

Cycle 2 Grants: December, 2019

Access to Arts and Cultural Opportunities

- **Bib & Tucker Sew-Op**, \$20,000 to create a traveling exhibition implementation plan to address storage, shipping, installation, and upkeep of the March Quilts collection of 10 quilts, with over 1,000 blocks sewn by the community to honor and memorialize the Civil Rights movement in Alabama.
- **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**, \$70,000 to increase capacity by funding a Curator of Education and Programs to set institutions priorities and develop thoughtful, mission-centered programming and community partnerships, and a Director of Safety and Operations to ensure public safety.
- **Red Mountain Theatre Company**, \$115,000 over two years to support the building of the RMTC Arts Campus, a leading-edge facility providing a central convening place to make opportunities accessible to families and students and support continued economic and cultural development in Downtown Birmingham.
- **Exposure Community Development Corporation**, \$8,000 to expand free Saturday morning music lessons provided in group and private settings to the community in East Birmingham, through the purchase of musical equipment and educational materials.
- **Shelby County Arts Council**, \$4,000 to increase the capacity of the Helen Keller Arts Show for Alabama students with visual impairments by supporting marketing and exhibition of the show as it establishes a new home in the Shelby County Arts Center.
- **Space One Eleven**, \$60,000 over three years to increase capacity of the organization to provide arts education to the community (especially Birmingham City Schools students and seniors) through the addition of development and administrative staff.

Vibrant City Center

- **Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Inc.**, \$40,000 over two years to build a permanent studio home for non-profit jazz radio station 91.1 WAJH in the historic Carver Theater, honoring Fourth Avenue's vibrant history and amplifying life in the city center.
- **Jones Valley Teaching Farm**, \$70,000 over three years to build the Center for Food Education, a multi-use permanent facility to provide increased access to the main farm through field trips, continue Good School Food instruction, and expand culinary program to make Jones Valley a national education model and training site.
- **Junior Achievement of Alabama**, \$35,000 to support a feasibility study for a regional campaign to create experiential learning labs, including a Youth Entrepreneurship and Career Exploration Center, in downtown Birmingham with a goal of serving 25,000 students annually.

- **Southern Museum of Flight**, \$22,000 to support the design, conversion, and construction of the Aviation Technology Center to create tangible career pathways and accessibility for Birmingham students going into the Aerospace, Aviation and Drone Industries.
- **The World Games 2021**, \$115,000 over two years to launch a city decor and planning initiative focused on beautifying the city-center, building local and regional awareness of the Games, and ensuring that all venues are easily accessible to those with disabilities.

Public Green Space

- **Birmingham Kiwanis Foundation**, \$70,000 to complete the world-class light show portion of the \$5.8 million Kiwanis Centennial Park urban revitalization and green space initiative at Vulcan Park and Vulcan Trail.
- **City of Alabaster**, \$50,000 to revitalize Abbey Wooley Park to increase accessibility for the nearby Simmsville Community with a regulation-size basketball court, and ADA compliant features including a quarter-mile sidewalk around the park, a new restroom facility and new playground equipment.
- **Huffman Roebuck Park**, \$25,000 to support infrastructure and building improvements for this 75 year-old, 24-acre park, operated entirely by volunteers, which provides a home for recreational football and baseball leagues for over 500 children each year.
- **Pell City Gateway Community Garden**, \$8,000 to expand efforts to make the garden a place of rest and reflection as well as a source of food for needy families and other organizations through the addition of seating, picnic spots, a shade structure, a fountain, a demonstration area, and additional walking paths.

Natural Environment

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama**, \$50,000 over two years for resource efficiency upgrades for the John Williamson and Hueytown Clubs to increase electric and water efficiency that will lead to significant annual savings of environmental and financial resources.
- **Cahaba Riverkeeper**, \$30,000 over three years to increase capacity by hiring a development and outreach coordinator to increase membership and funding to support programs including the Swim Guide, riverkeeper patrol, and Bank Assessment of Stability and Sediment.
- **Gasp**, \$10,000 to support the Smarter Birmingham City Sensor Network, a publically accessible network of stationary and mobile air monitoring devices that will empower people in Birmingham to make better choices about their health with hyper-local air quality information.
- **The Nature Conservancy**, \$50,000 over two years to develop a watershed management plan for Shades Creek, the largest tributary of the Cahaba River, with the goal of gaining access to federal funding for watershed improvement and setting a template for other watersheds.

