center forges partnerships with Highland County schools, government agencies, and community organizations to fulfill its mission through four program areas:

- Youth Development: providing employment, leadership opportunities, and cultural enrichment for young people;
- Local Foods & Agriculture: operating a seasonal farmers' market, running an online directory of local farms and products, leading regional farmers market and local foods promotion programs, and supporting the school garden;
- Business Incubation: helping small businesses grow with affordable space, infrastructure, equipment, and technical assistance; and
- Community & Economic Development: leading community projects, workforce development efforts, and initiatives to attract and retain young, entrepreneurial residents.

Constituents Served: The Highland Center serves all residents of Highland County and the surrounding areas of Bath County, Virginia and Pocahontas and Pendleton County, West Virginia. We served more than 5,000 people in our most recently completed fiscal year. The Highland Center's youth programs serve Highland youth ages 5-24. We estimate that in these program areas--employment & workforce development, local foods, arts, and leadership development (e.g. youth philanthropy)--we served more than 400 area youth.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details:

We are seeking support for our Youth Program, which has 4 areas of impact:

1. Youth Employment (YEP): Our program matched 16 youth with 20 local worksites. They worked 1,617 hours at businesses, nonprofits, and county entities gaining essential experience and skills. We also partnered with Valley Workforce to set 3 recent Highland High School graduates up with work experiences and vocational training.
2. Youth Coalition: Engaged 7 agencies & community organizations in a coalition to support local youth-related initiatives.
3. Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC): Continued the successful administration of our Highland Youth Philanthropy Council in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge. The group of 12 high schoolers will soon grant \$10,000 to local projects.
4. Local Foods: High school interns at the farmers market contributed 95 hours, helping set up and carry out activities for 177 children. A 10-week Culinary-Hospitality Internship for two college students was launched at the Highland Inn.

We have received 28 requests from worksites to participate in YEP, along with 20 youth. This represents a four-fold increase in the former and more than double the latter over 2015. Our YPC is also establishing itself in the community, with home schooler participation and more than \$30,000 in requests for our 12 members to consider.

Operating Budget: \$548,127

Highland Country Arts Council

Monterey, VA

www.highlandcountyartscouncil.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The purpose of the Highland County Arts Council is to promote the arts and to provide cultural enrichment to the community. The Arts Council provides summer programs in the visual arts, music and drama and supports the string program for students of all ages. It provides programming in the Highland Schools for students and home schooled children such as the January 31st series of performances and workshops for students and an evening program for families by Barbara Lawson. The Council also mounts exhibits by local and regional artists throughout the year and provides a visual arts competition annually at the Highland County Fair. It hosts artists' workshops, concerts, and poetry readings. The Council is a supporter of The Highland Center.

Constituents Served: All events and activities are open to all. Our general geographic area is Highland County, but we do not limit our programs to that geographic area. Our nine art exhibits showed work of 50 adults and 9 children (8-18). The outdoor painters' weekend had 24 adults. The Fair Art Exhibit had entries from 106 children (5-18) and 81 adults. The drama camp had 37 children (7-18) and 8 adults with an audience of 150 (100 children and 50 adults). The other camps had 40+ children participating in more than one camp. The concerts were limited to 50+ because of space.

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Program Title: Highland County Arts Council Presents

Program Details: The Arts Council mounted two concerts last year and realized the need and opportunity for expanding the presentations by non-local artists in a full range of artistic genre. With the opening of the Highland Center and the refurbishing of the Highland Inn there is an increase in venues for such. We plan to tap the Virginia Commission for the Arts touring artists as performers and secure partial funding for them from that source. The goal is to present a range of genres and greatly increase the cultural opportunities for our community, especially for students in the Highland Schools and home schooled children with in-school performances. We are working with The Highland Center to plan for equipping a large performance space and will help with funding proposals for that work. The goal will be to present the programming in Fall 2017 and continue to Spring 2018 on a monthly basis. We will involve members of the Highland Schools and of The Highland Center in selecting the programs so that the greatest impact can be made with these presentations.

Operating Budget: \$11,000

Program Budget: \$7,000

Highland County Humane Society, Inc.

Monterey, VA

www.highlandcountyhumanesociety.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Located in beautiful Highland County Virginia, the Highland County Humane Society is dedicated to promoting health, safety, welfare, compassionate care and protection of animals through a cooperative engagement with Highland County, its citizens, and other like-minded animal welfare groups. We offer intake services for homeless and unwanted pets; a spay/neuter program; TNR for community/barn/feral cats; rabies clinics; veterinary assistance; animal transportation; pet retention assistance (pet food, supplies, vet care, advice); humane education and bite prevention; discount or free local adoption of pets; PSA and PR regarding programs and pet care on local radio; and pet/owner wellness checks through the Valley Program for Aging Services.

Constituents Served: HCHS is open to any and all community members . Our organization took in 347 dogs, cats and horses in 2016. 150 of those animals came from individuals who could no longer care for them, 138 came from county operated pounds in Highland, Bath, Augusta counties in VA and 2 neighboring WV shelters. Our organization provides free spay/neuter, vet assistance funding, transportation and pet food. Over 340 animals were sterilized in 2016 with grants and HCHS donor/fundraising dollars. HCHS provides pet food for a dozen Highland families on a regular basis including delivery of food and supplies.

Amount Requested: \$3,500

Program Details: HCHS would like to increase the number of community members we are able to assist with veterinary care for their companions, free pet food and transportation to reduced and affordable pet care, appointments, in home well-checks and other services as requested. Studies show that a connection with a pet results in generally better health, lower blood pressure, decreases depression and isolation which are particular problems of the elderly or those with chronic diseases, both of which are generally on fixed/limited incomes. Additionally, our support of this population with care of their pet decreases anxiety as they do not have to decide whether to care and feed their pet or themselves.

Providing assistance to the elderly and low-income community members and their pets is an on going mission and priority. Pets provide much companionship, especially to our aging population.

Operating Budget: \$65,000

Program Budget: \$4,500 (\$500 already secured)

Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue, Inc.

Afton, VA

www.hopeslegacy.com

Mission & Primary Activities: Hope's Legacy takes in abused, abandoned, neglected and at risk horses, we rehabilitate them and adopt them to new homes. Additionally we educate current and future horse owners in responsible horse care and ownership. Our primary activity is our adoption program. We take in horses in need and then rehabilitate them as needed (sometimes it is just health, other times it is behavioral or training issues). We then adopt them to carefully screened homes. We also have an educational program working with children in the area who are interested in learning not only about horses, but about compassion and respect for animals. We have worked with 4H Clubs, Pony Clubs, clients of the Sexual Assault Resource Agency, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and school groups.

Constituents Served: We accept horses from Animal Control seizures and cruelty cases as well as owner surrenders. In 2016 we took in 28 horses, a number of which were from private individuals who were no longer able to care for them. Through our work with equines, we also reach out to a broad and diverse human population. Hope's Legacy's volunteers are from all walks of life and stages of life. We have children, teenagers, college students and retirees; business, medical and university professionals, veterans, and stay-at-home parents.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: Capital Campaign

Program Details: Until now, the Rescue has depended on donated or rented facilities for the horses. Often these require substantial improvements and are not well adapted to the special needs of rescue horses. Tenure is uncertain because owners may need to reclaim their property at any time. To address this challenge, we have contracted to purchase 172.2 acres of land in the Afton area under very favorable terms from property owners who support our mission. The property includes an income-producing rental house. The purchase price of the land is \$680,000. So far, we have raised over \$100,000 toward a \$1M goal that will fund not only pasture but the barn, fencing, training pen, riding ring, and a network of trails. Eventually, we plan to construct a second barn which will function as a quarantine and a program space for volunteer groups. From the money that we will save in rent and other expenses related to leasing, plus the rental income from the house, we will be able to cover the expenses of maintaining the property.

Operating Budget: \$135,000

Program Budget: \$680,000 (\$160,000 already secured)

Infant Toddler Connection of Augusta-Highland / Augusta County Public Schools Preschool Program

Verona, VA

<http://www.augusta.k12.va.us/Domain/21> (Preschool)

<http://www.augusta.k12.va.us/Page/198> (Infant Toddler)

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide high quality early childhood experiences for all children and families. We recognize the vital role interacting with peers plays in the learning opportunities for children. Developing partnerships with families supports children by communicating about learning, supporting family needs, and connecting families to their communities. Collectively we provide support and services to children from birth through the age of five who are not developing as typically expected, at risk for school success, or who have an identified disability that can delay normal development. The Infant and Toddler Program, Augusta County Preschools, and community partners work collaboratively to best meet the educational needs of the children we serve. Services can occur in the family's home, community based learning programs, or in a school based learning setting.

Constituents Served: Collectively, we serve children in Augusta County ages birth to 5 (349 last year), who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrates a 25% delay in one or more developmental area (cognitive, gross motor, communication, etc)
- Has a diagnosed disabling condition
- Shows atypical development
- Have a variety of risk factors for school success.

Amount Requested: \$9,450

Program Details: Augusta County Public School's early childhood services including Infant and Toddler Connection of Augusta-Highland and the Augusta County Preschool Program impact the local community through preparing children with risk factors for school success to learn and excel when they reach kindergarten. This year, almost one out of every three students with no prior preschool or early intervention services entering kindergarten (32.9%) were identified as needing extra help based on fall screening data. That measure was reduced to less than one in ten (9.6%) for those who received early intervention and preschool services through Augusta County Schools prior to entering kindergarten.

Our goal is to create access to community preschool programs for two year olds who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend, thereby supporting a philosophy that all children have the right to learn and grow with their peers. In order to achieve these goals Augusta County Schools has established relationships with five community programs willing to serve identified two year olds. The school system has also ensured that there is adequate staff to travel to these centers and collaborate with staff members to meet the needs of each child by hiring an additional Developmental Specialist.

Longitudinal data from last year's third grade SOL scores suggests that students who received early intervention and preschool services through Augusta County Schools prior to entering kindergarten are more likely to achieve a passing mark (Math - 77.1% & Reading 54.9%) when compared to students with no prior preschool or early intervention services entering kindergarten (Math - 71.4% & Reading 50.7%).

Operating Budget: \$412,223

Program Budget: \$23,305 (\$13,855 already secured)

Jacob's Ladder, Inc.

Urbanna, VA
www.jladder.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of Jacob's Ladder is to aid and encourage at-risk, intellectually gifted middle school age children to reach their full potential. The program provides a proactive summer residential enrichment program to foster the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of gifted at-risk students. During the year advocacy and follow-up visits are provided at school, home and through retreats and outings. The outcome for these students is to become leaders equipped to help others in similar economic and social situations.

Constituents Served: Climbers are identified as gifted by the 4th grade. 85% live in single-parent or guardian-led home; 85% are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunches; 45% white, 44% African-American, 10% Hispanic, and 1% other. Geographically, Climbers live across Virginia with 25% in urban Richmond-metro, 25% in Portsmouth/Chesapeake/Suffolk, and 50% reside in rural areas of Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, King & Queen, King William, Lancaster, Essex, and Augusta counties. 62 children and their families were served last year. This summer 2 Waynesboro Climbers graduate at the end of their 8th-grade year. Several Augusta County area elementary students are being interviewed now.

Amount Requested: \$8,450

Program Details: Climbers at camp are impacted each week with a total of 18 hours of classes and activities focused on academic growth and acceleration in sciences, technology, engineering, arts, math, and foreign languages with opportunities in social, cultural, and physical development. Afternoons encompass outdoor activities, clubs, music and art, followed by evening on-dorm group time. Due to budget cuts and elimination of staff jobs and services among gifted education programs in the local elementary and middle schools, the intentional time with Jacob's Ladder teachers, resident advisors, and staff is essential and allows Climbers to move ahead or learn a new academic subject; time to explore local and international philanthropy projects; time to learn table manners, checkbook accounting, learn to swim and sing in a musical; time to emphasize personal responsibility for room neatness, laundry, communal areas, and punctuality; time to be strengthened and think about the positive possibilities that lie ahead.

Jacob's Ladder recognizes, focuses, and directs the enrichment and mentoring of our program on the following needs and problems: environmental and cultural isolation that allows fewer opportunities for participation in cultural, educational, or civic opportunities; lack of belonging that comes from a positive, supporting body or organization; poverty and the associated dietary and health problems; anger management and interpersonal behavior skills; low self-worth/fear of failure; lack of organizational skills and poor school performance; little or no awareness of educational opportunities or tools to access them.

Operating Budget: \$306,500

Program Budget: \$270,400 (\$30,000 already secured)

Jenkins Donelson Foundation

Garrisonville, VA

jdfffeet.org

Mission & Primary Activities: We promote good foot health through education, services, and resources. We educate people about the importance of good foot health by providing them with free foot care products and training. In addition, we work with free health clinics to determine their podiatry needs and help recruit doctors of podiatric medicine, DPM's and supplies. We use our resources to provide shoes, clothing and foot care supplies to those in need.

Constituents Served: The JDF serves the US and specifically our own backyard, the DC, MD, VA, DMV, during our 1st year. Our fiscal year is June 1-May 31. In the first full quarter of operation (Oct.-Dec. 2016), we collected and distributed approximately 15K in shoes, clothing, socks, & foot care supplies to a homeless shelter, SOME, and a clothing closet in Washington, DC. We provided clothing and shoes for women, children, and men of all ages. 65% of the shoes were for women. 50% of the clothing was for men. In Jan. 2017 we served Prince William, Virginia men & women in need.

