



CYCLE 1 Grants Overview: May 2018

RESULT: Children are successful along the education pipeline

Increase high quality early learning opportunities from birth through fifth grade:

- **Alabama Game Changers**, \$25,000 to support the launch of a pilot reading enrichment program for K-5 students enrolled at Restoration Academy. The grant will also help support training for teachers and administration.
- **Better Basics**, \$60,000 over two years to develop a Mathematics Intervention Program for struggling students enrolled in kindergarten through second grade in Birmingham public schools with a goal of adding third and fourth grade students in subsequent years. The program will match certified teachers with students to address the gaps which may exist in their classroom experience.
- **Restoration Academy**, \$25,000 to help in remodeling and expansion of their current space to add new classrooms to meet the needs of their growing student population.
- **James Rushton Early Learning Center**, \$20,000 to increase the capacity of their pre-k programs. The grant will provide the local match for an Office of School Readiness first class pre-k grant. The Center provides affordable, high-quality childcare and educational opportunities for low-income families in the Woodlawn area.
- **The Literacy Council**, \$25,000 to support the full launch of their family literacy programs – Share the Words and Unidos Leemos. The grant will help fund an additional staff member to support the programs, software, teaching materials and books for both programs.
- **Zion Spring Baptist Church**, \$5,000 to support their Ready to Read Initiative at The Springboard Enrichment Center. This will allow the Center to expand their after-school assistance and Saturday morning tutoring for children at Hayes K-8 School.

Increase career and college readiness:

- **Alabama Possible**, \$25,000 to conduct a feasibility and impact study that supports developing a plan for a local Promise scholarship program.
- **Birmingham Education Foundation**, \$25,000 to support the implementation of a longitudinal data gathering and assessment process that tracks post-secondary outcomes of students who participate in Birmingham Education Foundation's Educate Local programs.
- **Birmingham Southern College**, \$50,000 to support the hiring of a First-Year Advising Coordinator focused specifically on supporting first-generation students and families in successfully navigating the challenges of college; including assessing and delivering resources needed to increase the likelihood of a successful matriculation.

- **Blount County Education Foundation**, \$75,000 to expand STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) opportunities for 5th through 8th graders in Blount County. The initiative, Full STEAM Ahead, will set up fully equipped STEAM labs in each community in the county, providing students with access to STEAM learning during and beyond the school day.
- **Build UP for Urban Prosperity**, \$50,000 over two years to support the launch of Build-Up Ensley, an innovative school-career program that empowers and equips students, families, and communities to rise out of poverty by providing youth the opportunity to: acquire a self-directed, career-focused education; gain knowledge and skills in a high-demand field of their choosing; and renovate and own homes and rental properties to build personal wealth.
- **Holy Family Cristo Rey Catholic High School**, \$30,000 to support a 1:1 technology program focused on building students digital fluency and expanding their access to digital tools by providing Chromebooks for each student.
- **Jones Valley Teaching Farm (JVTF)**, \$70,000 over three years to expand their programming to include an apprenticeship program that complements their current internship program. This program will allow JVTF to provide a full-time work opportunity and continued professional development to two high-school graduates, placing them on the path to leadership within JVTF.
- **Maranathan Family Learning Center and Academy, Inc.**, \$60,000 over three years to support a full-time Adult Diploma Completion Program Coordinator, who will also serve as the Dean of Students. The coordinator will support Maranathan Academy's goal of increasing the number of adults completing diplomas through the program, as well as provide additional academic and behavioral support for their high school students.
- **STREAM Innovations**, \$5,000 to increase capacity for STREAM Boot Camp courses that teach 7th and 8th grade students coding language and skills in the Inglenook area.

