



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

RESULTS FRAMEWORK GRANTS AWARDED IN 2015

CYCLE 1 Grants Awarded in May 2015

RESULT: Children are successful along the education pipeline:

Increase high quality early learning opportunities for birth to eight-year olds

- **Creative Montessori School**, \$100,000 over two years to support the construction of a new Preschool building and Montessori Teacher Training Center. The Montessori Teacher Training Center will be the first of its kind in the region and will provide local opportunities to train and certify Montessori teachers and lay the groundwork to expand Montessori education in the region.
- **YWCA Central Alabama**, \$50,000 to expand capacity in their child development center to serve an additional 16 infants and toddlers. The YWCA Child Development Center provides quality child care programming for at-risk, homeless and hard-to-reach families.

Increase number of career- and college-ready high school graduates

- **Cornerstone Schools of Alabama**, \$150,000 over three years to help build the foundation for their new high school program as it expands enrollment on the Roebuck campus.
- **Growing Kings, Inc.**, \$5,000 to support the implementation of the Scholars & Gentleman program for underserved high school males at Carver High School.
- **Maranathan Family Learning Center and Academy, Inc.**, \$20,000 to support a full-time Career & College Readiness Counselor. The counselor will provide critical assistance to students in need of increasing ACT scores which will help to increase college scholarship and job eligibility.
- **Neighborhood Academy, Inc.**, \$5,000 to support and expand after school program for middle school aged boys and girls in Fountain Heights and Ensley.
- **Restoration Academy**, \$10,000 to grow the college readiness program to include a focus on ACT test preparation and increase scores.
- **UABTeach**, \$1M over 5 years to support the UABTeach Program. This program will help increase the number of Science/Technology/Engineering/Math (STEM) teachers in our area. The goal is to graduate 156 STEM teachers and place them in Birmingham City, Jefferson County, and Hoover City Schools.

RESULT: People can lead healthy lives

Improve nutrition and healthy food access and increase opportunities for physical activity through grants to the following organizations:

- **Childhood Food Solutions**, \$34,000 to purchase a van with chiller package that will be used to receive and transport fresh produce to food insecure families in Shelby and St. Clair counties.

- **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama**, \$75,000 over 3 years to develop the Mothers' Milk Bank of Alabama (MMBAL). The goal of MMBAL is to collect, pasteurize and distribute breast milk to sick and preterm infants.
- **Girls on the Run Birmingham**, \$32,000 to enable the growth of Girls on the Run programming in Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties.
- **IN Birmingham Weightlifting**, \$5,000 to expand this successful physical fitness program to reach boys and girls age 13 – 19 in the Ensley area.
- **King's Home**, \$5,000 to develop a King's Home Garden that would be planted and maintained by the residents. The garden, called Hope's Harvest, would serve as a therapeutic component to promote health, food production, green space and cultural opportunities for over 200 residents.
- **Oak Mountain Missions Ministries**, \$8,000 to support capacity building for Oak Mountain's healthy food distribution program to low-income families and individuals.
- **The Foundry Rescue Mission and Recovery Center**, \$30,000 to encourage healthy eating and directly impact the health of families by distributing fresh produce and information. The program will utilize the Foundry's new food truck to deliver fresh produce, healthy choice recipes and nutritional education in their service area.
- **The Salvation Army of Walker County**, \$8,000 to purchase a freezer to help expand the Salvation Army's food program in Walker County by increasing their ability to serve more nutritional foods to more people.
- **Urban Ministry**, \$55,000 to convert the existing soup kitchen into a One World Everybody Eats Community Café (OWEE). The Café will support the seven core values of OWEE: pay what you can, portion size choice, healthy seasonal foods, volunteering in exchange for a meal, volunteer engagement, living wage for staff and a community table.

Improve access to care for vulnerable populations through grants to the following organizations:

- **Birmingham AIDS Outreach**, \$50,000 to expand the Magic City Acceptance Center (LGBTQ youth center) counseling program to include free individual/family counseling, support groups and tele-counseling.
- **Catholic Family Services**, \$24,000 to expand mental health services provided for Hispanic immigrants to include assistance on immigration issues and extend the number of hours the program is open.
- **Collat Jewish Family Services**, \$40,000 over two years to support CIFS CARES (Care for Adults through Respite, Enrichment and Socialization) a group activity program for people living with memory disorders such as Alzheimer's and dementia.
- **Community Grief Support Service**, \$15,000 to support increased capacity for free grief support groups; individual, couples and family grief counseling and community grief education.
- **Community of Hope Health Clinic**, \$12,000 to upgrade information technology at the clinic to allow better digital interface with local diagnostic centers and hospitals to improve patient care.
- **Equal Access Birmingham**, \$10,000 for equipment and supplies to provide time-sensitive diagnostic testing for the vulnerable populations the clinic serves.