Amount Requested: \$7,000

Program Title: Waynesboro & Augusta Foot Health Improvement Initiative

Program Details: 3 out of 4 adults have a foot problem. Our foot health parallels our general health. Preventative foot care is relatively easy if people know how to do it. Underserved populations do not have access to quality health care. Many problems are due to wearing shoes improperly. The JDF has a three-phase plan that includes tools the Waynesboro and Augusta County community can incorporate into their daily lifestyles to proactively and routinely practice good foot care.

For Waynesboro: The JDF will provide approximately 200 pairs of Back to School shoes & socks to underserved children. We will also host a foot care clinic for senior citizens and distribute free products.

For Augusta County: We'll participate in the annual Augusta Regional Health Fair (11/2017) by hosting a foot care booth. We'll provide foot care training tips, demos, educational materials & free foot care products at the fair. These 3 programs will help decrease foot related problems in the Waynesboro and Augusta area and enhance the quality of life for the citizens. We will try to coordinate the senior foot clinic and shoe distribution at or around the annual Summer Extravaganza and not later than the last week in August.

We'll work with as many local podiatrists and pedicurists as possible to encourage follow up by fairgoers & seniors. Residents can also sustain their knowledge by utilizing the educational material we distribute & by accessing our cosponsors blog site, ilovemyfeetdays.com, where dozens of foot care blog tips are available.

Operating Budget: \$51,500

Program Budget: \$7,000

LEAP

Fishersville, VA

<http://www.mawaa.us/leisure-experiences-for-active-people-2/>

Mission & Primary Activities: We strive to meet the interest and needs of all the participants. Leisure Experiences for Active People (LEAP) is a community based non-profit organization that provides recreation and leisure activities for individuals with physical disabilities. LEAP offers activities for disabled children and adults along with their families and caregivers. Activities include: social events, competitive sporting events, indoor and outdoor activities, traveling and opportunities to experience the arts and theater.

Constituents Served: Disabled children and adults along with their families and caregivers. Geographic areas mainly served are the Shenandoah Valley and Central Virginia with participants from all parts of Virginia being served in the past. Estimated participation during the year of 2015-2016 for LEAP events was 30 and 40 participants. Ages ranged from 7 to 60.

Amount Requested: \$4,000

Program Details: LEAP has provided new and different opportunities for individuals who do not have the access. Leap has organized an Outdoor day which centralizes a variety of different activities. This accessibility in their local community allows for ease of mind.

Operating Budget: (flexible as resources allow)

Learn English and Reading Now, Inc.

Fishersville, VA
www.learnva.com

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of LEARN is to increase opportunities for adults in our community through literacy. We train and support volunteer tutors who teach adults (over 18) to read, write, and speak English through one-on-one tutoring or very small group classes. Learners may be native English speakers who never became literate or immigrants to this country who want to learn English as an additional language. We also offer citizenship training.

Constituents Served: We serve those living in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County who request our free services. In 2016, we served 56 learners, including 4 ages 18-23, 36 ages 24-44, 7 ages 45-54, 2 ages 55-69, and 7 for whom their ages are unknown.

Amount Requested: \$2,000

Program Details: Improved literacy helps us all in almost every issue, including parenting, health, workforce strength, and economic stability. When our learners can read, they can get a job, understand the healthcare system, take on appropriate debt, and support their children's schools. These are areas of major work by our volunteers, with the result that 53 of our learners report that they have made improvements in these areas. These are 53 of our neighbors who can now more successfully participate in life in our community, helping them and reducing costs for others.

One point of emphasis for 2017-18 is to establish a strong presence in Staunton and Verona. We are now partners with the new Verona Community Center to replicate the program we currently have in Waynesboro, to include classes, individual attention, and child care for those learners who need it. We seek to train 35 new tutors and to serve 75 learners in the next 12 months. We also look to establish more partnerships with agencies who might refer new learners to us.

Operating Budget: \$27,000

Mental Health America of Augusta

Staunton,, VA

www.mha-augusta.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Provide mental health education, advocacy, and information and referral. MHAA provides free programs on mental health issues led by professionals, sponsors a family grief support group, attends health fairs in the community with info on mental illness, provides funeral homes w/ bereavement info, operates referral/information services for mental illness, co-sponsors an art show at the RR Smith Center with art created by individuals with mental illness, gives a scholarship through Blue Ridge Community College to two students, maintains a web page with current information on mental illness and links to support sites and a mental health assessment tool, and advocates for mental health issues with legislatures.

Constituents Served: MHA-A mainly serves the geographical areas of Staunton/Waynesboro/Augusta County. However, people from any area can access MHA-A's webpage/face book or call the office to gain information or be referred for additional support. All people in need are eligible for our programs and services. From the activities listed here, we have served an estimated 1,380 individuals, including 50 ages 12-17, 250 ages 18-23, 200 ages 24-44, 355 ages 45-54, 325 ages 55-69, and 200 ages 70+.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: MHA-A's work impacts this community by helping individuals/families understand mental illness, assisting individuals in getting appropriate treatment for their mental illness, and informing the general community about mental health and how to deal with mental illness. The impact is evident through the number of people who call the office asking for information or accessing information through MHA-A's webpage/face book, the attendance and evaluation responses at community programs on mental health issues, and the number of people attending support groups.

Over 170 people were connected to a mental health professional, support group or public agency last year. At community health fairs, brochures and flyers were distributed and general questions about mental health answered. MHA-A collaborates with other agencies in advocacy efforts and to provide mental health support. For example, MHA-A is working with the Daily Living Center and Programs for Aging on an aging workshop.

Operating Budget: \$69,508

The Mosby Foundation
Deerfield, VA
www.Themosbyfoundation.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To help low-income families spay/neuter their dogs to reduce overpopulation and reduce euthanasia rates in shelters. Also to help reduce certain cancers in dogs through sterilization. To help abused, abandoned, neglected dogs and those who have medical conditions that their families cannot afford to treat. We provide financial assistance for spay/neuter services for the dogs of low-income families, primarily at low-cost clinics . In areas where there are no spay/neuter clinics, we work with some private veterinary practices where we have negotiated clinic prices for our applicants. The Mosby Foundation also helps provide veterinary care for dogs of low-income families when their dogs have critical and/or life-threatening conditions.

Constituents Served: Low-income families (19 in 2016) in target areas of the SAW community, Nelson and Highland are eligible. Our entire spay/neuter program works primarily in those areas, as well as western/ southwest Virginia, WV and occasionally another state (301 total in 2016). Most of our applicants live on disability, social security or survive on low-paying jobs. Doing the responsible thing of sterilizing their dogs, with many applicants living on less than \$1,000 a month, is impossible to afford even at low-cost clinic prices, without assistance.

Amount Requested: \$9,000

Program Details: Our Spay/Neuter Assistance Program provides financial assistance to low-income families so that they may get their dogs sterilized. The Humane Society of the US has calculated that if one female dog and her offspring reproduce unimpeded, in the course of 7 years, they will together produce 67,000 dogs. One has only to multiply that by the number of dogs we help to see the impact we have on reducing unwanted litters. Our local community, in fact no community, can provide good homes for that many dogs. Considering the number of applications we receive, we have conceivably helped prevent thousands of unwanted dogs, thus helping lower euthanasia rates and helped prevent immeasurable suffering.

Our primary goal is to help ALL dogs from qualifying families from the areas served by the Community Foundation of the Blue Ridge. Also, we would like to have the financial ability to reduce the required copayment (\$20 per dog) in limited instances where that prohibits people from following through despite having been approved for assistance.

Operating Budget: \$174,576

Program Budget: \$12,000

Nelson County Master Gardeners Association

Lovingston, VA

www.nelsonmastergardeners.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To educate people about regional & seasonal horticultural information & traditions related to gardens & gardening in Nelson County, Virginia; to encourage volunteerism, education & leadership development among its members; to support the Master Gardener program according to policies set by Virginia Cooperative Extension. NCMGA participates in the Nelson County Farmers Market (April-October) answering horticulture & agriculture questions from the public, demonstrating projects related to same, & maintaining a Help Desk for difficult questions. We maintain a wildflower meadow at Mallory Creek in Rockfish Valley Community Center, a demonstration garden at Nelson Center in Lovingston, and a pioneer vegetable garden at Humpback Rocks Farm on the Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 5.8). We conduct horticultural crafts programs for seniors monthly in Lovingston and Afton. Members, as needed, work on plant propagation at Wintergreen's Trillium House and create raised beds for Habitat for Humanity projects.

Constituents Served: Anyone in Nelson County is eligible for NCMGA assistance. We come into contact with approximately 1,000-2,000 people annually through our projects & our annual plant sale, not including visitors to the Farmers Market, the Mallory Creek Wildflower Meadow, the Lovingston Demonstration Garden, and the Humpback Rocks Farm garden, for which NCMGA has only anecdotal information on visitor origins, ages & numbers.

Amount Requested: \$7,000

Program Details: Nelson County has experienced the proliferation of invasive plant species and resulting native plant loss like much of the country. Without native plants to provide food and shelter, millions of insects, small animals and pollinators cannot survive, and they are vital to the health of our ecosystem. Our goal in the wildflower meadow is to represent a small sample of what meadows and their inhabitants were like in the Rockfish Valley for hundreds of years, and to educate the public about this habitat. As the meadow matures, native plants will prosper and the accompanying fauna will thrive. Since the first seeds were sown in 2013, the meadow has flourished. More than 18,000 square feet of invasive turf grasses and weeds were removed. Our volunteers have established walking paths through the meadow and picnic areas along Mallory Creek.

Our immediate plans for this spring involve culling over-abundant plants and replanting and seeding with a custom seed mix to help increase the variety and beauty of the meadow. Cost of seeds has exhausted our 2017 project budget of \$250, which has been supplemented by donations from local businesses. We have had to spend vast amounts of time, energy and money maintaining the mulched pathways -- resources we would prefer to spend on the meadow itself. We are seeking a grant to fund hardscape pathways approximately 300-400 feet in length that are safer, wheelchair accessible and easier to maintain.

Operating Budget: \$4,950

Project GROWS
Staunton, VA
www.projectgrows.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Improve the overall health of children and youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Project GROWS (PG) cultivates health by connecting children to nutritious food and physical activity through 1) hands-on garden-based education, 2) access to healthy local food, and 3) ecological and sustainable food production. We partner with over 20 local organizations to provide food-based education to more than 4,000 unique children and youth each year.

Constituents Served: Project GROWS primarily serves youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County, with a small number from Harrisonburg and Rockingham. In 2016, PG served 4,261 unique youth through on-farm garden lessons, in-school fresh food tastings, and community education events - a 39% increase from 2015 (3,065 served). Ages: Elementary (K-5) = 3,337. Middle/High (6-12) = 314, PreK = 85, mixed ages = 525. PG also serves low-income families by managing 3 farmer's markets offering SNAP (supplemental nutrition assistance program) double dollars and WIC (women and infant children) farm fresh dollars. Estimated 10 SNAP families served and 150 WIC annually.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Project GROWS works to improve the overall health of youth in our community. We know there is a critical need – Augusta Health's 2016 Assessment reported 58% of area youth are overweight or obese, more than double the national rate of 24.2%. We know diet and exercise are huge contributors to improving long-term health and peer-reviewed research shows “hands-on seed to table experiences increase the amount of fruits and vegetables children eat when they go home.” In 2016, PG served 4,261 local youth with hands-on food education. For many students, this is their second or third year getting away from screens, putting their hands in the dirt, and eating nutritious food. Impact is best seen firsthand - witnessing a child pull their first carrot from the ground, take a bite and say “hey, that's good!” We find that kids who help grow vegetables, love to eat them.

We seek to increase area youth served by 5% (to 4,500) this year by continuing to partner with 21+ local schools and youth organizations. We intend to grow 50,000 pounds of nutritious produce and increase donations to community partners and sales (at-cost) to Staunton City Schools (by adding a part-time Farm Assistant). We look to launch a food education program serving at-risk youth at Dixon Educational Center (through a partnership with the Central Shenandoah Health District). We also aim to increase by 10% SNAP and WIC participation at our farmer's markets (by partnering with VA Extension on marketing).

Operating Budget: \$139,872

Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta

Staunton, VA

www.renewinghomes.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Our mission is to accomplish, at no cost to the homeowner, critical home repairs or modifications for low-income elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged homeowners in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. RHGA's Critical Home Repairs program facilitates the completion of critical home repairs for local homeowners in order to make their home safe, warm, dry, and accessible. Volunteers complete home modifications that range from wheelchair ramps and bathroom upgrades to roof repairs and window replacement. Projects range in cost from \$500 to \$2,500.

The RAMPS Initiative is a new program that provides reusable, modular wheelchair ramps for local homeowners living with a disability. When a homeowner is no longer in need of a ramp we are able to relocate that ramp for use by another homeowner in need.

Constituents Served: RHGA aims to assist local homeowners living in Staunton, Augusta County, or Waynesboro who live at or beneath 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline for their home. Each homeowner receives an in home visit during which their requests for critical repairs are reviewed. During this visit we are able to gather information that is then reported to the board. RHGA prioritizes the elderly and homeowners living with a disability. Total Clients Served in 2016 = 72.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: RHGA impacts our community in three ways – stabilizing finances, improving livelihood, and advocating for affordable housing. As our services are offered at no cost, homeowners are not financially burdened with expensive home repairs. They do not have to choose between keeping their home warm and putting food on the table. Safety and accessibility repairs have an impact on an individual's livelihood, allowing a homeowner to safely move about their home, avoid debilitating accidents, and exit their home to interact with their community.

RHGA's critical home repairs are but one part of the greater affordable housing network in our community. In order to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe place to call home we are actively working towards developing an affordable housing council. We know that by working with other agencies we can create a stronger community where everyone has a safe and healthy home.