RESULT: People can lead healthy lives

Improve nutrition and healthy food access and increase opportunities for physical activity:

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama**, \$16,000 to help with the repair and renovation of the outdoor pool at the John Williamson Boys & Girls Club. This will allow the Club to continue to offer the Michael's Individual Medley Program which includes water-safety courses, recreational pool activities, swim training and health and wellness education for thousands of children in the area.
- **City of Hoover**, \$75,000 over two years to support the construction of an inclusive, universally designed destination playground, the only one of its kind in the region. The playground will be designed to accommodate a wide range of children with physical and intellectual disabilities.
- **Oak Mountain Missions Ministries**, \$20,000 to purchase a box truck with lift-gate to be used to pick up and deliver food and other basic necessities for the low-income households served through their community ministry.
- **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham**, \$25,000 to help extend the Shape Bham assessment to all 99 Birmingham neighborhoods, providing neighborhood level data on health, economic conditions, education, employment, environmental hazards and more. The data provided by this assessment will allow the City of Birmingham and others to strategically target funding, program development and policies to meet neighborhood needs.

- **The Community Kitchens of Birmingham**, \$33,000 to complete much needed renovations to the kitchen in their Woodlawn facility. The upgrade will allow Community Kitchens to create a new breakfast program that will provide 7,800 breakfasts annually and continue providing more than 30,000 lunches to food-insecure individuals in the community.

Improve access to care for vulnerable populations:

- **Alabama Head Injury Foundation**, \$11,000 over three years to launch a Traumatic Brain Injury Camp targeting survivors who are 3+ years post-injury with no access to continued therapy and their caregivers; health professional students will provide an individualized “at-home action plan” for the survivor and connect caregivers with community resources in this replicable program.
- **Alabama Regional Medical Services**, \$50,000 to support the renovation of a vacant facility in North Birmingham and establish a new, affordable health care clinic. This new FQHC will provide primary and preventative medical care, dentistry, OB/GYN services, and pediatric medical services for a medically underserved area of Jefferson County.
- **AlaQuest Collaborative for Education**, \$25,000 to pilot the Culture Coach Program supporting evidence-based Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curricula at Fairfield High School and Alabama School of Fine Arts. The goal of the program is to change school culture through data-based coaching to guide school leaders in determining the right interventions for their school.
- **Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service**, \$20,000 to support Prevention through Intervention, a program created to decrease the dependency on emergency services for frequent 911 callers through home visits following discharge from area medical centers. The grant will be used to purchase an additional vehicle, allowing for another team of firefighters and expansion of the program.
- **Christ Health Center**, \$100,000 to support the construction of a Behavioral Health Center adjacent to their facility in Woodlawn. The new center will provide affordable, accessible mental health services to children and adults in this medically underserved area.
- **Crisis Center, Inc.**, \$25,000 to purchase equipment necessary for a new Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) to be onsite at One Place Family Justice Center. This will allow survivors of sexual assault to have evidence collected in the same location where many other services are also available and provide a second site in Jefferson County for the Crisis Center’s Rape Response Program.
- **Jefferson County Department of Health**, \$50,000 to support a new intervention program in partnership with faith communities in West End aimed at lowering uncontrolled high blood pressure. The program will use trained Community Health Workers from the community and focus on screenings, health coaching and medication education sessions.
- **Parkinson Association of Alabama, Inc.**, \$30,000 to establish a web-based resource center and statewide database for Parkinson’s disease patients and their caregivers. This new center, the first in Alabama, will provide up-to-date links to resources and educational materials and assist patients and their caregivers in navigating the complex healthcare system using a Nurse Navigator.
- **Red Mountain Grace**, \$8,000 to increase their capacity to provide temporary housing for patients and their families receiving extended medical treatment in Birmingham hospitals. The grant will allow Red Mountain Grace to add and fully furnish an additional apartment home.
- **Sight Savers America**, \$50,000 over two years for a pilot program with AIDB, equipping more than 130 vision-impaired adults in the five-county area with in-home Electronic Video Magnifiers and/or

other vision aids. These vision aids will enable participants to gain greater independence, hone workplace skills, age at home and achieve an improved quality of life.

- **The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs**, \$100,000 over three years to support the construction of a new ADA compliant facility that will help to expand programming and services and accommodate enrollment growth. The Bell Center provides early intervention programs for children from birth to three years of age who are at risk for developmental delays.
- **The Exceptional Foundation**, \$15,000 to expand transportation services for individuals with developmental challenges served by The Exceptional Foundation.

