

Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham

2026 Cycle 1 – Recommended Grants

Economic Opportunity for All – 5 Grants (\$199,000)

Blount County Education Foundation: \$60,000 to modernize Family and Consumer Science programs at four Blount County high schools — Appalachian, Hayden, J.B. Pennington, and Susan Moore. Funding supports upgraded equipment, facilities, and instructional resources to prepare students for careers in food service and hospitality. The improvements will benefit approximately 500 students in grades 7–12 and four teachers each year.

Malone Unlimited: \$34,000 to support startup costs for a Revenue-Based Financing Fund serving under-resourced small businesses. Funding covers team capacity, legal and accounting infrastructure, and conference fees to launch a pilot fund that will deploy 10–12 loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 over five years. The initiative expects to serve 12 business owners, create 20–25 jobs, and add nearly \$735,000 in growth capital to the local economy.

Miles College Community Development Corporation: \$50,000 over 2 years to sustain economic development capacity in West Jefferson County as federal funding concludes. Funding retains a credentialed economic development practitioner serving Fairfield, Brighton, and Midfield to conduct community needs assessments, prepare competitive grant applications, and advance a residential redevelopment pipeline through a Habitat for Humanity partnership. MCCDC has previously mobilized \$101.4 million in capital across nine projects, serving approximately 18,100 residents across the three municipalities.

The Flourish Alabama: \$50,000 to support the Ensley Creative Economy Initiative, a workforce development and economic mobility strategy with three components: a Creative Tech Lab for digital media and content creation training, a Youth Creative Fellowship employing 12 emerging artists ages 16–24, and activation of 4 vacant storefronts for creative commerce and micro-enterprise. Founded in 2019 in Ensley, the organization serves hundreds of individuals and leverages committed support from the City of Birmingham, South Arts, Birmingham City Schools, and other partners.

The Sloss Furnaces Foundation: \$5,000 to support the Historic Hardie-Tynes Power Hammer Restoration and Operation, a project to relocate and restore a 19,000-pound historic steam hammer from the Hardie-Tynes Foundry to Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Funding supports foundation construction and travel for consultation with The Metal Museum in Memphis. Once restored, the hammer will serve as an educational and artistic resource for high school students, college students, professional artists, and volunteers at the historic site.

Equity and Inclusion – 12 Grants (\$194,000)

Albert Schweitzer Fellowship – Alabama Chapter: \$34,000 over 2 years to support an initiative advancing Alabama women in healthcare leadership through a 15-month fellowship program. Funding will help recruit fellows from underrepresented institutions and support community-partnered service projects. The program will engage 36 women fellows who are expected to serve more than 3,000 clients across their projects.

Best Buddies: \$5,000 to launch a new School Friendship Program chapter at Helena Middle School in Shelby County. The evidence-based program pairs students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships, building social skills and inclusion. Funding will fully support the new chapter, directly engaging at least 75 students with a broader reach of 750 students, families, and community members.

Big City Mountaineers: \$5,000 to support free outdoor experiences for Birmingham youth ages 12–18 from underserved communities. Now in its third year serving the area, the program offers day hikes, overnight camping, and multi-night backpacking trips paired with a social-emotional learning curriculum. Funding supports programming at locations including Ruffner Mountain, Oak Mountain State Park, and Talladega National Forest, reaching approximately 150 youth through partnerships with local youth-serving agencies.

Birmingham Cross Cultural Connections: \$35,000 to launch the Immigration Legal Services Program, which will hire and train an in-house immigration legal specialist to assist immigrant families with work authorization, green card and asylum applications, medical screenings, crisis relief, and citizenship education. The program serves families across Jefferson, Shelby, Blount, and St. Clair counties, with direct legal assistance for 50 individuals and education classes reaching 100 participants.

Birmingham Education Foundation: \$25,000 to expand two programs in Birmingham City Schools: the Leadership Academy, which engages high school students in monthly workshops on leadership and career readiness with a \$500 stipend, and the Professional Learning Unit program, which provides state-certified professional development for school principals focused on family and community engagement. Together, the programs will serve 720 students and educators in Jefferson County.