Operating Budget: \$97,395

Ride With Pride

Staunton, VA

<http://www.ridewithprideva.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of Ride With Pride (RWP) is to serve those in Greater Augusta County and the surrounding area with physical, emotional, and developmental special needs through a wide range of therapeutic equine activities. The RWP Therapeutic Horsemanship Program offers individuals a supportive, community based environment for treatment of mental, physical, and emotional needs through:

- Therapeutic riding - providing a sense of body control and fostering responsibility, independence, self-esteem and trust.
- Social Skills – developing interpersonal skills, promoting body awareness, building confidence, emphasizing listening, following directions, asking for help, problem solving, and team work.
- Anger Awareness - developing healthy emotional expression; emphasizing listening, relaxation, empathy, and problem solving.
- Cowboy Poetry - character building addressing the needs of at-risk youth;
- Veterans Program – helping military personnel build trust through equine activities, recreation, and socialization.

Constituents Served: RWP serves children and adults who have physical disabilities, mental or emotional needs, and learning challenges. Physical disabilities range from cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, Down Syndrome, hearing and vision impaired, as well as recovery from stroke, and traumatic brain injuries. RWP also works with individuals who have been victims of abuse and neglect, who have diagnoses of ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. RWP serves clients from Augusta County and the surrounding area. In 2016, RWP served 138 individuals (42 were ages 4-10, 50 ages 11-18, 43 ages 19 to 6, and 3 were 65+) assisted by 131 volunteers.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: RWP's continues to provide a positive impact on members of the community by helping them improve their respective physical abilities, increase confidence and independence, and encourage positive interpersonal and social interactions. This past year we have had clients with adjustment disorders such as suicide come to us and as a result of their interrelations with our horses, instructors, and volunteers overcome their challenge and once again find a purpose in their lives. We have given veterans the opportunity to again care more about people through caring about the horse. They find they can gain control themselves and accomplish something they want to do. We have helped foster children become more attentive and self-controlled. Through their interface with the horse the child recognizes within themselves what behaviors they can change to feel safe again, improving their role in their new found family.

Operating Budget: \$99,610

Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton City Schools

Staunton, VA

www.staunton.k12.va.us

Mission & Primary Activities: Staunton City Schools is a school division committed to its students and to providing an excellent educational program where teachers value the uniqueness of each student and strive to challenge them daily. Teaching engaging lessons rooted in the Standards of Learning augmented by a variety of resources makes every day critical for the achievement for our students. Staunton City Schools operates elementary, middle, and high schools in addition to a regional alternative school. We are a school division committed to our students and providing an excellent educational program.

Constituents Served: Public school services are available to all residents of Staunton City ages 3 to 21. Our current student enrollment is: 1248 in elementary school; 582 in middle school; and 735 in high school.

Amount Requested: \$6,376

Program Details: The TSA (Technology Student Association) club strives to involve students in activities that will broaden their understanding of growing technologies. The use of drones in business and industry is growing at a rapid pace. By exposing high school students to the technology, use, and future of drones, these students will have a greater awareness of the career potentials evolving around them. Blue Ridge Community College has an Aviation Maintenance and Technology program that teaches students about flight technology. If students get interested in flying drones, they might pursue careers in the area of Aviation Maintenance or Aerospace Engineering.

Operating Budget: \$30,070,000

Program Budget: \$6,376

Rockfish Valley Community Center

Nellysford, VA
www.rockfishcc.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Center is to provide, on a non-profit basis, a venue for cultural, recreational, social and educational activities for the residents of the Rockfish Valley, the citizens of Nelson County, Virginia and the surrounding area. RVCC sponsors or hosts a very large variety of programs and events that satisfy the educational, recreational, social and cultural needs of our membership and Nelson County at large, including classes & seminars, concerts, art exhibits, theater, sporting events and parties and other social gatherings. We also provide a venue for use or lease by other community organizations or individuals to host similar events.

Constituents Served: Anyone age 18 and over is eligible to be a member of RVCC, and our facility is open to everyone. Literally thousands of people pass through our doors and onto our fields on an annual basis, and most of our over 650 members visit many times a year. The Rockfish Valley, which we primarily serve, comprises only 31% of Nelson County's land mass, but over 50% of its population.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: "Rock & Sol" Solar Demonstration Project

Program Details: Our membership, and the Nelson community at large, is very supportive of our "Green Initiative," and has expressed great interest in RVCC's development of renewable energy capacity. "Rock & Sol" is an opportunity to act locally while thinking globally - in reducing our carbon footprints. Grant funding will contribute to RVCC's "Rock & Sol" solar energy demonstration project, which will expand upon our "Green Initiative" begun last year. This project will install a minimum of 24 photovoltaic (PV) solar panels on our roof, plus the required conversion and connection equipment needed to initially generate sufficient electricity to offset more than 5 percent of our annual consumption. Rock & Sol will provide electricity for RVCC for an expected 35 years, with very little maintenance required beyond installation. Our intent in years to come will be to expand our solar array to self-generate an even greater percentage of our electrical

Operating Budget: \$306,000

Program Budget: \$18,144

Rockfish Valley Foundation

Nellysford, VA

www.rockfishvalley.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Preserve the natural, historical, ecological and agricultural resources of the Rockfish Valley and Nelson County by enriching the lives of our community & supporting the Rockfish Valley Loop Trail system, Spruce Creek Park and the lands associated with them. Education is primary thru the Children's Nature Trail and Natural History Center Rockfish River trail system.

Constituents Served: Families of central Virginia and beyond. Our trails welcome more than 10,000 visitors per year. Our Kite Festival engaged 1,500 visitors. Our Natural History Center welcomes over 1,500 visitors annually. All our our events and destinations are free and open to the public.

Amount Requested: \$6,000

Program Details: We seek support to complete a partially-funded Children's Nature Trail in Spruce Creek Park (a public park we provide) adjacent to the Rockfish Valley Natural History Center. The free center is affiliated with the Virginia Museum of Natural History. We need additional funds to complete the nature trail and interactive exhibits. The trail layout and surface are complete. We have approximately \$9,900 to create the four elements of water, rocks, plants, and animals.

In addition to completing our Children's Nature Trail and inter-active exhibits, our primary goals for 2017 include expanding our environmental awareness educational outreach programs. We have small grants to connect our resources to the Nelson County Schools and to give the teachers field trips and classroom programs for the first time. There is now a liaison and several science teachers working with our volunteers on programs like Arbor Day, surface water, and Nelson Natural Day, the latter of which is for 4th graders at Rockfish and Tye River elementary schools in collaboration with Western Albemarle Environmental Academy. We also seek to complete a planned revision to the exhibits in our natural history center (some materials from the Virginia Museum of Natural History), and to hold historical and cultural events focusing on the South Rockfish Valley Historic District.

Operating Budget: \$25,000

Program Budget: \$23,250 (\$13,350 already secured)

Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary

Charottesville, VA

www.RockfishWildlifeSanctuary.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned native wildlife in Central Virginia and release back into the wild; inform people about what to do when they find injured or orphaned wild animals, and who to contact for help with the animal; and, educate people about habitats and needs of Virginia wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release of native Virginia wildlife. This involves hands-on care, thousands of phone calls a year from concerned citizens, and the helping hands of staff, volunteers, and interns. RWS also has educational programs which we offer to schools and groups, and educates the public through written materials, our website, and our newsletter.

Constituents Served: Our facility is located in Nelson County, and we receive calls and animals from throughout the region. We served 759 animals in 2016.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: By rehabilitating and releasing native wildlife, we are maintaining healthy breeding populations of birds, mammals, and reptiles in their native habitats. With the press of development, there are increasing numbers of wildlife/human interactions, and these usually don't go well for the animals: wildlife get hit by cars, birds fly into windows, domestic cats catch birds and bunnies, etc. Our work is to not only to rescue wildlife, but to educate the citizenry about how to change habits to keep wildlife safer, how to change landscaping to support wildlife and the importance of maintaining wildlife-friendly habitats.

Operating Budget: \$141,500

Rx Partnership

Richmond, VA

www.RxPartnership.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Rx Partnership is a public/private partnership which exists to increase access to medication for Virginia's vulnerable populations and serve as a resource to the organizations that support these populations. Rx Partnership provides access to free, brand medication from five pharmaceutical manufacturers to 20 free clinics with licensed pharmacies throughout the state. Locally, Rx Partnership provides medication access, informational resources and training to Augusta Regional Clinic to support the medication needs of the clinic's patients.

Constituents Served: Rx Partnership (RxP) medications are available to uninsured individuals (at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level) living in Augusta County, Staunton, or Waynesboro that are receiving treatment and RxP pharmacy products through Augusta Regional Clinic (ARC). RxP and ARC recently increased the income eligibility threshold from 200% of FPL to 250% in order to serve more patients in need. The demographic data from ARC shows that 67% of patients are female, 33% male; 52% are ages 45-64, 39% are ages 30-44, and 9% are ages 18-29.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: In 2016, a total of 356 unduplicated, uninsured patients received RxP medication through Augusta Regional Clinic. These patients received a total of 1,743 prescriptions with a retail value of \$400,000. In addition, RxP provided important training to clinic staff and volunteers, conducted an annual audit, provided regular updates on resources and news pertinent to the clinic and provided access to an online reporting tool for Continuous Quality Improvement to support compliance with Board of Pharmacy regulations.

Operating Budget: \$461,724

The Salvation Army, Waynesboro Corps

Waynesboro, VA

<http://virginiasalvationarmy.org/waynesborova/>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of The Salvation Army is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Waynesboro Corps of The Salvation Army provides services based on the needs of the community. Currently, the Emergency Social Services Program provides material, financial, and emotional support to local residents in crisis. For clients in need of more life changing, long term support, the Pathway of Hope Program provides intensive case management to help identify barriers, and greater financial assistance. The program also requires a strong commitment from families in the program that they will follow plans put in place to help them improve their lives and the lives of their children. Finally, there are year-round youth programs.

Constituents Served: The Salvation Army, Waynesboro Corps serves the residents of Waynesboro and eastern Augusta County. Any individual or family in financial crisis is eligible for services. If there is a need that the Army cannot fill, staff members refer to other agencies and organizations. Through Emergency Social Services, Holiday Assistance, and participation with the Thermal Shelter Program, we served 2,409 individuals, including 541 ages 0-5, 568 ages 6-12, 137 ages 13-18, 651 ages 19-44, 411 ages 45-64, and 101 ages 65+.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: The Salvation Army serves anyone in need of life's basic essentials -- food, clothing, financial assistance, or spiritual counsel. Typical clients are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to financial crisis, loss of employment, or illness. The Salvation Army works to fulfill its mission by making sure all men, women, and children have food, clothes, and shelter. The ultimate goal of the program is to break the cycle of poverty. We have a tremendous network of churches who help our clients as we request assistance from them. Of the 505 cases last year, only 57 cases repeated within the year. (11.3%)

Operating Budget: \$367,695

Program Budget: \$269,515 (\$149,750 already secured)

Shelburne Middle School, Staunton City Schools

Staunton, VA

www.staunton.k12.va.us

Mission & Primary Activities: Staunton City Schools is a school division committed to its students and to providing an excellent educational program where teachers value the uniqueness of each student and strive to challenge them daily. Teaching engaging lessons rooted in the Standards of Learning augmented by a variety of resources makes every day critical for the achievement for our students. Staunton City Schools operates elementary, middle, and high schools in addition to a regional alternative school. We are a school division committed to our students and providing an excellent educational program.

Constituents Served: Public school services are available to all residents of Staunton City ages 3 to 21. Our current student enrollment is: 1248 in elementary school; 582 in middle school; and 735 in high school.

Amount Requested: \$6,560

Program Title: 360 View of Our World

Program Details: We are always looking for ways to increase community involvement in our school and increase school pride. Creating 360 videos is a fun way to generate interest and involve parents, students and the community in the happenings of our school. 360° Cameras can be used to create a Virtual Field, create 360 videos of our school, film concerts, plays and sporting events where the whole event can be viewed in 360 degrees. Providing this opportunity is a fun way to engage students and parents in learning and viewing our school events that they would normally not been able to see in person. Virtual Reality is a whole new way to interact with knowledge and on pace to be an effective, engaging, low-cost instructional solution for a range of subjects and grade levels.

Each semester, the Digital Media class is offered to 7th and 8th graders (during the 2016 – 17 school year, we offered seven sections of the course). Two primary focuses of Digital Media are community outreach and how digital media affects our world. During this course, students will work collaboratively to generate videos, share them on our school website, publish the videos to the portal, or share the videos with other classmates using the VR viewers.

Operating Budget: \$30,070,000

Program Budget: \$6,560

ShenanArts

Staunton, VA
shenanarts.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Our mission is to build bridges within our community through the shared experience of live theatre. ShenanArts produces plays for all generations. Each year ShenanArts is committed to providing a variety of experiences for local actors, including musicals and straight plays. Ages and experience of actors varies, allowing ample opportunity for a diverse group of performers. Not only does ShenanArts reach out to a diverse group of performers, but we strive to offer opportunities to reach all socioeconomic classes to be exposed to theatre experiences. One way this is achieved is through offering discounted tickets to local schools for field trip opportunities. In 2009 the Presbury Theatrical Training Program was started, which provides quality training to aspiring young actors.

Constituents Served: Last year, ShenanArts had tickets sales of approximately 7,800 for the season. We serve the entire local community, as well as anyone who is willing to travel to be part of a show or to see a show.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Live theatre is a unique venue to facilitate positive change in a community. Audiences often connect to or empathize with certain characters or situations that are portrayed in a production. Equally important, it allows an opportunity to expose community members to issues that perhaps they have no connection with, sensitizing them to a new issue by bringing it to life on stage. Through this experience ShenanArts is proud to provide a setting to take those connections and that empathy and turn it into an educational opportunity for audience members to come together, and discuss the relevance of the topic to our own community. Awareness is the foundation of creating change. Evidence of this impact is the amount of people that stay for after show discussions.