Housing Stability

- **One Roof**, \$12,000 to support a pilot transportation program connecting homeless clients in Coordinated Assessment to bus service, in hopes of decreasing the time that clients spend without stable housing.

Direct Services

- **AIDS Alabama**, \$15,000 to pilot a warming station during severe cold weather at The Hub, a drop-in center primarily for young men without stable housing; this will be the entry point to a much larger array of services, including case management.
- **Blount County Education Foundation**, \$30,000 to expand the successful summer Dreamcatcher program based at Susan Moore Elementary School into a year-round program engaging families of participating students to meet direct, non-academic emergency needs through a network of social service partners.
- **Camp Fire USA, Central Alabama Council**, \$50,000 to replace the 80 year old, storm damaged dining hall at Camp Fletcher with a new winterized building, allowing the camp to initiate an affordable after-school program serving low to moderate income families in the Bessemer area.
- **Collat Jewish Family Services**, \$45,000 over three years to leverage a multi-year contract providing a part-time Person Care Attendant to a subsidized senior living facility; grant funding will allow the agency to expand this position to full-time, enabling other at-risk seniors to be served.
- **Community Care Development Network**, \$7500 to support expansion of mentoring and life skill programs serving youth, families and individuals in the Eastlake area.
- **Faith in Action Alabama**, \$15,000 to expand a successful pilot of a new program, the Rapid Response Victims Team Initiative, providing community support and help in accessing social services to victims of gun violence and their families.
- **Hoover Helps**, \$8000 to support expansion of the successful Neighborhood Bridges program, a social media and email tool matching community resources with immediate needs of students.
- **King's Home**, \$37,000 to increase employment opportunities for women in care, through expansion of the agency's Prodigal Pottery initiative.
- **Legacy Works**, \$5000 to pilot a Saturday enrichment program for African American young men, including life coaching, mentoring, and creative arts.
- **Oak Mountain Mission Ministries**, \$7500 for capital equipment including chest freezers and poly box trucks necessary to fulfill the agency's mission of serving low-income families with food, clothing, furniture, household items and financial assistance.
- **On the Road Lending**, \$35,000 to establish the program in Birmingham, providing affordable car loans for reliable cars in order to help low to moderate income individuals overcome transportation barriers; loans are coupled with financial education, vehicle selection assistance and long-term financial mentoring.

- **Pathways**, \$50,000 over two years to support a new child-care center in the Pathways building, low-barrier and immediately available, exclusively for homeless children
- **The Arc of Shelby County**, \$50,000 to support the relocation and expansion of the Day Program for adults with disabilities to a more integrated, community-based setting, where they can more fully engage in community life.
- **The Literacy Council**, \$35,000 to support the agency's newly developed Workplace Literacy program, designed to serve existing industry employees who need to improve literacy skills in order to increase their opportunity for advancement and wage increase.
- **Common Thread (Fiscal Sponsor for The Modern House)**, \$8000 to support development of a social enterprise in Ensley, providing job training, mentoring and life skills through coffee and community building.
- **Wallace State's Future Foundation**, \$14,700 to provide STEAM activities at no charge for children whose parents attend night classes at the Oneonta campus of Wallace State, a two-generation approach to serve working families and increase retention and completion rates for parents.
- **Woodlawn Community Table**, \$8000 to expand the successful food co-op program, adding a third co-op serving 25 families with young children.

Public Policy

- **Adelante Alabama**, \$50,000 over two years to support a collaborative project investigating the working conditions of low-wage workers in our area, publishing a report on the findings and launching a high-road certification program for employers with pro-worker policies.
- **Titusville Development Corporation**, \$50,000 over two years to support 8 neighborhood associations in a collaborative, focused, urban-based project addressing neighborhood blight; direct services are combined with community engagement and a toolbox will be developed for use by other neighborhoods.