Equip: \$8,000 to support the annual Mock Interview Day and Career Expo for high school students with disabilities. Funding covers food, transportation, and accessibility accommodations for events that will serve over 700 students from 22 schools across Blount, Jefferson, and Shelby counties. The Career Expo connects 400+ students with career exploration, while Mock Interview Day provides 300+ students with at least five practice interviews each, building confidence and workforce readiness.

HEAL United: \$15,000 to support a pilot program adapting evidence-based health and wellness curriculum for students with disabilities in self-contained and adapted PE classrooms. Funding will reach 40–60 students and 10–15 teachers across a pilot cohort of Central Alabama schools in partnership with NCHPAD and Lakeshore Foundation. HEAL United has served over 220 schools statewide across 28 years of programming.

Kyle's Cool Beans: \$10,000 to support core operations and equipment for a disability-forward social enterprise providing meaningful, paid work for adults with disabilities through pop-up coffee service. Funding supports operating expenses and purchase of an espresso machine to expand offerings. Founded in 2023 by Kyle, a power wheelchair user, the organization serves 15–20 adults with disabilities across Jefferson and Shelby Counties.

STREAM Innovations: \$18,000 to support the STREAM Early Exposure program, which combines two free community initiatives: Check Out STREAM, a weekly library-based enrichment and literacy series, and STREAM Saturday, a four-hour hands-on learning experience at recreation centers and community organizations. Funding supports program supplies, curriculum updates, staff time, and data analysis. The program serves 350 3rd–6th graders and 2 college interns, building on the organization's track record of reaching more than 5,700 young innovators since 2015.

The Autism Parent: \$12,000 to support general operations for The Autism Parent, which empowers and connects parents and caregivers of Autistic individuals. Programs include free monthly caregiver support groups, deployment of a Sensory Activation Vehicle at community events, sensory-inclusive community events, and educational workshops. The organization serves approximately 240 caregivers and reaches more than 1,200 individuals through its Sensory Activation Vehicle.

Turning Point Ministry: \$10,000 to support the Turning Point Wellness and Recovery Project, funding a licensed professional counselor to provide on-site counseling for women in the organization's transitional house. Founded in 2021 with the transitional house opening in fall 2025, Turning Point currently houses up to eight women at a time, serving those experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and reentry from incarceration across Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties.

YouthServe: \$17,000 to build development capacity by hiring a dedicated Development Coordinator to centralize fundraising, donor stewardship, grant coordination, and corporate partnerships. Operating since the mid-1990s and engaging youth from more than 60 schools, YouthServe serves 600 to 800 middle and high school students annually across Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties.

Persistent Poverty – 12 Grants (\$288,000)

Downtown Jimmie Hale Mission: \$75,000 over 2 years to support construction of a year-round Emergency Plus Shelter in Birmingham, expanding the Mission's current seasonal warming station into a permanent facility. The 9,431-square-foot shelter will provide safe, dignified housing for up to 100 individuals per night, including two family rooms, and will offer on-site medical, dental, and mental health services along with case management to connect guests with housing, employment, and longer-term programs. The Mission has served Birmingham's homeless population since 1944 and operates three existing facilities across the region.

Hope-Filled Rooms: \$16,000 to support the opening of an emergency safe house for female human trafficking victims in North Central Alabama. Funding covers insurance, utilities, furniture, and vehicle costs for a converted residence that will house up to four victims at a time for short-term stays, with additional capacity for law enforcement operations. The organization expects to house 104 victims annually and reach 350 through expanded outreach, building on its existing daytime respite space and weekly street outreach program.

Jefferson County Family Resource Center: \$60,000 over 3 years to support capacity building and service expansion for families experiencing persistent poverty in Jefferson County. Funding expands case management, direct client supports such as rent and utility assistance and transportation, and strengthens data infrastructure across the RESTORE and A-RESET programs. The organization served over 850 participants through workforce programs and 241 participants through RESTORE, primarily supporting court-involved families.

Kidz2Leaders: \$20,000 to support the launch of Camp Hope Birmingham, a five-day overnight summer camp for children ages 8–10 with incarcerated parents. Funding covers camp fees, transportation, staffing, and training for 100 children at Shocco Springs in June 2026. Camp Hope serves as the entry point to Kidz2Leaders' 10-year continuum of care, an evidence-based model with a 26-year national track record in which 99% of program graduates remain free from incarceration.