Operating Budget: \$145,000

The Shenandoah National Park Trust

Charlottesville, VA

www.snptrust.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Shenandoah National Park Trust is the official nonprofit partner of Shenandoah National Park. We invest in programs and initiatives that ensure Shenandoah remains a crown jewel of the Park Service, an economic driver for the region, and a national treasure for all to enjoy, for generations to come. National parks exist to both preserve our nation's most beloved historic and natural places, as well as to provide access to these places so that anyone can learn, explore, and find renewal in them. The Trust works closely with park leadership to identify priority projects that government funding does not cover. Specifically, we focus our activities in four key strategic areas - protecting natural and cultural resources, connecting people to the park, youth education, and enhancing the park service.

Constituents Served: Many of Shenandoah's 1.3 million visitors interact in some way with our work in the park. Our programs serve these visitors, and are focused in the Virginia and Washington D.C. areas. Additionally in 2016 we supported 6 college-aged park service interns from three states who interacted with over 6,500 park visitors, 116 underserved youth from 4 states participated in day trips or week-long summer camps, and 2,000 children from Title I schools in Virginia participated in field trips with the Trust's financial support.

Amount Requested: \$7,500

Program Title: Engaging Community Volunteers in Shenandoah National Park

Program Details: Shenandoah National Park has no dedicated staff to manage the hundreds of volunteers and groups who want to make an impact in the park. This project will increase the capacity of park staff to engage the local community through the creation of a Trail Maintenance Volunteer Coordinator position.

The purpose of the Trail Maintenance Volunteer Coordinator is to engage the community in the park, and leverage volunteer man power to help maintain and keep open the park's 500 miles of trails. This position will be vital to on-going trail maintenance, and providing new opportunities to engage citizens in their backyard national park. Currently, the park is forced to turn away potentially hundreds of volunteers from youth groups, universities, service clubs, and more due to their lack of capacity to plan and organize projects for them. This will build their capacity by providing a dedicated, skilled employee to address this shortfall. A great deal of additional work will be accomplished with just this one position – both in trail maintenance and other areas of greatest need. The Coordinator will begin in March 2016 and will work in local communities to recruit volunteers, act as a liaison with park leadership, and manage regular volunteer work projects. Funding from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge would allow the Coordinator to focus their recruitment efforts in the park's gateway communities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta and Nelson Counties.

Operating Budget: \$959,000

Program Budget: \$31,500 (\$12,500 already secured)

Shenandoah Valley Art Center

Waynesboro, VA
www.SVACart.com

Mission & Primary Activities: Shenandoah Valley Art Center seeks to increase the visibility of the visual arts in the community through creating and fostering exhibits, programs, fellowship, and economic and creative opportunities for artists of all ages and abilities. We host art exhibits for individual artists and regional groups and classes and workshops for artists of all skill levels. We hold art outreach programs for local youth including an Artists in the Schools program, Summer Art Camp, and weekly classes. Our adult educational programs foster artistic and economic development education and opportunities for artists. We also produce the largest two-day art event in the Shenandoah Valley—the award-winning Fall Foliage Art Show.

Constituents Served: The Shenandoah Valley Art Center is open to everyone. We welcomed approximately 15,000 people to SVAC in 2016, and saw 18,000 visitors to the Fall Foliage Art Show. Our current membership originates from Waynesboro: 62%, Staunton: 18%, Augusta County: 12%, Nelson County: 17%, and other locales: 3%. About 2,000 of our visitors were under 18, and about 30% (4,500) were over 65.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: 416 Art Library

Program Details: SVAC has been gathering art books and other media for more than 20 years. They are currently stored in a small room at the Art Center, and are underused. We would like a place for our visitors and members to have easy access to our educational resources. The property we purchased at 416 W. Main Street has an unusual mezzanine space that is a perfect home for our vast collection of art books and other media. This space has ample room for our collection, and can accommodate some seating and a small gathering space. We will be installing shelving, simple work spaces, and a comfortable seating area. There is also some cosmetic renovation needed to restore the metal ceiling, replace wiring and lighting, and to update the flooring. We will begin this project in the Summer of 2017, and it should be complete inside 6-months time.

Our goal is to create an inviting library where the public can expand their knowledge of art and culture through the ages; where people can talk about ideas old and new; and where people can be inspired to learn more, do more, and create more.

Operating Budget: \$132,200

Program Budget: \$16,000 (\$3,000 already secured)

Shenandoah Valley Community Focus, Inc.

Waynesboro, VA

www.svcommunityfocus.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of Shenandoah Valley Community Focus (SVCF) is to advance youth into productive adults by sustaining and cultivating Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth (OOY) programming. Shenandoah Valley Community Focus serves as a supporting, non-profit organization for the OOO. SVCF pursues its mission by encouraging and aiding in the extension of programs, services, and activities for youth and their families by supporting the work of the OOO. This is accomplished through soliciting funds and other resources, creating positive public awareness of the OOO, and volunteering and recruiting volunteers for the work of the OOO. The programs supported by SVCF include high school tutoring, teen pregnancy prevention, parenting support classes, and youth pre-employment programming.

Constituents Served: The OOO serves youth and their families in the Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro and Augusta County. Services are provided without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, economic status, gender, age, or disability. Classes are taught in locations that are handicap-accessible and staff have successfully served deaf, blind, illiterate, and wheelchair-bound clients.

Amount Requested: \$5,330

Program Title: Teen Parent Support

Program Details: Over the past three years, the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County region has averaged 110 births per year to mothers under the age of 19. The rate per 1,000 is more than double the state average. Unfortunately, teen parents lack key life skills vital to raising healthy and productive adults. The Office on Youth will create a support group for teen parents utilizing the evidence-based curriculum, Love Notes, at monthly educational meetings. The tenet of Love Notes states, "In terms of positive youth development, one's love life is never neutral; it's one of the central developmental tasks on the path to adulthood. A troubled love life, especially linked with unplanned pregnancies, can derail everything." Love Notes is effective at reducing further sexual intercourse and unprotected sex. Additional instruction will cover topics on child development, positive parenting, and money management. OOO staff will monitor child immunizations and health risks, and work collaborative with schools and community resources to provide educational support.

The program will enroll teen parents at any time, and they may continue to participate in the program until their child turns three years of age. Referrals will come from schools, Augusta Health, obstetricians, pediatricians, and social services. The program will begin in September 2017 and run continuously.

Operating Budget: \$89,664

Program Budget: \$14,240 (\$8,880 already secured)

Staunton Augusta Art Center

Staunton, VA

www.saartcenter.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Staunton Augusta Art Center is to provide diverse experiences in the creation and appreciation of the visual arts to children, adults, and visitors to the region and to support artists by offering them teaching opportunities and venues to exhibit and sell their artwork. The primary activities of the Staunton Augusta Art Center include juried, high-quality solo and group art exhibitions that change every six weeks in state-of-the-art galleries. One of the most popular exhibitions is the Annual Juried Youth Art Show in collaboration with 35 area schools. The Art Center offers an annual two-day art festival (Art in the Park), art education programs for ages 4 through post-retirement, art therapy-related events in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association and with area mental health service agencies. The Art Center welcomes collaborations to produce other community events, such as the Staunton International Film Festival.

Constituents Served: All, including tourists, are welcome, at no charge, to view gallery exhibitions and to attend the annual, two-day festival Art in the Park. Students ages 4 through post-retirement are served via art classes. Low income students are provided scholarships to Summer Studio. The Art Center partners with other organizations (pre-K-12 grade schools, mental health service agencies, Alzheimer's Association, etc.) to focus on specific populations in its exhibit, educational, and therapeutic offerings. Substantive internships are offered to university students. Event partnerships attract additional clientele and foster community relationships. Total served: 18,865 from primarily Augusta County, Waynesboro, Staunton

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: As one of the oldest and still evolving arts organizations, the 56-year old Art Center is literally and figuratively a prominent part of the area's culture which enriches residents and attracts tourists and re-locators including artists and art enthusiasts who further strengthen the area as an artists' place. The Art Center's cultivation of the imagination and creation of young students is applauded by future employers. Gallery visitors and Art in the Park artists and audiences staying in local hotels and frequenting downtown shops, restaurants, and other art venues provide a positive economic impact. Inherent within the Art Center's collaborations is the successful bonding among community members and organizations to build a stronger sense of civic engagement and regional identity. The Art Center's work is especially important in a rural area where there is not an abundance of quality exhibitions, art education, and related experiences in the visual arts.

Operating Budget: \$199,000

Staunton Augusta Church Relief Association

Staunton, VA

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide emergency financial assistance with utilities, evictions, medications and food to residents of Staunton and Augusta County who are in need. Volunteers meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with individuals to assess needs and eligibility. Financial assistance with bills can only be given every six months whereas food is given once a month. Checks are paid to landlords, utility companies, and pharmacies directly, not to clients.

Constituents Served: SACRA serves those in Staunton and Augusta County with cut-off notices for electric, gas, water and evictions. Food and help with medications are available for low-income families. Clients are helped depending on amount of funds available for that day. Total households helped in 2015-16 were 609, plus 243 for food.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: SACRA is seeking funds to compliment our rent support outreach. We are the only community organization that addresses evictions in the area. With rents continually rising, even those working are unable to keep up when a crisis occurs such as a hospitalization or a car breaks down. Last year SACRA spent \$63,224.65 to keep 197 families in their homes. We require from the renter an eviction notice, a lease, and a phone call to the landlord.

Operating Budget: \$162,310

Staunton-Augusta Family YMCA

Staunton, VA

saymca.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Staunton-Augusta Family YMCA is a charitable organization committed to putting Christian principles into practice through programs that promote the health of spirit, mind, and body for all. We provide a wellness room, day camp, after-school program, youth basketball, swim lessons, near-wellness, adult respite care, gymnastics, and more.

Constituents Served: Last year, we served 9571 people, most of whom were from the Staunton—Augusta County area. This includes 2025 ages 0-12, 1244 ages 13-18, 1406 ages 19-24, 3647 ages 25-55, and 1249 ages 56+.

Amount Requested: \$6,720

Program Title: Summer Learning Loss Prevention

Program Details: Working with Staunton City Schools, we will bring a Summer Learning Loss Prevention program to Bessie Weller Elementary School. We are working to assist Bessie Weller Elementary School improve by working with 24 "marginal" learners to prevent any summer slide in their reading skills. This is a YMCA national program that started in Charlotte, NC and has had good results.

Operating Budget: \$2,323,000

Program Budget: \$40,320 (\$20,000 already secured)

Staunton Creative Community Fund

Staunton, VA, VA
www.stauntonfund.org

Mission & Primary Activities: SCCF's mission is to connect people, cultivate ideas, and identify resources to grow our local economy and help build the jobs our families need for financial stability. SCCF provides training, consulting, and financing to help them succeed. We implement our mission by offering:

- Access to Capital through micro-loans, matched saving, and Invest Local
- Support by offering coaching and workshops
- Community connections with mentoring and networking

Our programs serve as a guide for our clients on their route to greater financial self-sufficiency. This, in turn, allows the clients to dig deep and realize their potential as leaders, business owners, and fully engaged members of the community.

Constituents Served: Our overall entrepreneurship development services are available for anyone who requests them, and almost all of our training programs (both one-on-one and in classroom settings) are free to the public. Eligibility for our VIDA Employee Benefit is limited to individuals/families with adjusted gross household income equal to or less than 200% of the Federal poverty line and household net worth less than \$10,000. Our service area includes the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockingham, Rockbridge, Nelson and Albemarle, and the cities within them. We served 255 people in 2016.

Amount Requested: \$8,000

Program Title: VIDA Employee Benefit Program

Program Details: Main Street businesses need help giving stability to their employees. One of our more effective tools we use for financial stability is the Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA) program. VIDA is a grant-matched savings account for low-income individuals that enables them to earn \$8 for every \$1 they save. The VIDA Employee Benefits Program will allow small business owners to offer a benefit to their employees to acquire the asset of homeownership. This will give our businesses the tool they need to help their staff have a better life.

SCCF currently offers the Business Development and Education Asset Goals through their resources and classes. Through the VIDA Employee Benefits Program, SCCF will develop resources and implement first-time home-buyers class curriculum by partnering with Habitat for Humanity. VIDA Employee Benefits Program will provide access to downpayment capital, through its matched savings, financial literacy education, and support the need to navigate buying a home. This synergy will make home-ownership a realistic goal for employees of small businesses.

Operating Budget: \$223,177

Program Budget: \$39,400 (\$9,000 already secured)

Staunton Downtown Development Association

Staunton, VA

www.stauntondowntown.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Staunton Downtown Development Association is a nonprofit association committed, through a strong public/private partnership, to enhancing downtown Staunton's economic environment as a center of commerce while maintaining the character and integrity of the City's central Business district as an attractive place to live, work, and play. As a Virginia Main Street program, the SDDA's programming addresses the four-point approach, focusing on Economic Development (business recruitment and retention), Design (streetscape improvements, maintenance and walkability), Promotions (events, awareness and advertising), and Organization (housekeeping, fundraising and volunteers). Some examples include BRIGHT Rewired business plan competition, banners and flowers baskets, Sparkles and Sweets and the Downtown Gift Card, and the SDDA Ambassador Program, and Downtown Lowdown.