- **Impact Alabama: A Student Service Initiative**, \$28,000 to convert to a SPOT digital screening system that will reduce turnaround time between screening and provision of follow-up care, eliminate unanalyzable results, increase cost-effectiveness and improve overall efficiency.
- **M-POWER Ministries**, \$100,000 over three years to improve sustainability and support the growth of the clinic through the establishment of a licensed pharmacy, hire additional medical staff, place greater emphasis on case management and social services and focus on measurable patient outcomes.
- **Samford University**, \$10,000 to develop a program that will utilize students and faculty from Samford's nursing, nutrition, public health, social work, communication sciences and disorders and physical therapy schools to address significant health care barriers for migrant farm workers and their families on Chandler Mountain.
- **Sight Savers America**, \$75,000 over two years for a technology upgrade to integrate all Sight Saver programs to provide more efficient data collection, leading to increased efficiency in eye care and dental follow up.
- **The Arc of Walker County**, \$35,000 to modify the building entrance to allow better access for children with disabilities in all types of weather.
- **the exceptional foundation**, \$150,000 over two years to increase building capacity and allow the program to increase youth enrollment.
- **UAB School of Public Health**, \$42,000 to support the Pills to Needles Project whose mission is to create a community infrastructure to address heroin and prescription drug abuse, to develop strategies to reduce the ill-effects of abuse, and to give voice to those affected.

Cycle 2 Grants – Awarded in December 2015

RESULT: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE ECONOMICALLY SECURE

Improve housing stability

- **East Lake Initiative**, \$50,000 to help create a smooth transition to homeownership in East Lake. East Lake Initiative will renovate a multi-family apartment complex to house seven families and an on-site social worker for the first phase of a homeowner readiness program. Graduates of this 1-year phase can move into a renovated house and work toward home ownership.
- **Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity**, \$100,000 toward the purchase and development of the old Cascade Plunge property in East Lake for affordable housing development. In Phase 1, Habitat will build 32 homes for low- to moderate-income families.
- **The Salvation Army**, \$100,000 to support the expansion of The Salvation Army's Transitional Housing Program through the Building Hope Capital Campaign. The Transitional Housing Program provides opportunities, tools and skills for clients to rebuild their lives, enabling them to become economically secure and self-sufficient as they move into permanent housing and full-time employment. The expanded program will increase current transitional housing beds by 46%.

Increase public policy changes and direct services that positively impact low-income individuals and families.

- **Alabama Possible**, \$50,000 over two years to promote college success among Birmingham City Schools graduates attending Lawson State Community College, using a peer mentoring program and complementary resources.
- **Community Action Agency of Northeast AL Inc.**, \$20,000 to provide equipment, supplies and transportation costs needed for their Job Shadowing program in both Blount and St. Clair counties. The objective is to provide training and education to empower low-income individuals to transition themselves into the community, making a positive impact on their families.
- **Impact Alabama: A Student Service Initiative**, \$21,000 to support a partnership between SaveFirst and Lawson State Community College. Second- year students will receive tuition credit for completing a business elective course and providing free tax preparation services to low-income families through SaveFirst. This will allow them to earn credit toward their degree while gaining practical experience.
- **Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.**, \$5,000 to purchase new computers that will allow the agency to provide more effective employment assistance to its low-income clients, leading to better job opportunities.
- **Woodlawn Foundation**, \$100,000 over three years to provide robust programming and community space at the new James Rushton Early Learning and Family Success Center. The programming will include child care provider training for smaller centers and in-home providers, professional certificate programs (CDA, etc.), and financial literacy training.
- **Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc.**, \$30,000 to continue predatory lending reform advocacy efforts.
- **Crisis Center, Inc.**, \$75,000 over two years to support a Project Coordinator who will promote, supervise, plan, implement and represent a new One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center. The center follows a best practice model of providing wraparound services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault under one roof.

