



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

RESULTS FRAMEWORK GRANTS AWARDED IN 2014

Cycle 1 Grants – awarded in May 2014

RESULT: Children are successful along the education pipeline:

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

- **Alabama School Readiness Alliance/A+ Education Partnership**, \$15,000 to support the Alliance's efforts to identify underserved areas for Alabama's First Class Pre-K programs and assist in funding opportunities as well as jump-start efforts to improve the pipeline of quality pre-k teachers.
- **PreSchool Partners**, \$150,000 over 3 years to support the capital campaign for a permanent home for the program.
- **United Way of Central Alabama**, \$75,000 over three years to expand access to high quality child care and support workforce development through the Success by 6 program which covers our five county area.

Increase high school graduation rate

- **Birmingham Southern College**, \$120,000 to construct Blended Learning Classrooms on BSC campus and in Blount County high schools.
- **Camp Fire USA Central Alabama Council**, \$90,000 over three years for the SPARK school pilot project. The purpose of the project is to improve academic and behavioral performance in elementary, middle and high schools in the Bessemer area – SPARK will also gather long-term data of program impact.

RESULT: People can lead healthy lives

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

- **Black People Run Bike and Swim**, \$15,000 to support the 29 Red Rock Trail Program which will conduct a programmatic and mapping process in seven Birmingham communities linked to the TIGER Project of the Red Rock Trail System.
- **Christian Service Mission**, \$24,000 to expand the Birmingham Sharing Gardens Co-operative, a collaboration of community partners, churches and local public schools to increase the number and effectiveness of community gardens in Birmingham.
- **Jones Valley Urban Farm** \$90,000 over three years to continue expansion of the Good School Food Program to five schools in the area, impacting more than 5,000 K-12 students.
- **Levite Jewish Community Center**, \$65,000 over two years toward the Coordinated Approach to Child Health program. In the program, children ages two to five learn to have fun exercising, differentiate between healthy and less-healthy food choices and develop skills in age-appropriate, non-competitive activities.

- **Pell City Civitan Club** \$5,000 to develop materials needed to start-up the first community garden in the area to provide access to healthy food, teach nutrition education and encourage outdoor activity.

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

- **BirthWell Partners**, \$10,000 to support doula services and childbirth education for low-resource pregnant women and teens in the Greater Birmingham area.
- **Cahaba Valley Health Care**, \$30,000 to support a weekly pediatric dental clinic that serves children without Medicaid and provides access to affordable care for children with Medicaid.
- **Catholic Family Services**, \$15,000 to support a bilingual clinical social worker to provide counseling services to Spanish-speaking clients.
- **Concerned Citizens for Our Youth, Inc.**, \$20,000 to purchase a minivan to transport Beacon House clients to school, medical appointments, mental health services, court hearings and recreational outings – Beacon House is a moderate residential treatment facility for young women between the ages of 12 and 19 in the Jasper area.
- **Hand in Paw**, \$60,000 over two years to increase building capacity that will allow Hand in Paw to add Prescription services to provide additional access to animal-assisted therapy for vulnerable populations.
- **Mustard Seed Society, Inc.**, \$5,000 to provide funding for a therapist and equine specialist for its Rescue Our Children Program.
- **Oasis Counseling for Women and Children**, \$60,000 over two years to expand counseling services to children through their adolescent therapy center that will include four play therapy rooms and four additional counseling offices.
- **Samford University**, \$125,000 over three years to develop and implement a diabetes and pre-diabetes intervention program for low-resource populations in the Greater Birmingham area.
- **The Arc of Jefferson County**, \$150,000 over three years to modify and improve the gymnasium on their new campus to provide a safe area for exercise in the community.
- **UAB School of Nursing**, \$75,000 over three years for a part-time position to support the staff of the Foundry Clinic in Bessemer – a clinic that sees both residents of The Foundry and the surrounding community who have limited access to affordable care .

Cycle 2 Grants – Awarded in December, 2014

RESULT: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE ECONOMICALLY SECURE

Improve housing stability

- **Avondale Samaritan Place**, \$30,000 to purchase equipment to facilitate home improvements that will allow low income seniors to age in place.
- **Metro Changers Inc.**, \$50,000 to support home rehab projects and provide a safer living environment for those in substandard housing.
- **SafeHouse of Shelby County, Inc**, \$25,000 to provide 10 - 12 low-income women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence with quality affordable housing as well as other wraparound services to ensure sustainability.