Constituents Served: Our primary stakeholders consist of property and business owners located in the Downtown Service District (DSD). We have over 250 members. We also serve and provide resources for outside DSD businesses, students, residents, non-profit organizations, the Staunton community, and visitors.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: Bright Nights on Beverley

Program Details: Survey data tells us that the community wants a more vibrant nightlife. The Beverley Street area lights, circa 1994, direct light upwards. Most of the light is lost to the sky making the area look dark and unsafe. Brighter lights on the sidewalks will inspire evening business and street activity. The City of Staunton has offered an in-kind contribution of \$2,000 for installation services for thirty six globes to be retrofitted to the existing fixtures with 145-watt LED bulbs emitting 10926 lumens, increasing light levels by 40% and saving 20% on energy costs. 90% of the light will illuminate the sidewalk. Replacement fixtures would cost \$45,000, but the retrofit will cost only \$25,000. Our goal is to complete fundraising by June 2016 so that the custom fixtures can be ordered and installed before November 2017. Once the retrofit installation is completed, the lights will be maintained by the City Public Works Department. The lighting is part of 4-pronged approach to incentivise late-night business hours.

Operating Budget: \$191,868

Program Budget: \$25,000 (\$5,000 already secured)

Staunton Media Alliance

Staunton, VA
www.wqsv.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Staunton Media Alliance / 106.3 WQSV is to foster community through music, broadcast education and discovery. The primary project of the Staunton Media Alliance is the operation of Staunton's first community-centered radio station. WQSV provides local volunteers, students, and musicians opportunities to learn broadcast technology and to create meaningful community connections through on-air music, education, and journalism programs in addition to live events, which we frequently co-sponsor with other organizations. Our broadcast equipment is adapted for use by visually impaired volunteers. We focus on providing opportunities to feature the diversity and vibrancy of our community. Through underwriting sales and our on-air and online community calendar, listeners gain awareness of local businesses and organizations.

Constituents Served: We serve all residents, tourists, and students in Augusta County, Staunton, and parts of Waynesboro. WQSV programs are also available through online streaming from anywhere in the world via our website, which had over 8,600 views this year. Our live events in 2016 attracted over 500 people of all ages, though most listeners and event attendees are 20-65 years old.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: We impact our community by offering accessible media and broadcast opportunities in an era where most media outlets are becoming commercialized and not representative of local interests. One example of our impact this year was the development of The Three Continents Music Show, produced by students in the Intensive English Program at Eastern Mennonite University. The show features personal stories and music selections by immigrants in our community. We hope to use this successful model of education programming with other local schools and colleges. We recently launched The Staunton Observer, a monthly community journalism magazine written and produced by WQSV volunteers. This half-hour show presents feature stories on what is going on in Staunton and the Valley. Our pilot show includes features about the Middle River Clean-up, Hunger in Staunton, and the Staunton Makerspace. Our outreach in 2016 was amplified by underwriting from 29 organizations and businesses.

Operating Budget: \$27,207

Staunton Mentoring Alliance

Staunton, VA

www.stauntonmentoring.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide students of Staunton with a positive mentoring experience, provided by adults in the community, to help guide these young people through the transition from middle school to high school and from high school to college or employment. Mentors and mentees spend around 1 hour per week throughout the school year in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. Students are paired with adults who share common interests and will provide a positive role model. Potential mentors receive training on best practices associated with the emotional and personal aspects of youth based on materials provided by the Virginia Mentoring Partnership, the National Mentoring Resource Center, and the Staunton Mentoring Alliance website. Mentoring over the past year included various outlets from college application assistance to attending musical and cultural events around the community.

Constituents Served: Any middle or high school age student in Staunton that expresses interest in a mentoring relationship is eligible to become a Stand by Me mentee. Recognizing that everyone has a mentor at some point in their life, the program welcomes all and, specifically, does not restrict mentees to being "at risk." Last spring and continuing into this year, Stand by Me served 10 youths and 10 adults. Youth ages ranged from 14 to 18. Any responsible adult willing to commit to regular meetings with the mentee are welcome as mentors.

Amount Requested: \$7,500

Program Details: The Staunton Mentoring Alliance has a low-cost, high-impact model requiring minimal staffing. It is effectively organizing the local community so that goodwill and time, provided by responsible adults in the community, can be matched with student mentees who wish to better their lives. The Stand By Me community mentoring program is our foundational program upon which we are building. As a community mentoring program, it has tremendous opportunity to be the springboard for different kinds of outreach into the community. We are increasing our network of partners to include Shelbourne Middle School, where we are developing the "20min to Adulthood" training. This new training program will be for 8th grade students and will consist of short exercises (introducing oneself, shaking hands, public citizenship, etc.) that can be taught by community mentors.

Our local impact is most decidedly with the student mentees, who gain perspective from interacting with responsible adults in the community. Some have markedly advanced their interests and others have simply gained confidence from the validation that comes from having an adult listen and respond appropriately to them. Our main goal is to increase the number of community mentors who are successfully matched with student mentees.

Operating Budget: \$11,450

Staunton Montessori School

Fishersville, VA
stauntonmontessori.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Staunton Montessori School respects the mind, imagination, and spirit of each student. Grounded in the philosophy of Maria Montessori, we create an environment where children are empowered to fulfill their academic, personal and social potential. Staunton Montessori School, founded in 1980, provides Primary (ages 2.5-6), Elementary (6-12) and, starting in the fall of 2016, Adolescent (12-15) Montessori education for our community. We offer AMI-trained teachers on staff. Operating as a non-profit entity with oversight by a Board of Trustees, the school is also licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Constituents Served: Our students come from Augusta County, Waynesboro, Staunton and Nelson County. We currently have 115 students enrolled ages 2.5-15

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: In our classrooms, we work to recognize the unique beauty and potential of every child. We are committed to diversity, openness, and accessibility for all. We are committed to creating systems that provide equitable outcome for all of our students. Graduates from our program are out in high school and college making a difference in their communities daily through volunteer work and academic study.

We plan to focus next year on the growth and development of our adolescent program (ages 12-15). This typically at-risk age group is thriving in our school. We are also planning to develop extensive gardens and create a place that all of our students and the local community can come to buy eggs and fresh vegetables. The students are developing a program that will invite families who are not enrolled at our school to learn about farming, cooking and sustainability.

Operating Budget: \$913,344

Staunton Music Festival

Staunton, VA

stauntonmusicfestival.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Staunton Music Festival's mission is to offer exceptional music performed by acclaimed musicians at historic venues throughout Staunton in a way that is accessible to all. Programs offer an innovative balance between old and new music. We believe great music can transform the region and all of its residents. The SMF's signature event is the Summer Music Festival. Lasting ten days and presenting 30 concerts, lectures, and workshops, it features over 60 of the world's finest chamber musicians performing at historic venues in downtown Staunton. The Festival offers free concerts daily at noon and ticketed concerts each evening. SMF also presents a variety of other musical events and lectures over the course of the year. In addition, SMF hosts The Musical Spark annually, a creative intermingling of poetry, fiction, and classical music for local students, and hosts a series of outreach concerts to inner-city and rural communities.

Constituents Served: Local residents have been the majority of our audiences since the beginning, though in recent years the balance has shifted toward an equal split between local and non-local. Our audience is generally middle-aged and brings experience with classical music. We work to reach out to new listeners, who do not always have the experience or finances that typically accompany a regular concert-goer. All events are free for youth (18 and under); more than half of all events are free for everyone. Moreover, SMF has kept ticket prices low in order to make our concerts as easily accessible as possible.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: We are seeking support for our free concerts at downtown Staunton locations during the festival. These 12 events are open to all and take place during the noon hour. Concerts are held in accessible locations and the 12:00 starting time is extremely appealing to the families and senior citizens who are the SMF's target audience for these concerts. A one-hour long, family-friendly noon concert is the perfect venue for families to expose their young children to classical music. SMF encourages young children and parents to attend these concerts, and works to maintain an open, casual atmosphere. The noon concerts are also extremely popular with senior citizens. While many of these retirees attend the evening concerts, there is a large group of senior citizens who love classical music, but also find the evening series cost-prohibitive. In addition, many seniors have trouble with driving at night, and the noon concerts offer them an opportunity to still be able to enjoy some of the best musicians in the world.

Operating Budget: \$232,350

Program Budget: \$64,300 (\$15,300 already secured)

Staunton Parks and Recreation

Staunton, VA

www.staunton.va.us/recreation

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide a variety of leisure opportunities with the purpose of improving quality of life for all citizens of Staunton. We plan and offer a variety of educational and enrichment programming, as well as recreational sports leagues. We maintain and beautify Staunton's public parks, offer quality childcare, and plan special events (most of which are free) for the entire community.

Constituents Served: We mainly serve the citizens of Staunton as we are funded with taxpayer dollars. However, everyone is eligible to participate in any of our offerings. For recreational and educational programming, we collect a non-resident fee of \$2 per program from customers who reside outside Staunton city limits.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: We are seeking support to complete the development of our new Natural Playground in Montgomery Hall Park. Multiple community organizations have recognized this as a worthy and important cause, and have chosen to support its development. We have raised over \$20,000 from a total of 25 supporters (in-kind and/or monetary) to-date. Additionally, the playground is set to officially open in 2017, though it has already been visited by numerous local families. A grant from the Community Foundation would fund a specific playground element, Fossil Digging, as well as future playground maintenance and upkeep. Safety is a major goal of this playground. Though a natural playground is a different type of play experience involving natural elements already found in nature, we must still adhere to national playground safety standards.

Program Budget: \$33,000 (\$20,932 already secured)

Stonewall Brigade Band

Staunton, VA

stonewallbrigadeband.com

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of The Stonewall Brigade Band is to offer high quality music programs and performances to benefit the citizens and the community; to encourage and recruit musicians; to preserve the musical heritage of the Shenandoah Valley; to continue in perpetuity the long history of the Stonewall Brigade Band. Our activities include:

- Summer concert series (13 performances)
- Annual holiday performance with goodwill donation for the Salvation Army and Valley Mission
- Perform by invitation at many civic and historical events
- Promote ensemble participation and performances around the community, particularly to non-mobile populations
- Encourage and recruit young musicians
- Sponsor students to Virginia Tech High School Honors Band
- Provide an atmosphere of musical family

Constituents Served: There are over 100 active members of the Band representing at least 12 counties in Virginia and West Virginia. More than 600 audience members attended the Christmas concert, and there are approximately 300+ audience members in attendance at each of the 13 Monday evening summer performances. Additional performances include historical events, cultural functions, and educational opportunities. Ensembles provide extensive performances at retirement homes, cultural events, and church services throughout the region. Total individuals enjoying the benefits of the Stonewall Brigade Band during 2016: approximately 7,300+.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Title: Stonewall Brigade Band Outreach Programs

Program Details: Throughout the Blue Ridge/Shenandoah Valley area, there are many individuals who are not provided with an opportunity to join a music organization. Some private school attendees, home schooled students, and students enrolled in block programs that consider arts to be a superfluous elective or lack music education/performance opportunities. We will seek to locate used, "attic" or discarded instruments for distribution to individuals who request them. We also endeavor to begin a new auxiliary Band to educate beginning or intermediate students and other individuals, including those in the homeless shelters or other assistance organizations, who are unable but desire, for various reasons, to participate in music organizations. The SBB will fund an overhaul of the donated instruments to be used in this new band, where needed. Beginning and intermediate instrumental music education will be provided. This program will be inter-generational and without economic restrictions. Students from all walks of life will be enthusiastically recruited. As students improve they will be invited to join the Stonewall Brigade Band and will be paired with a suitable musician-mentor. A director has been identified and planning and curriculum development will begin in July 2017. An instrument donation program will begin in August 2017. The auxiliary Band should be ready for implementation by September 2017 and will continue through May 2018.

Operating Budget: \$17,673

Program Budget: \$17,000 (\$2,000 already secured)

Stonewall Jackson Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Waynesboro, VA

bsa-sjac.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We deliver the Boy Scouts of America program to youth across our 13-county territory. Cub Scouts (grades K-5), Boy Scouts (grades 6-12), and Venturing (co-ed, ages 14-21) deliver age-appropriate learning opportunities designed around the three aims of Scouting; character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness (mental and physical). Our members (Scouts), participate in weekly meetings and monthly weekend activities. Our Explorer Clubs (co-ed, grades 6-8) and Explorer Posts (co-ed, ages 14-21) provide opportunities for youth in our community to participate in hands-on career exploration activities which align with the Virginia Department of Education's 16 career clusters.

Constituents Served: Cub Scouts is open to boys in grades 1-5, Boy Scouts is open to boys in grades 6-12, Career Explorer Clubs are open to all middle school students, and Venturing and Career Explorer Posts are open to boys and girls ages 14-21. Membership is not denied based on race, religion, creed, disability, orientation, gender identity or ability to pay. Geographic areas in Valley District: Augusta County, Staunton, Waynesboro, Nelson County, Highland County. We served 847 youth ages 5-18 last year.

Amount Requested: \$4,500

Program Details: Our Career Explorer Program is designed to provide real world career exploration for boys and girls in middle and high school. In our Clubs (middle school), we have monthly meetings at Shelburne in Staunton and Kate Collins in Waynesboro where speakers come to talk with the students about their current career and the path that lead them there. There is time at the end of each presentation for the students to ask our speakers specific questions. In our Posts (high school), students visit a specific organization that interests them. For example, we have a Post at Augusta Health where students meet with a myriad of health professionals (outside of the hospital as well). During these visits, they can participate in hands-on activities in order to get a real understanding of the career they are planning to pursue after high school. The goal of our Career Explorer Program is to educate our local youth on the opportunities available for them in their own community as well as the track they need to take in order to thrive in their preferred field. In order for this to happen, we have to provide these students with more hands-on experiences by way of field trips, after school visits and partnerships with businesses that will be willing to host a Post.