Cycle 2 Grants – Awarded in December 2018

RESULT: COMMUNITIES ARE SUSTAINABLE, LIVABLE AND VIBRANT

Expand access to arts & cultural opportunities

- **Alabama Symphonic Association, Inc.**, \$20,000 to provide education concerts for students of all ages in Title I schools in Blount, Walker, and St. Clair counties who have little access to arts programming, as well as providing curriculum for classroom teachers to continue music education.
- **Birmingham Children's Theatre**, \$15,500 to support the 2019 Magic City Summer Theatre Festival which will provide a free showing of a classic story to engage children in theatre and make the production available to all citizens of the greater Birmingham community.
- **Create Birmingham**, \$50,000 to support the Jefferson County Memorial Project which will retrieve the Jefferson County Memorial marker from the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice, place historical markers at lynching sites in Jefferson County, and facilitate countywide discussion and programming around the history and present conditions of racism in the community.
- **Glenwood, Inc.**, \$25,000 to create a structured art program providing opportunities for individuals with autism and other mental health issues, including hiring an art coordinator and constructing an art center, along with an amphitheater on the Glenwood campus.
- **Main Street Alabama**, \$7,000 to conduct a Phase Two Market Study to aid Jasper's continued cultural renaissance, and to provide training to help the community be better prepared to recruit new businesses to Jasper.
- **Opera Birmingham**, \$5,000 to support the production of *Glory Denied*, the true story of a Vietnam POW, along with programming for the community, including events highlighting the stories of veterans and their families and free tickets for veterans to attend performances of the opera.
- **Studio By The Tracks**, \$15,000 to increase capacity by hiring an administrative and development assistant, allowing the executive director additional time for resource development.
- **University of Montevallo**, \$75,000 to support construction of a new Center for the Arts, that will provide comprehensive teaching and learning space to the College of Fine Arts as well as opportunities for collaboration across fine arts disciplines and for free community performances.

Further develop vibrant city center for Birmingham

- **Five Points West/Crossplex Merchant Alliance (REV Birmingham)**, \$12,000 for grassroots to work on neighborhood beautification and formalize their organization.

- **Innovation Depot**, \$75,000 over two years to support the third cohort of the Velocity Accelerator, a 12-week, intensive program to provide entrepreneurs with seed-funds and intensive mentorship to foster innovation and growth from idea to maturation.
- **Sixteenth Street Baptist Church**, \$75,000 to assist with renovation of the church basement, which doubles as a visitor reception space for over one hundred thousand visitors each year, to install a narrative and museum exhibit around the events of the 1963 church bombing.
- **Urban Impact Inc.**, \$54,000 to support implementation of a catalytic and comprehensive District Revitalization Initiative in the Birmingham Civil Rights District, including fostering business growth, promoting tourism and investment, and promoting equitable redevelopment.

Expand and improve public green space

- **City of Springville Parks and Recreation**, \$25,000 to plan, design, and build an entrance to the new Forever Wild Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve, with 382 acres of undeveloped natural land and significant tourism potential. This will be the first nature preserve in St. Clair County.
- **Friends of the Locust Fork River (FLFR)**, \$5,000 to support a feasibility study to plan to preserve and improve the Swann Bridge access point on the Locust Fork River (including a whitewater takeout) and identify opportunities for public/private partnerships, key collaborators and funding sources.
- **Lakeshore Foundation**, \$75,000 to create the Hilltop Trail, an accessible, measured, quarter-mile, 7-foot-wide trail. As the campus' first outdoor exercise facility, the trail will access existing natural settings, increase on-campus green space, and connect campus buildings and parking.
- **Sloss Furnaces Foundation Inc.**, \$12,500 to create a sustainable public green space on Sloss Furnace grounds that will promote education and recreation with an open classroom, native flora, and walking path. The space will be open to all.