RESULT: COMMUNITIES ARE SUSTAINABLE, LIVABLE AND VIBRANT

Expand access to arts and cultural opportunities

- **Birmingham History Center**, \$6,500 to engage the services of a professional consultant, who will explore the feasibility of an affiliation between Birmingham History Center and Vulcan Park and Museum and, if appropriate, develop a work plan for implementation.
- **Birmingham Landmarks, Inc.**, \$50,000 to provide seed funding for the first season of programming at the Lyric Theatre.
- **Blountsville Historical Park**, \$15,000 to provide facility space, including public restrooms that meet federal and state standards, at the Blountsville Historical Park. This will allow the park to increase the use, historical education, comfort, attendance, and enjoyment of the park.
- **Covered Bridge Players**, \$5,000 to expand the capacity of this Blount County theater to provide more community learning, involvement, and entertainment opportunities, through the purchase of lighting and sound equipment, computer monitors and projector.
- **Opera Birmingham**, \$5,000 to support the launch of Opera Shots, an annual series of pop-up concerts designed to be fun and engaging. The concerts will introduce a wide variety of music to the audience and help break down barriers and preconceived notions about what opera is.
- **Southern Museum of Flight**, \$16,500 to support the design and construction of an interactive and educational Cold War exhibit and diorama.
- **Space One Eleven**, \$20,000 to fund “Real Windows”, which expands access to arts and cultural opportunities by transforming vacant storefronts in Jasper and downtown Birmingham into public exhibition spaces.
- **Walker County Arts Alliance**, \$5,000 toward three painted murals in downtown Jasper for the purpose of providing more exposure to the arts and culture in the area and contributing to the revitalization of newly-designated Main Street Alabama community.

Expand and improve public green space

- **Access Fund**, \$34,000 over three years to provide access and sustainability improvements to four greater-Birmingham rock climbing destinations: Steele, Palisades, Trussville Boulders, and Moss Rock Preserve.
- **Birmingham-Southern College**, \$100,000 for the Southern Environmental Center (SEC) of Birmingham-Southern to expand its educational programming at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve. SEC will construct a Classroom Pavilion that will allow them to accommodate K-12 school groups, scout groups, college student groups, and a variety of events.
- **Blount County Commission**, \$25,000 to aid in the restoration of a 1940’s era Fire Tower located at Palisades Park in Blount County. Restoration of the tower will provide a new attraction and spectacular views at this popular mountaintop park.
- **City of Midfield**, \$48,000 over two years to provide new lighting at Midfield Park’s athletic fields. The lighting will also benefit individuals enjoying the walking trail at the park. Midfield Park connects to the new Valley Creek and High Ore line trails in the Red Rock Trail System.

Further develop vibrant city center for Birmingham

- **Economic Development Partnership of Alabama Foundation**, \$50,000 to leverage funds provided by a challenge grant from the State of Alabama for Alabama Launch Pad (ALP). The funds will help high growth and technology startups start, stay, and grow in Jefferson County through mentoring, support, commercial viability assessments, and more.

- **McWane Science Center**, \$50,000 for exhibit renewal and facility upgrades to improve the overall visitor experience at McWane.
- **Railroad Park Foundation**, \$100,000 over three years to help launch new, revenue-generating programs at the park, including Holiday Ice Skating, Birthday Party Tent, and Family Camp-Out Night.
- **Redemptive Cycles**, \$5,000 to help promote bike accessibility, education, and safety through a new Public Repair Station and educational classes.

Improve the natural environment

- **Alabama Environmental Council**, \$25,000 to help AEC relocate its Recycling Center to a new location in Avondale, install new signage, and promote the site to users to help increase recycling in the community. AEC will bring back glass recycling at the new center.
- **Coosa Riverkeeper, Inc.**, \$40,000 over three years to support a collaboration between Coosa Riverkeeper and Cahaba Riverkeeper to strengthen their Swim Guide Programs. The grant will help expand the number of recreational sites for water quality testing, improve testing methods, and promote safer swimming on the Coosa and Cahaba Rivers.
- **University of Montevallo Foundation**, \$50,000 over two years to help convert a house on the Ebenezer Swamp property into an interpretive center. The Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve is home to a myriad of plant and animal species and serves as the headwaters for Spring Creek, which is part of the ecologically diverse and sensitive Cahaba River Watershed. The interpretive center will serve as a center for education, awareness, and research.