Operating Budget: \$1,361,000

Program Budget: \$10,000 (\$5,000 already secured)

Stu-Comm, Inc. (dba WNRN)

Charlottesville, VA

www.wnrn.org

Mission & Primary Activities: WNRN is an independent nonprofit music radio network based in Charlottesville. WNRN's mission is to strengthen communities through music, art and education in central Virginia. Our primary service to the community is WNRN's annual broadcast of 8760 public service announcements. The award-winning feature Hear Together provides over \$300,000 in free airtime each year to 260 local non-profit organizations.

Constituents Served: Although WNRN serves 100,000 listeners from Richmond to Staunton and from Lynchburg to Harrisonburg, Hear Together addresses specific issues in our community by serving other non-profits. Operating 24 hours a day, WNRN circulates public service messages hourly which means that they reach all of our listeners by being played multiple times throughout our schedule. WNRN actively informs our listeners about the good work of local nonprofit organizations to encourage volunteerism and help increase the effectiveness of non-profit organizations in central Virginia including Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro, along with Nelson and Augusta Counties.

Amount Requested: \$2,000

Program Details: WNRN's unique approach to circulate the public service messages throughout the 24-hour schedule means that announcements reach all of its listeners. They are produced to be clear, produced using music, and placed carefully within programming so listeners stay engaged. All of this involves work and thought on the operational end, but with clear benefit to the non-profits. The Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County and Nelson County non-profit organizations featured in these public service announcements serve the diverse needs of residents . "Hear Together" encompasses three different programs on WNRN. While each of the programs are stylistically different, all three involve WNRN working directly with the non-profit organizations to bring supporters to their events and to be a part of their programs as volunteers. The programs are "Community Connections", "Culture Connections", and "Hear Together Profiles". In 2016, Hear Together broadcast 263 public service announcements with pieces benefiting 20 Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County and Nelson County organizations with over 60 separate announcements from January 2016 to December 2016. Half of the agencies served state they have no budget for advertising. During our 2017-18 fiscal year we hope to serve an additional 20+ nonprofit organizations in the Central Blue Ridge area.

Operating Budget: \$1,270,500

Program Budget: \$101,600 (\$45,000 already secured)

Talking Book Center
Staunton, VA
www.talkingbookcenter.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To make accessible, and to provide guidance in the use of, materials which seek to fulfill the intellectual, educational, and recreational needs of residents in our service area who are unable to utilize standard library or commercial materials due to visual or physical impairment or a reading disability. To ensure that disabled readers in our service area have ready access to books that meet their reading needs, the TBC maintains a comprehensive collection of over 20,000 digital audio book titles. Registered patrons receive an audio book player, specially designed for disabled readers, on long-term loan. The two part-time Reader Advisors who run the TBC are available by phone to provide patrons with personal one-on-one service which includes: reference service, placing book orders for titles held in other locations, downloading digital titles not held in our physical collection, and circulation of daily book orders.

Constituents Served: Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

Amount Requested: \$2,500

Program Details: Blind, vision-impaired, physically disabled and reading disabled residents have few resources to keep socially engaged and mentally stimulated. Talking Books provide these disabled residents ready access to books that fulfill their recreational, intellectual and educational reading needs. In 2016, 99% of TBC clients who responded to their survey indicated that receiving Talking Book service improves the quality of their lives. 67% use the player daily, averaging 4 hours/day. 83% stated that Talking Books was either their main source of reading and informational materials, or one of their main activities. One of our ongoing goals is to identify more area residents who qualify and can benefit from TBC service and support. Surveys indicate that as many as 50% of blind, disabled individuals currently are not enrolled in TBC.

Operating Budget: \$55,055

Three Notch'd Road, Inc.

Charlottesville, VA
www.tnrbaroque.org

Mission & Primary Activities: Our mission is to promote the arts, including by promoting interest in and appreciation of music of the baroque era, sponsoring live musical performances, and educating audiences regarding baroque music. Each year we perform a season concert series of four programs which are performed at least in Charlottesville and in Staunton, and sometimes in other locations. We also provide frequent free school concerts to engage younger listeners and play at libraries, retirement homes and at special schools such as the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. We also collaborate to perform with and for other regional music groups.

Constituents Served: We market to all persons in our geographic service area (about a 50 mile radius from Charlottesville). Last season we had a live audience of almost 2,500 individuals. The majority of our series concert attendees are over the age of 50, but we offer free tickets to all students (K-college). Last year we served 2,100 adults and 400 youth.

Amount Requested: \$1,000

Program Details: We are pleased to be able to bring top level musicians to our area. The quality of our performances is exceptional and that is shown by the audience response, the level of individual donations, the number of grants we have been able to obtain (7 this year), and the fact that our audience numbers are continually growing (up 43% this year over last). We are accomplishing our mission of bringing quality baroque music to an area which would not otherwise be exposed to and enjoy such performances.

Operating Budget: \$66,500

Valley Area Community Support, Inc.

Staunton, VA

<http://www.vacsi.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: VACSI's mission is to provide assistance through housing and supportive services to improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, or substance abuse issues. VACSI provides safe, affordable housing for this special needs population, all of whom are low-income. VACSI currently has 21 rental units and also owns a property in Waynesboro which has been used by Valley Community Services Board for transitional housing. VACSI provides a tenant assistance fund which covers the costs of prescriptions, medical needs, and basic apartment furnishings. This fund includes money to pay residents for their work around the VACSI properties, which helps the tenants financially and provides help for the part-time Executive Director.

Constituents Served: VACSI serves adults with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and substance abuse issues who are in need of affordable housing in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. In 2016, VACSI served 23 individuals (5 ages 30-39, 1 age 40-49, 8 ages 50-59, 5 ages 60-69, and 4 age 70+). We impact approximately 100 family members and other community members by alleviating the emotional and financial challenges they would encounter if their loved one is faced with substandard housing or homelessness. These individuals are served 365 days a year every year.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: VACSI currently provides safe, affordable housing for 21 tenants. Based on demand and conversations with partner agencies, more units are desperately needed. Clients are referred to VACSI by the Valley Community Services Board (VCSB), the Valley Mission, and the Department of Social Services. To coordinate tenant needs, VACSI executed memorandums of understanding with the Valley Mission and VCSB. This collaboration provides housing and supportive service delivery for adults with mental illness, developmental delay disabilities, and/or substance use who also have histories of homelessness and/or housing instability. Rent for the one bedroom apartments is \$450 - \$495, and the efficiencies are \$300 - \$350. All apartments are within one block of public transportation. As fundraising allows, we will reduce the rent of the one-bedrooms to \$425 per month. Rent includes utilities with the exception of 10 units that must pay for electric.

Our goal is to add 4 to 10 apartments per year through new construction or renovations of purchased properties. During this fiscal year, VACSI would like to begin renovations to its West Johnson Street property, which currently has 10 apartments with a large office area. The renovation will convert the vacant office area into eight efficiency apartments, and the projected costs are \$262,000. We were awarded a \$20,000 grant from Augusta Health for this project, and are awaiting notification from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development regarding a \$200,000 proposal submitted in November.

Operating Budget: \$179,264

Valley Children's Advocacy Center

Staunton, VA

www.valleychildrenscenter.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To strengthen our community's response to child abuse and neglect; to investigate, assess, educate, and provide services using a multidisciplinary team approach; to work towards making our community a safe place for children to grow and thrive. Services provided by Valley Children's Advocacy Center to children and their non-offending caregivers include: forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, multidisciplinary team case coordination, and mental health counseling. Valley CAC also provides educational and outreach services to our community to assist in the recognition and prevention of child abuse. All services provided to clients of Valley CAC are free of charge.

Constituents Served: Valley CAC accepts referrals from law enforcement and Department of Social Services. We provide services to children in the Staunton, Augusta, Waynesboro areas, as well as Rockbridge, Lexington, and Buena Vista. We also provide courtesy services to children in Bath and Highland County as they do not have a Child Advocacy Center in their communities. Children are referred to our organization when there is an allegation or suspicion of any type of serious child abuse or neglect. During FY16, Valley CAC provided services to 219 children (50 ages 0-6, 89 ages 7-12, 80 ages 13-18).

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: When law enforcement or Child Protective Services receive a report of serious child abuse or neglect, when appropriate, the child is referred to Valley CAC for a forensic interview. The CAC provides a warm, welcoming, neutral, child-friendly environment where the child can be interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer. Interviews are observed in another room by members of the multidisciplinary team, comprised of law enforcement, Child Protective Services workers, prosecutors, Victim/Witness, and mental health professionals. Having all team members present reduces the need for additional interviews. Research shows that repeated interviews increase a child's trauma experience while decreasing prosecution rates for child abuse cases. Studies show that communities with CACs were able to make faster decisions to charge criminals with crimes against children. Additionally, research indicates utilizing a CAC model can save as much as \$1,000 per child abuse case by streamlining the process.

The goal of providing forensic interview services is to ensure the child experiences the least amount of trauma possible, while gathering necessary information to determine what must occur going forward to ensure the child's safety. Forensic interviews are often considered the first step in a child's path toward healing. Child abuse, specifically child sexual abuse, often results in severe emotional trauma and CAC staff are equipped to provide specialized services to respond effectively to the needs of those children and their caregivers. Following forensic interviews, clients typically receive follow up services of victim advocacy and mental health counseling.

Operating Budget: \$291,263

Valley Hope Counseling Center

Waynesboro, VA
valleyhopecc.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide access to mental health services for all. Valley Hope has been providing low-fee professional counseling services since 1997, working to meet the mental health needs of lower-income individuals and families who cannot afford full-fee services. We provide individual, couples, marital, family and group counseling for a wide range of mental health issues, and all fees are determined by a sliding scale based on income so services can be affordable and accessible to anyone in need.

Constituents Served: Valley Hope serves the communities of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County. Any resident in need of counseling, regardless of income level, is eligible for our services. Our target population is local individuals and families who are lower income and/or uninsured and cannot afford to pay full-fee for professional counseling services elsewhere. Valley Hope served a total of 528 individuals last year, including 75 under 18 years old, 56 aged 18-23, 291 aged 22-44, 59 aged 45-54, 41 aged 55-69, and 6 over 70.

Amount Requested: \$5,625

Program Details: Valley Hope is requesting funding to subsidize low-fee couples/marital counseling for local residents who cannot afford full-fee services. This is our highest growing demand for services, with triple the number of sessions provided/couples treated as compared to only 4 years ago. A major reason for this increase is the lack of any alternative low-fee options locally; VCSB is the only other agency that provides sliding scale counseling services, but they cannot offer couples counseling. When a marriage or committed relationship fails, there is significant emotional and economic fallout for both individuals, as well as numerous short- and long-term issues for children. Couples counseling can help save and repair relationships, and when reconciliation is not possible, counseling can help find a way for individuals to work together and be effective co-parents. However, without low-fee options, local couples of lower income and without insurance coverage cannot access vital services.

The amount requested from the Community Foundation will subsidize the \$45 difference (between what clients can pay and what it actually costs the agency) for half of the anticipated 250 couples counseling sessions in 2017-18.

Operating Budget: \$143,265

Program Budget: \$15,250

Valley Mission, Inc.

Staunton, VA

www.valleymission.net

Mission & Primary Activities: The Valley Mission is a non-profit organization offering shelter, support, and hope to the homeless in Augusta, Staunton, Waynesboro, Rockbridge, Bath, Highland, Alleghany, Covington and part of Nelson Counties. Basic needs of shelter, food, clothing and spiritual encouragement are provided to all. The Valley Mission, with thirty-five paid staff members and approximately 1500 volunteers per year, provides temporary housing and proactively works with residents to obtain permanent, affordable housing for themselves and their families. Case management, mental health services, support groups, life skills courses, and child care are some of the many opportunities available at the Mission now.

Constituents Served: The Mission serves the homeless in Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, Highland, Alleghany, Covington and Nelson Counties, as well as Waynesboro and Staunton. In 2016, the Valley Mission housed an average of 69 persons per night, with a total of 26,160 bed nights and 54,647 meals served. There were 581 individuals served, including 53 families. Our rules for admittance into the shelter are simply; individuals cannot have a criminal history of sexual crimes or be a violent offender.

Amount Requested: \$7,500

Program Details: We are seeking funding for our Initial Housing Support Program, part of the Always Seek Knowledge (ASK) Program, which encompasses education, mental health, financial health, legal services, and job skills training, and is provided to each resident depending on their needs. These life skills courses, which are a mandated part of each resident's case management plan, range from twice weekly mental health counseling services to financial management, and are assigned based on an entry assessment by case managers. Once residents are ready to leave the Valley Mission, many require initial housing support. Funds from the Community Foundation would be used in this program to pay the first month's rent, hook up utilities, and provide a rental deposit. This would allow clients a grace period to achieve some level of stability. In 2015, 12% of our residents were rehoused in safe and stable accommodations, and in 2016 we achieved 15%. Our ultimate goal is to work with residents to obtain permanent, affordable housing. Evidence shows that obtaining housing results in a faster pathway towards self-sufficiency and ultimately results in cost savings for taxpayers. The longer a person remains homeless, the higher the rates of emergency services, potential incarceration, and untreated chronic health issues.