Improve the natural environment

- **Alabama 4-H Foundation**, \$50,000 over three years to expand the 4-H Center's kitchen and dining facilities to serve more youth through science school and overnight camp programs. The Alabama 4-H Center is located in Shelby County and annually sees 21,000 youth participate in science school and overnight programs and 1,400 in overnight summer camp.
- **Birmingham Zoo, Inc.**, \$50,000 over two years to update and improve the Alabama Wilds educational area (showcasing the flora and fauna of Alabama) and add an outdoor classroom and ropes course.
- **Cahaba River Society**, \$50,000 over two years to provide technical assistance to municipalities to improve development review programs and stormwater design to reduce urban runoff and river erosion. The goals are to reduce mud pollution in the Cahaba River by 48%, protect drinking water, reduce flooding, restore freshwater wildlife, and support river recreation.

RESULT: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE ECONOMICALLY SECURE

Improve housing stability

- **First Light, Inc.**, \$50,000 to provide matching funds required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for rapid rehousing, including financial assistance and case management, of homeless individuals and families in greater Birmingham.

- **Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama**, \$20,000 to provide housing counseling, create lending circles, and provide direct micro-loans for housing for individuals and families in greater Birmingham who have limited access to housing loans due to lack of collateral or credit history, or low income.
- **My Sister's Place, Inc**, \$25,000 to increase capacity to house and stabilize women in recovery by renovating a 5,000 square foot building to house an additional 35 women following two phases of renovation.
- **Pathways**, \$40,000 to implement the Stepping Stones transitional shelter program to house sixteen women and children nightly and provide case management, basic needs, and educational and life skills classes to help guests achieve permanent housing.
- **Titusville Development Corp.**, \$40,000 to implement universal design elements that make homes safe and accessible for everyone, regardless of age, physical ability, or stature for two prototype homes for seniors in the Titusville community.
- **Youth Towers**, \$25,000 support provision of basic needs (food, temporary housing, transportation, etc.) for youth aging out of foster care who are at high risk for homelessness. Each youth participates in creating an individualized action plan, learns basic adult living skills, and receives support in pursuing education or employment.

Increase direct services that positively impact low-income individuals and families

- **Brother Bryan Rescue Mission**, \$15,000 to add 10 workstations to the Adult Education Center to support additional participants in Ready to Work programming and to renovate an existing dorm with 75 beds to update the space and provide an additional 3 beds.
- **East Lake Initiative**, \$50,000 to support Hub Birmingham, a collaboration of East Lake Initiative, Serving You Ministries, Hope Inspired Ministries, and New Rising Star Community Development to support 30 single-mother-headed households with emergency services, and career and housing support.
- **Hope Enterprise Corporation**, \$50,000 over two years to support the opening this, the first Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in the Greater Birmingham area to reach un- and underbanked households and provide access to the New Market Tax Credits program.
- **Housing Authority of Birmingham District**, \$100,000 to complete construction of an onsite community center in the Villas at Titusville (formerly Loveman Village) development to serve as a Campus of Hope with opportunities including job training, healthcare, and financial literacy.
- **McCoy Adult Day Care Center**, \$10,000 to increase capacity by support best practices training for the staff and incoming new executive director during a major leadership transition.
- **Shepherds Fold, Inc**, \$25,000 to support individuals in the re-entry program to participate in Ready to Work certification, as well as job skills training and to secure state identification to prepare for job placement.
- **Volunteer Lawyers Birmingham**, \$50,000 over two years to partner with YWCA to provide simultaneous legal assistance and case management to support low-income women and children in crisis with the legal and social services they need to become stably housed.
- **YWCA Central Alabama**, \$40,000 over two years to provide wrap around services to low income individuals while they complete job training or educational programs that lead to living wage jobs, in partnership with MPower Ministries, Jefferson State Community College, and the Woodlawn Foundation.

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

- **Faith in Action Alabama**, \$25,000 to support the Peacemaker program by hiring a full-time community organizer to help ensure the implementation in 2019 of a Birmingham anti-gun violence plan.