Cycle 1 Grants: May, 2019

Access to Care

- **Albert Schweitzer Fellowship** - Alabama Chapter, \$5,000 to support capacity building as the Alabama chapter establishes itself as an independent non-profit providing opportunities for in-depth, year-long service learning for students pursuing health and health-care related professions.
- **The Arc of Walker County**, \$20,000 to purchase three vehicles for medical transportation needs for Residential, Day Program, Supported Living, and Early Intervention participants.
- **Changed Lives Christian Center**, \$25,000 to provide free basic health care, including mental health care, from volunteer providers at a monthly medical night for homeless patients.
- **Episcopal Foundation of Jefferson County dba St. Martin's in the Pines**, \$17,000 to purchase a wheelchair lift van to transport residents to medical appointments.
- **Fair Haven Retirement Center**, \$20,000 to provide oral health education, dental screenings, and oral hygiene services at low-income senior centers in partnership with UAB School of Dentistry.
- **GirlSpring**, \$15,000 to develop an mobile application so that web-based programming in self-esteem, positive body image, substance abuse prevention, and health education can reach more girls, especially girls who may not have access to desktop computing.
- **Kid One Transport**, \$24,000 to support a collaboration between Kid One and Travelers Aid of Greater Birmingham to provide transportation to medical appointments for disabled and elderly individuals in Jefferson and Walker Counties, reducing duplication of services.
- **No More Martyrs** (Fiscal Sponsor Children's Policy Council), \$5,000 to support access to mental health services for women at the Housing Authority of Birmingham's Campus of Hope through biweekly group support.
- **Oasis Counseling for Women & Children**, \$20,000 to develop a protocol for specialized mental health care treatment specific to child victims of human trafficking as part of the Child Trafficking Solutions Project.
- **United Ability** (formerly UCP of Greater Bham), \$15,000 to support implementation of a series of Early Intervention Specialty Clinics to support children diagnosed with a developmental disability, or identified as high-risk, and their parents. Clinics will include a team of specialists providing evaluation diagnosis, treatment plans and equipment recommendation.
- **Unless U**, \$50,000 to support building a new, permanent home for this organization which provides academic and life skills education for adults aged 19 to 40 with developmental disabilities in a university-style setting.
- **The WellHouse**, \$35,000 to support on-site medical services for women and children survivors of human trafficking at The Wellhouse's St. Clair campus in partnership with UAB School of Nursing.

Nutrition/Physical Activity

- **Alabama Childhood Food Solutions Inc**, \$45,000 to support initial costs of a new, paid Executive Director position to increase capacity for this currently all-volunteer food distribution organization.
- **Backyard Blessings**, \$24,000 to purchase of a cargo van which would provide capacity to serve all schools in Walker County with a weekend backpack food program.
- **Christian Service Mission**, \$25,000 to complete build-out of a commercial teaching kitchen which will host cooking classes, daily benevolent meal preparation, and other community health and lifestyle-skills education opportunities.
- **Community Food Bank of Central Alabama**, \$30,000 to pilot a Fresh Produce Purchasing Network to increase fresh produce distribution to food insecure households in Central Alabama by coordinating seasonal purchases with regional partners to split tractor trailer loads of produce among local food distributors.
- **Freshwater Land Trust**, \$25,000 to plan for extension of the Jones Valley Trail, including monthly meetings, site visits and design, and to prepare for a federal grant request to fund construction.
- **Hope House Church**, \$2,000 to start up meal preparation education program for children and adults, featuring nutritious, kid-friendly meals on a budget.
- **United Way of Central Alabama**, \$25,000 to support a capital campaign for the new home of Meals on Wheels, including a commercial kitchen with access to two loading docks, offices for program staff and a volunteer training center.

Career/College Readiness

- **Birmingham Bible Church**, \$8,000 to support soft skills education and enrichment for students at Hayes School.
- **Birmingham Business Alliance**, \$60,000 to support a new staff position designed to support alignment between curriculum at local post-secondary institutions and the needs of local industry, as well as education and outreach to students and faculty regarding career pathways in Birmingham and local employer engagement.
- **Birmingham Urban League**, \$40,000 to support scale-up of thrice-weekly educational enrichment and career-ready programs in neighborhood opportunity centers in the western area of Birmingham.
- **Central Six Development Council, Inc.** , \$65,000 to implement apprenticeships and work-based learning models to create seamless pathways to connect high school students with high-demand careers, improving alignment between labor supply and demand in the Greater Birmingham community.