Operating Budget: \$1,218,169

Program Budget: \$165,000 (\$45,000 already secured)

Valley Music Academy

Waynesboro, VA

ValleyMusicAcademy.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Valley Music Academy is to enrich lives through music education and performance. We provide comprehensive early childhood music programs; private instruction on most instruments for beginning, intermediate and advanced students; instructions for students of all ages; and, performance opportunities - solo and ensemble. These activities are provided in a safe and secure learning environment. Qualified applicants (those in need) receive scholarships for reduced rate or free lessons. When feasible, we partner with community organizations to present programs.

Constituents Served: VMA serves students of all ages (infant to 80+ years) and ability regardless of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation or financial resources. VMA serves students from Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County, and Northern Rockbridge, Western Albemarle, Southern Rockingham and Nelson counties. Last year, we served 59 students ages 0-5, 301 students ages 6-18, 35 students ages 19-50, and 22 students ages 51+.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Music is arguably one of the most impacting of all art forms. VMA desires to provide quality music for people of all ages in our community. We influence 400 students annually through private and group instruction, and several thousand more with free- or low-cost community performances. In recent years VMA has reached out to the adult community, attracting more adult students who either never learned to play, or haven't played in many years. VMA has helped thousands of students within this region attain their musical goals. Students have chosen to further their music education at the collegiate level, and some have received scholarships due in part to the training received at VMA. Today, several local performers and local educators received much of their early training through VMA. The instruction they received here will impact future generations with the gift of music in this area and beyond.

Operating Budget: \$134,815

Valley Program for Aging Services

Waynesboro, VA

vpas.info

Mission & Primary Activities: To empower those 60 years and older with the resources and opportunities they need to lead engaged lives. VPAS provides educational and support services to individuals 60 years and older that promote independence in their home and community. Our services include: information, assistance and case management services; Medicare insurance counseling; chronic disease self-management education; in-home personal care services, personal emergency response systems, and Meals on Wheels for home-bound persons; adult day care; Senior Centers for socialization, recreation, education, fitness, and congregate meals; and transportation services. Some of our programs serve individuals under 60 based on eligibility requirements and the program's funding source. Priority is given to those who are low income, minority, and living in rural areas.

Constituents Served: In general, VPAS provides services to people 60 and older to improve their quality of life and promote their independence. In order to be eligible for in-home services such as Meals on Wheels and Personal Care, an individual must also be qualified as homebound. Two programs, Medicare Insurance Counseling and Senior Transportation also serve individuals under 60 as permitted by the funding source. Last year, VPAS served 4,769 unduplicated individuals across the ten jurisdictions. Individuals for whom we have an age include: 330 individuals below age 60; 1231 individuals age 60-69; 1237 individuals age 70-79; 1166 individuals age 80+.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: VPAS offers the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) in which trained and certified Counselors provide one-on-one, confidential, impartial help to Medicare beneficiaries. Topics covered include: New to Medicare overviews, Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D), applying for Extra Help and/or Medicare Savings Programs for help paying for premiums, deductibles and co-payments, etc. VICAP is unique in that the Counselors are impartial and look at all options available, whereas other vendors discuss only the insurance plans they represent. Our counselors save individuals money by helping with assistance applications and finding the most affordable Part D plan during the annual Open Enrollment Period (OEP). In the Staunton, Augusta, Waynesboro, and Highland (SAW-H) Region, VICAP Counselors served 888 individuals and facilitated a total of \$307,358 in healthcare cost savings in FY16. VPAS experienced two large funding cuts this year that reduced money available for VICAP. The annual OEP requires the most staffing, and is the largest opportunity to save people money as a result of their counseling session. In FY2017-18, we anticipate serving 920 individuals and facilitating \$340,000 in savings in the SAW-H Region, the vast majority of which will be during OEP 2017.

Operating Budget: \$2,812,931

Program Budget: \$67,731 (\$60,699 already secured)

Vector Industries, Inc.
Waynesboro, VA
<http://www.vectorindustries.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: Vector Industries mission is to operate a successful business that employs and trains persons with diverse disabilities to enable them to reach their potential as productive community members. Vector's main objective is to provide consistent meaningful employment in a supportive work environment for our team of 87 individuals with disabilities who reside in Staunton, Waynesboro, & Augusta County. Vector Industries strives to be a leading industrial partner providing complex assembly & logistics to customers throughout Virginia & beyond. Vector is a valuable resource for out-sourcing projects that require a team of highly qualified & uniquely specialized individuals. Services include hand assembly, packaging, fulfillment, logistics & kitting. A sampling of our client list includes Parker Compound Bows, Reynolds Consumer Products, Devils Backbone, PCG Education, Bold Rock Hard Cider, Hollister and Fisher Auto Parts.

Constituents Served: Vector Industries' workforce currently consists of 87 individuals, some with a range of physical and intellectual disabilities. It is assumed that most of our population is disadvantaged in some way, although we do not survey employees for economic demographics. Most rely on social security disability in addition to the wages earned at Vector to pay for the room, board, food, etc. Our service area includes Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County. In 2016, Vector Industries employed approximately 95 individuals, including 19 ages 19-29, 13 ages 30-40, 18 ages 41-51, 24 ages 52-62, and 9 ages 63-73.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Vector Industries provides daily transportation to their employees with disabilities, allowing them to access employment opportunities designed for their abilities. This employee benefit is essential as the majority of our employees do not have access to an alternative form of transportation. On average, 60% of our employees utilize this program. Additionally, public transportation is limited in Augusta County, which covers a large geographic footprint and offers few bus routes, none of which accommodate the commute of Vector employees. A January 2016 post on the U.S. Department of Labor blog sums up the need, "The best employment program is of little help if people cannot access reliable, independent and affordable transportation." Vector Industries considers transportation to be the biggest barrier to employment. The transportation program is essential for our team members maintain their work schedules and sustain their present income. We operate three bus routes: Staunton/Churchville, Stuarts Draft, & Waynesboro. Two of our three buses are in constant need of repair, and it is a priority to replace at least one vehicle this fiscal year.

Operating Budget: \$1,550,000

Program Budget: \$50,000

Verona Community Center

Verona, VA

www.veronacommunitycenter.org

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide a place where the Verona community and its neighbors can come together for fellowship, service, meetings and recreation in a safe and convenient environment promoting wholesome values and community cooperation. The Center includes a no-pay internet cafe with free coffee and snacks and four rooms of various sizes available to civic groups, families, youth, and businesses for meetings, training, celebrations, service projects and recreational activities. The management board has a particular interest in providing life skills and training for local citizens of all ages, especially youth, low-income families and seniors.

Constituents Served: We provide services to residents of, and visitors to, the Verona area and surrounding areas in Augusta County. From opening in March to December 31, 2016 we served 10,184 persons. Of that number approximately 4,000 were seniors, 5,000 were ages 20-50 and 1,000 youth.

Amount Requested: \$4,100

Program Title: Basic Computer Skills

Program Details: Many individuals who use our internet cafe lack the computer skill to prepare simple documents, conduct job or apartment searches, etc. It is our intent to provide basic computer skills instruction for seniors and low-income families without computers. Our outdated donated laptops need to be replaced in order to offer classes, and we need to provide support for a professional instructor. We aim to purchase ten new laptops in June and begin a free, four-week class in basic computer skills (3 hours) in July, which we will offer again in September and November.

Operating Budget: \$107,400

Program Budget: \$4,100

Verona Community Food Pantry

Verona, VA

veronacommunityfoodpantry.com

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Verona Community Food Pantry (VCFP) is to provide food to families that are in need of support in Augusta County and the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro. In 2016, we helped an average of 1,575 families per month. VCFP is open to our clients on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 to Noon and Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 in the afternoon. We are an all volunteer, nonprofit organization that orders, receives, stocks food, raises money, greets clients and helps them through the process, pays bills, sends thank you letters, and maintains good relationships with local churches, civic groups, youth groups, corporations, other nonprofits, governments, and the general public. As the largest food pantry in the Shenandoah Valley we also serve as an example and mentor to other pantries in the area.

Constituents Served: Residents of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County that live below the poverty level as defined by the USDA are eligible to receive food once a month at VCFP. During 2016 we helped 4,095 people each month. Approximately 35% were under the age of 18, 10% were over 65 and the remainder were between 18 and 65 years old.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: Our objective is to provide food to families that are food insecure. Being food insecure means not knowing if there will be enough food for you and your family at the NEXT meal. Food insecurity contributes to family stress, worry, child obesity, and a decline in family physical and mental health. A visit to VCFP will provide about 140 pounds of nutritious food each month -- not a solution to the problem, but certainly a welcome relief to the family. Receiving food from VCFP allows families to use limited income to help keep their children in school, and help with medical needs the family may have. The only evidence we can suggest to support that we are impacting families is the number of families needing our help has decreased about 200 families over the past two years. The outcome we strive for is to provide nutritious foods, for all qualifying family units that come to us for help while turning away no one due to our lack of food.

Operating Budget: \$193,175

VSDB Foundation

Staunton, VA

<http://vsdbfoundation.org>

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the VSDB Foundation is to provide support and promote the growth, progress, and general welfare of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind and education of the students served by VSDB. Previous support has included the purchase of computers for every student and faculty member and the necessary hardware and equipment (\$210,377), salaries for the CROPS horticulture program, summer school (\$54,621 in the summer of 2015), registration fees and travel costs to send five students and three teachers to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, Braille writers, sports uniforms, and cameras for a photography class.

Constituents Served: All visually or hearing impaired students pre-K through 12th grade throughout the State of Virginia can benefit from the support and activities of the VSDB Foundation. VSDB is operated as an agency of the Commonwealth and collects no tuition or fees from its students who live across Virginia. Last year the VSDB student body totaled 98 students from preschool through twelfth grade (elementary students – 28%; middle school – 21%; high school - 51%). Fifty-six students were deaf/hard of hearing, 23 were blind/vision impaired, and 19 were multi-disabled).

Amount Requested: \$3,000

Program Title: Independent Living Apartments – Construction and Furnishings

Program Details: The VSDB Foundation is helping to establish VSDB's Independent Living Apartments program which is designed to increase self-sufficiency as high school students begin the transition from the academic environment to the greater community. The second floor of Price Hall is being converted into five (5) apartments and a training room equipped with appliances, furnishings, and adaptive equipment necessary for VSDB students to live on their own. Instructional supervision will teach students how to care for themselves, with basic skills like time and money management, cooking and grocery shopping, laundry, daily scheduling to meet work and personal commitments. The setting will allow students to learn independent living skills within a community, to develop skills for the development of social relationships, and to improve self-directed action to achieve personal, interpersonal and career goals.

The program design and implementation includes the following activities:

- Renovation of the 5 independent living apartments – underway; to be completed by July 2017
- Renovation of the program training room – underway; to be completed by July 2017
- Curriculum development- underway, to be completed by July 2017
- Program implementation – first session to be conducted in the fall of 2017

Operating Budget: \$196,400

Program Budget: \$16,190 (\$12,700 already secured)

Wayne Theatre Alliance

Waynesboro, VA

www.waynetheatre.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Wayne Theatre Alliance's mission is to enhance the artistic, cultural, and economic life of Waynesboro and the surrounding area through the operation of the Wayne Theatre/Ross Performing Arts Center. The Ross Center at the Historic Wayne Theatre is a regional performing arts center that presents cultural and educational programming and is available to the public, community and civic organizations for meetings and events.

Constituents Served: Geographic service area: Augusta, Rockingham, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Staunton, Waynesboro, Albemarle, and other regions. We provide services to any member of the public who wishes to attend a free event, exhibit opening or movie, purchase a ticket for a performance, or rent one of the several spaces available in the theatre. The Theatre opened in March of 2016. Since that time 24,350 tickets were purchased through our ticketing system and we saw an additional 25,000 attend non-ticketed programming and events. Arts programming for PreK-12 has 5,918 students participate, and 12,789 attendants for family programming.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Title: Arts Education Programming

Program Details: Our arts education programs give youth the opportunity to experience performing arts in a professional theatre setting. The mission of this program presents educational theater that engages children in meaningful ways that complement school curricula, deal with complex societal issues, and to cultivate an appreciation of the performing arts. The 2017/18 season offers educational programming for all ages. The Virginia Repertory Theatre Company, will present a series of productions of classics, biographies and holiday shows.

2017 Fall schedule:

- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, grades K-5. References: Folk Tales, Music, Classics, Language Arts, Reading, History.
- Pinocchio, K-5. References: Folk Tales, Family Ties, Reading, Self Esteem.
- The Wright Stuff: First in Flight, 3-8. References: Biography, Family Ties, History, Science.
- Apollo to the Moon, 3-12. References: Language Arts, History, Science.
- Thumbelina, K-5. References: Folk Tales, Music, Classics, Language Arts, Reading, Character Development.

Operating Budget: \$229,890

Program Budget: \$35,000

Waynesboro at War
Waynesboro, VA
www.waynesboroatwar.webs.com

Mission & Primary Activities: Waynesboro At War is dedicated to organizing and presenting Civil War-related educational events such as lectures, living history displays and battle reenactments. Waynesboro At War will engage in educational activities aimed at increasing the public's awareness of historical issues. Our goal is to present 3 quarterly living history programs and a Civil War reenactment weekend for the general public. Incidental to these events is ongoing research into the roles played by members of the community during the Civil War years. These findings will be incorporated into the living history events and published in pamphlets and books. We hope to hold a lecture at the Wayne Theater this year as well. We hope to make inroads into the local school system to help meet the needs of teachers in reaching the SOL goals for the Civil War period.