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

- **Brother Bryan Rescue Mission**, \$120,000 over three years to assist in the renovation of an additional facility that will house a recovery center and back-to-work program. This will also allow the Mission to add an additional 15 bed emergency shelter.
- **Cooperative Downtown Ministries**, \$50,000 to help with crucial repairs to the Firehouse Shelter, which is the foundation of homeless services in the Birmingham area.
- **Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama**, \$100,000 over three years to expand services into Blount County to help Spanish speaking individuals access key integration-focused services that help immigrants become more economically secure and deepen their engagement with the broader community.
- **Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging**, \$12,000 to support aging-in-place by installing smoke alarms and modifying the home environment of 40 low-income older adults living in Shelby County.
- **The Turning Point Foundation**, \$5,000 to provide necessary class-room equipment to implement a career development program for recovery center that serves men seeking relief from drug and alcohol addiction. .
- **United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham**, \$31,000 to expand electronic recycling equipment for their Gone For Good program which employs over 100 adults with disabilities.
- **Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc.**, \$25,000 to continue predatory lending reform advocacy efforts.
- **The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham**, \$100,000 over three years for a Development Director to help increase sustainability so that the agency can continue working to provide education and economic support to move low-income women into higher wage jobs.

RESULT: COMMUNITIES ARE SUSTAINABLE, LIVABLE AND VIBRANT

Strategies:

Expand access to arts and cultural opportunities

- **Alabama Dance Council**, \$25,000 to expand access to arts and cultural opportunities through a new program called, "Dance in Public Places," a month-long pop-up dance studio.
- **Birmingham Zoo, Inc.**, \$300,000 over three years toward the development of a park space in a central area of the Zoo.
- **Desert Island Supply Co.**, \$10,000 to continue weekly Core-aligned poetry workshops at Putnam Middle School.
- **Living in Limbo**, \$25,000 to support the production of a documentary portraying the challenges, struggles and joys of families with no legal protection in Alabama.
- **UAB/Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center**, \$35,000 to support expansion of the ASC's ArtTeach initiative into Blount County.
- **University of Montevallo**, \$67,000 toward the restoration of their outdoor amphitheater that was designed by the Olmstead brothers. The theater will be available for use by groups outside of campus including Montevallo public schools, the Shelby County Arts council and the Montevallo Community Theatre.
- **Walker County Arts Alliance**, \$5,000 to provide two free concerts to the community which will give greater access to culturally diverse performing arts.

Expand and improve public green space

- **Birmingham Audubon Society**, \$65,000 over 3 years toward the Urban Bird Habitat Initiative, a program to sustain habitat shared by birds and people, build volunteer support for management, and ensure viability of recreational birding in the metro area.
- **City of Vestavia Hills**, \$50,000 to support the transformation of a frequently flooded residential district into a public greenspace by restoring the natural features of the creek and wetlands in the area.
- **Town of Blountsville**, \$5,000 toward development of a family pavilion for the recreational park located in Blountsville.
- **Walker County Community Foundation**, \$7,000 to support Walker County Health Action Partnership in the development of a database for their Open Space Plan.
- **Wild South**, \$30,000 to develop ranger programs for Ruffner Mountain and Turkey Creek Nature Preserves. The ranger program will monitor the resource and educate visitor to enhance outdoor experience.

Further develop vibrant city center for Birmingham

- **Auburn University College of Architecture, Design and Construction (CADC)**, \$29,000 to support the CADC's "Designing Healthy Places Initiative." The goals of the initiative are to develop a downtown connectivity plan to link attractions, improve way finding, enhance the public realm, better the retail environment and increase potential for residents and visitors to walk.
- **REV Birmingham**, \$100,000 for start-up funding to hire and equip a full-time director to execute the BikeShare implementation plan in downtown Birmingham for a Fall 2015 launch.
- **REV Birmingham**, \$25,000 as a local match for the Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant will be used to develop a way finding system to creatively connect business and cultural districts with landmarks and other attractions
- **YouthServe, Inc.**, \$15,000 to support the Summer Service programming including the two Urban Service Camps in downtown Birmingham and six work days for high school students across the greater Birmingham area.

Improve the natural environment

- **Cahaba River Society**, \$90,000 over three years to improve storm water policy, design and practice towards achieving the ADEM/EPA-adopted target to reduce mud pollution in the Cahaba River. This will help to protect drinking water, reduce flooding, restore freshwater wildlife and support the Cahaba Blueway.