- **Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama**, \$60,000 to expand services from Girls Inc. locations to six community schools and Mark's Village community center, doubling the number of girls who receive 50 hours of Girls, Inc. programming each year by 2020.
- **The Good Girl Project Inc.**, \$5,000 to expand curriculum to include hands-on college and career exploration for girls ages 13-18, with a focus on STEM careers and a college tour.
- **Jalayah Hackman Foundation** , \$6,000 to purchase desk for tutoring and ACT prep in Walker County.
- **Jefferson County Schools Public Education Foundation**, \$31,000 to support adding four biomedical science courses in the 2019-2020 school-year in Jefferson County schools to increase STEM opportunities.
- **Jefferson State CC**, \$75,000 to expand the Welding Technology Program to the Shelby-Hoover campus by constructing a new welding training facility to provide training opportunities in Shelby County.
- **Nest**, \$50,000 to form an Artisan Incubator in Birmingham, identifying business and entrepreneurs overlooked in the current maker movement and providing training, resources, and agency to sustain their business and develop a workforce.
- **Offender Alumni Association**, \$25,000 to support a Youth Career Readiness Initiative including twice-monthly club meetings, and weekly community engagement opportunities to reinforce the importance of education, job readiness and positive decision making.
- **Southern Research** , \$22,000 to provide a series of professional development workshops to 128 middle and high school STEM educators to enhance STEM learning opportunities in Greater Birmingham classrooms.
- **STREAM Innovations**, \$25,000 to extend summer programming for a 3rd Year Advanced Cohort focused on Artificial Intelligence, Design Thinking, and a Peer Coding Internship.
- **Teach For America - Alabama**, \$50,000 to support capacity building to double the incoming corps, create a Systems Change Leaders Program and incubate a Parent Advocacy Council.
- **Desert Island Supply Co.**, \$40,000 to expand the Woodlawn Writers Corps from Putnam Middle School to Woodlawn High School, providing one day per week of programming in English classes with an emphasis on improving writing and reading test scores, publishing student work and supporting the college and scholarship application process.

Early Learning

- **Blount County Education Foundation**, \$50,000 to build two new Pre-K playgrounds, enabling the opening of two additional high-quality Pre-K classrooms in the Blount County.
- **Brilliant Kids Academy**, \$3,500 to support tutoring in reading and math as well as mentoring and summer enrichment activities in this Titusville-based program.
- **Learn Fresh Education Company**, \$15,000 to serve 450 additional students in grades 3-8 with a high-quality math learning experience that engages students in a competitive, NBA-style board

game during a 12 week program that improves core math fluency and understanding by an average of .46 standard deviations.

- **Mitchell's Place**, \$20,000 to replace aging and obsolete smart boards and continue providing high-quality pre-school programs for young children with autism.
- **National Society of Black Engineers**, \$25,000 to expand enrollment in the Summer Engineering Experience for kids program from 75 to over 100, providing opportunities to expose 3rd-5th grade students to engineering careers and engage them in STEM learning experience, with STEM-focused college students serving as instructors and role models.
- **New Leaders**, \$40,000 to support continued partnership with the Birmingham City School to provide professional development to school leaders (including principals, assistant principals, and lead teachers) to enhance instructional leadership and coaching and improve student outcomes.
- **Restoration Academy**, \$50,000 to support building of a new middle school that will allow for enrollment of nearly 200 new students.
- **Shelby Elementary School**, \$15,000 to furnish two new STEM labs with high quality materials and equipment for daily use by the 199 Pre-K through fifth grade students at this Title 1 elementary school.
- **STAIR of Birmingham**, \$30,000 to support a Director of School Partnerships who will increase capacity and quality of services by working closely with school-based professionals for student referral into STAIR's twice-weekly tutoring program, support volunteers, and conduct a review of current curriculum.