Constituents Served: Our events are held in Waynesboro for the general populace. Past events have drawn visitors from as far away as Florida, New York and California. 25% of our attendees are aged 8-16, 50% are between 25 - 50, the balance ranging among those ages not specified. Our event was cancelled last year due to funding issues, but in the past we have drawn between 300 in one day to over 650 in two days.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: By bringing a spotlight to Waynesboro's Civil War legacy, we are able to instill a sense of community pride, draw outside tourism dollars, and foster an interest in local history. When we hosted the HistoryMobile, their staff noted that our visitors displayed a greater interest than at any other location. We have people as far away as New York asking when the next event is. As we progress, our impact will be similar to that of the New Market and Cedar Creek programs. The more we do, the closer our ties will be to the Civil War Trails program as well. This will result in more revenue to the city through dining, lodging and fuel sales.

Apart from our immediate goal of securing funding for this year's program, our longer-term goals include creating a self-sufficient living history program that does for Waynesboro what the Gettysburg programs have done for that city. We also hope to develop an interpretive site as part of the downtown greenway, and help raise the schools' SOL performance in the history category.

Operating Budget: \$7,300

Waynesboro Family YMCA

Waynesboro, VA

www.waynesboroymca.com

Mission & Primary Activities: We put Christian principals into practice with programming that develop mind, body, & spirit for all. Our primary focus is programs targeted at healthy living, social responsibility, and healthy living.

Constituents Served: From infant to 100 years old, the Y serves all ages, socio-economic status, religions, and backgrounds. Last year we estimate we served over 8000 people. We have over 140 kids in childcare right now (over 200 served last year) and over 40% of those kids were on scholarship or subsidy. Last year we taught over 200 kids to swim, had over 100 in competitive swimming programming, and put through over 300 in youth sports programming. We have over 400 people a day come through our facility for healthy living programming with a full fitness offering.

Amount Requested: \$7,500

Program Title: Teen POWER (Positive Outcomes When Exercising Regularly)

Program Details: The Y is partnering with Waynesboro Public Schools to deliver Teen POWER (Positive Outcomes When Exercising Regularly) - a 30 week program where the Y would provide twice a week on-site fitness classes at Kate Collins Middle School (during elective periods), water safety instruction, and an optional strength training class once a week at the Y. Our target is to serve 40 teens. The program would begin in the Fall of 2017 and be targeted at twenty 7th grade students. Then in the winter, we'd focus on twenty 8th grade students. We will include 'nutrition nuggets' and health tips for the last 15 minutes of one of the weekly classes. There will be Y membership incentives for not only participants in the program, but families as well if parents choose to participate in Y programming to support the goals of their teen. BMI indexes, weight, and blind attitudinal pre and post surveys will be collected so we can measure not only weight loss but an increase in self confidence and health education. Waynesboro Public Schools has agreed to provide free facility usage and transportation for the water safety instruction (as well as choosing students to take part).

Operating Budget: \$1,400,000

Program Budget: \$11,486 (\$3,680 already secured)

Waynesboro Symphony String School

Waynesboro, VA
www.WSOMusic.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The String School of the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra, a non-profit subsidiary of the Waynesboro Symphony, extends the music education mission of the Symphony by recognizing the importance of exposing the young to both the mechanics and the beauty of creating music. In addition to regular String School programs which teach violin, viola and cello for a fee, the School expands its educational and community outreach by offering free violins and free weekly lessons throughout the school year and on into the summer months to members of the Waynesboro and Staunton Boys and Girls Club (B&GC). We are now working to expand free lessons into Kate Collins Middle School, recognizing that many (B&GC) members drop out of Club programs when they enter middle school.

Constituents Served: The program serves youths in the Staunton and Waynesboro Boys and Girls Clubs. The age range continues to grow, now including children as young as 8, and up to 14. A recent racial composition of the students is 48% African American, 37% Caucasian and 15% Hispanic. All members of the Boys & Girls Club are eligible.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: Our program gives each participating Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) member their own violin and provides weekly instruction throughout the school year. In the year just finished, we expanded this by continuing lessons into the Summer months so as to maintain interest. We are initiating some classes at Kate Collins Middle School as there is interest among students who have advanced from the elementary B&GC program. One of the many benefits of this program is its impact on the test scores of our String School participants. In addition to learning how to read music notation and how to play an instrument, our string students have realized an across the board increase in their science grades for the last school year.

Operating Budget: \$39,700

Program Budget: \$10,250 (\$3,000 already secured)

Wildlife Center of Virginia

Waynesboro, VA

www.wildlifecenter.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The Wildlife Center of Virginia is a hospital for native wildlife, teaching the world to care about and to care for wildlife and the environment. Each year, the Wildlife Center of Virginia, located in Waynesboro, provides state-of-the-art veterinary care to thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals with the goal of returning them to the wild. During 2016, the Center admitted 2,577 animals from all over Virginia; of that total, 970 patients – or nearly 40 percent of the total caseload – came from the CFCBR service area. Animals are generally brought to the Center by concerned citizens, although some are brought in by law-enforcement officials, game wardens, and veterinarians. There is no charge to admit an animal for treatment.

Constituents Served: Any individual may bring a wild animal in need to the Center. During 2016, an estimated 1750 – 2000 households [40 percent in the Community Foundation’s service area] brought an animal to the Center for care. Center outreach programs reached 2,306 children and 1,412 adults in the Community Foundation’s service area. In addition, the Center's “help desk” is staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week; staff members field thousands of calls each year from individuals with wildlife issues. We estimate that 10,000 households contacted the Center by telephone or email during 2016; we also estimate that 4,000 [40 percent] of these households were in the Foundation’s service area.

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Program Details: The Center is seeking support for its veterinary treatment program – providing lifesaving care for sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals. As noted above, a significant number of patients admitted during 2017 will come from the Foundation’s service area – the Center's “neighborhood”. The total treatment costs in 2016 were nearly \$150/animal. During 2017, the Center will admit about 2,500 patients. The total cost for treating those 970 patients will total an estimated \$145,000. Treatment costs include salaries for staff veterinarians and rehabilitators [who are assisted by a cadre of volunteers, interns, and unpaid preceptors]; medicines and medical supplies; food; outside veterinary and lab services, etc. – all of the costs of a full-service veterinary hospital.

Operating Budget: \$1,300,000

Program Budget: \$47,827 (\$30,000 already secured)

Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center Foundation

Fishersville, VA
www.wwrcf.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Foundation is to raise funds and secure resources to support vocational training and rehabilitative care at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, leading to increased independence and employment of Virginians with disabilities. The Foundation was established to work solely on behalf of the Center to raise and provide funding to expand the number of students served, enable the purchase of important training and life-skills equipment, assist in facilities development, and to add value to the day-to-day teaching, learning, and living of everyone at the Center. Since its beginning, the Foundation has raised over \$4,140,000 to improve the quality of life for the students enrolled at the Center and to provide needed materials and equipment beyond the scope of funding from the Commonwealth.

Constituents Served: Persons with disabilities in the state of Virginia (16 years of age and older) who have been networked through their local Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services Office (DARS) are eligible for services through WWRC. During FY2016, WWRC served 2399 individuals.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Title: WWRC MTT Program - CNC Simulators

Program Details: The new Manufacturing Technology Training (MTT) program at WWRC is designed to offer a number of certification opportunities to our clients having qualifying disabilities. These certifications include; CRC (Career Readiness Certificate), OSHA10 certification, fork lift certification, Manufacturing Specialist certification and Manufacturing Technician 1 certification. The addition of CNC simulators to the MTT program greatly broadens the capability of our clients. CNC programming and control is how much of the machinery and tooling in a typical plant operates, including robotics, lathe and mill work, EDM work as well as laser cutting and 'water knife' control. The clients will learn how to develop the 'G' code (the controlling part pathway code) for the CNC simulators which are identical to the size and operation of the panels on a real machine. By learning the machining and programming techniques in CNC, the MTT client will quickly be able to add value to their organization while enhancing their personnel growth opportunities.

Operating Budget: \$160,325

Program Budget: \$26,309

Wintergreen Adaptive Sports

Charlottesville, VA

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

Mission & Primary Activities: To provide opportunities in outdoor sports for persons with disabilities, of all ages and with all types of disabilities--physical, cognitive, and sensory. From December through March, seven-days per week, we offer adaptive instruction in skiing and snowboarding. From June through September, on weekends only, we offer adaptive instruction in kayaking and canoeing. In both of these programs, we also offer specialized adaptive instruction to combat-injured service members, active duty and veteran, in our wounded warriors program.

Constituents Served: Any person with a disability of any type and of any age is eligible for our services. Last fiscal year we served 165 persons in our winter snow sports program and 28 in our summer paddling program. About 60% of our students in recent years are between the ages of 10 and 25, but we routinely teach children as young as 3 and as old as 70.

Amount Requested: \$4,635

Program Details: We seek support for our ongoing PT & Ski program, an offering unique to Wintergreen Adaptive Sports in which we collaborate with the Physical Therapy graduate program at Shenandoah University and the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (where the program students undergo their pre-season evaluations) to provide a combined physical therapy session and adaptive skiing experience for students with physical disabilities, most often connected to limited ambulation. Each snow sports season, on eight different Thursdays, we offer this program to a rotating series of 3-5 students per session. For participants, we waive all fees for both the PT and the adaptive skiing instruction. Though it is open to anyone, most of our PT & Ski students live in Augusta or Nelson County, partly due to their proximity to the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Waynesboro. We've found that this unique program tends to work symbiotically, maximizing the potential of therapy and instruction. Having been offered now for six years, the program is witnessing its first wait-list, as our outreach efforts have expanded and the program results have broadened its appeal and popularity.

Operating Budget: \$178,230

Program Budget: \$4,635

WMRA

Harrisonburg, VA

WMRA.org

Mission & Primary Activities: WMRA's mission is to inform, connect, and engage communities through journalism, broadcasting, and outreach. WMRA—Virginia's Central Shenandoah Valley public radio network licensed to James Madison University—broadcasts NPR news as well as blues and folk music. In August 2014, WMRA began to more fully comport to our mission of informing, connecting, and engaging communities by covering and producing in-depth local news reports on topics that specifically impact our region and that have broader implications for all Virginians. WMRA's local news stories build interest in, stimulate discussions on, and encourage deeper understanding about topics that might otherwise never come to the forefront; listeners rely on WMRA as a highly trusted news source.

Constituents Served: WMRA is a free public radio service that reaches 600,000-plus people in nine Virginia counties—Albemarle, Augusta, Frederick, Nelson, Page, Prince Edward, Rockbridge, Rockingham, and Shenandoah—and also serves citizens living in rural areas. Our main broadcast center is located in Harrisonburg (90.7) with repeater stations in Charlottesville (103.5), Lexington (89.9), Winchester (94.5), and Farmville (91.3). Our service is extended through WMRA.org, which listeners can access whenever and wherever they choose. More than 50,000 individuals listen to WMRA weekly (average age: 45); approximately 2,500 people listen at any given time.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: A hallmark of WMRA's public radio service is our commitment to connect people and communities, build relationships with listeners, and preserve the heritage of the Commonwealth's Central Shenandoah Valley/Piedmont Region. To those ends, we have strengthened our role as a media institution by providing distinctive local news coverage that has national appeal; our focus bolsters WMRA's impact in communities we serve. One example of WMRA's impact is the Community Conversation that we organized during National Listening Month (2016). WMRA journalists Jordy Yager and Jessie Knadler were joined by News Director Bob Leweke to lead discussions revolving around WMRA's series Refugees in Virginia. Sixty-plus citizens—including representatives from Church World Service and Charlottesville's International Rescue Committee—attended to offer ideas and perspectives on ways in which we can successfully and compassionately support people from other countries as they acclimate to new homes in America.

Operating Budget: \$1,400,000

Program Budget: \$55,000 (\$34,970 already secured)

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum

Staunton, VA

www.woodrowwilson.org

Mission & Primary Activities: The mission of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library (WWPL) is to promote an understanding of the life and times of President Woodrow Wilson, his impact on the world, and his relevance today and for the future. Through the presentation of informative museum exhibits, instructional programs, print and digital archives, and interpretive tours of the presidential birthplace, the WWPL seeks to increase understanding of the 28th President and his legacy. Children's educational programming provides school tours, outreach programs with costumed interpreters visiting schools in the region, special one-day themed workshops, Virtual Visits, the Wilson Leadership Program, and summer history camps. Adult programming includes symposia, lectures, panel discussions, exhibit previews, and guest speakers that focus on a variety of issues during the years of Wilson's life, and the impact of those issues today.

Constituents Served: The WWPL educates citizens of all ages from all socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. During our last fiscal year, we provided educational tours and programs for 21,000 visitors (local citizens and visitors from 47 states and 25 countries). In addition, 1,803 school children attended field trips with 290 adult chaperones, and 134 local children attended special events and camps. Museum educators also reached 878 other children and teachers through outreach programs offered in area schools.

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Program Details: The WWPL provides many well-attended educational opportunities for community members, from new exhibits, to lecture series, to field trips for local schools, to a leadership program for teens, to children's events and camps. In addition to the direct impact of its educational programs, the WWPL also benefits the local area by generating tourism that supports a strong community in other ways. In 2015, tourism generated \$52.4 million in expenditures for Staunton, which supported 552 jobs. Travelers to the area reported historic site tours as one of their top reasons for coming. As admissions revenue only provides about a third of the WWPL's operating budget, support from the community is essential to our success. Wilson is an important figure for the local area, and we must continue to sustain his worldwide legacy.

The WWPL plans to continue hosting special programs for community members, including a lecture series, temporary exhibit openings, our free annual Open House, the leadership program for teens, field trips, summer camps, and other events. One goal for the coming fiscal year is to reach out to more local citizens from lower socioeconomic levels by partnering with community organizations to provide educational opportunities (i.e. special outings for children from Boys and Girls Club and the Community Child Care Center).

Operating Budget: \$637,648