Legal Services Alabama: \$7,000 to support the Income Protection Project, which provides free civil legal assistance to vulnerable Birmingham residents facing wage garnishment, unlawful debt collection, eviction, and foreclosure. Attorneys file Declaration and Claim of Exemptions to protect wages and income from seizure. The project will serve 100 financially vulnerable residents across the four-county service area.

New Awakening Recovery Services: \$8,000 to support the Recovery Enrichment Program, which provides trauma-informed services for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. Services include recovery education, peer mentorship, career and job readiness support, wellness events, and transportation assistance. The program partners with local shelters, drug court, and UAB Arts in Medicine to serve 450 community members.

Oak Mountain Missions Ministries: \$15,000 to support expansion of a food distribution program that provides 75–100 pounds of food per household each month, including fresh produce, frozen meat, and pantry staples, three days a week. Funding helps the organization expand to accept referrals from Jefferson County and Hoover schools as food costs have doubled due to decreased government funding. Founded in 2001, the program serves 22,000 individuals annually.

Point of Life Resource Center: \$5,000 to support infant and family stabilization in Tarrant City through the Bassinets for Babies Birmingham program, which provides portable bassinets, safe sleep education, and infant supplies, and the Mindful Beginnings program, which offers parenting education and postpartum check-ins. The 100% volunteer-run organization partners with the City of Tarrant Mayor's Office and Tarrant City Schools to serve 30 families.

Serving You Ministries: \$20,000 to support the expansion of its client-choice food market model to the Bessemer community. Following its 2025 merger with The Grace Place in Bessemer, the organization will open a client-choice market that empowers families to select their preferred food items, reducing waste and promoting dignity. Serving You Ministries provides food, clothing, and utility assistance and partners with ELI Thrive to offer long-term coaching for families in crisis, serving approximately 15,000 individuals across its locations.

The Link of Cullman County: \$20,000 to increase regional capacity for Family Stability Services across Blount, Jefferson, and Cullman Counties. Funding supports participant curriculum materials and facilitator travel to deliver family resource center services including food access, parenting education, and life-skills programming within residential recovery programs. The organization partners with Royal Pines Men's Recovery Program and Teen Challenge Women's Recovery Program, serving approximately 100–120 men and women in residential recovery annually.

Titusville Development Corporation: \$22,000 to support the Affordable Living for Seniors initiative, replacing outdated, inefficient kitchen appliances with energy-efficient models in senior housing units across the Titusville neighborhood. Funding will directly benefit 32 households — 64 residents — living at or below 30% of the area median income. Established in 1984 as a Community Housing Development Organization, Titusville Development Corporation manages 42 housing units and partners with Alabama Power, Spire Energy, and Mazer Appliance to improve living conditions and reduce utility costs for seniors.

Women Under Construction Network: \$20,000 to support the expansion of R.E.P.A.I.R. Angels HOMESafe, strengthening critical small-home repairs and safety modifications for senior homeowners, preventive health and housing-stability supports, and a new HOMESafe Health Toolbox equipping seniors 65 and older with monitoring tools and DIY workshops. Founded in 2015, the organization serves 101 seniors through ANGEL Companions who assist with safety tasks and conduct Senior Care Calls, partnering with local organizations including the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District and UAB.

Regional Cooperation – 1 Grant (\$12,000)

TechBirmingham Foundation: \$12,000 to support the restructuring and growth of the Birmingham Tech Council, a regional collaboration aligning tech employers, training providers, and early-career tech talent. Funding will sustain four core initiatives: quarterly large group meetings, Tech Connects networking mixers, an Employer Community of Practice, and quarterly sync-up meetings for young adults. The program connects approximately 30 tech employers, 80 early-career professionals ages 18–29, and 6 training providers.

Thriving Communities – 37 Grants (\$985,000)

90.3 WBHM: \$75,000 over 3 years to support the hiring of a Local Government and Communities reporter as part of a broader newsroom restaffing effort. Funding contributes to dedicated coverage of local government, civic life, and community issues across the Birmingham region. The investment strengthens public-interest journalism for WBHM's approximately 60,000 weekly listeners and complements additional newsroom positions supported by other funders.

Affordable Counseling Therapy: \$10,000 to support a strategic planning process that will help the organization navigate leadership transitions and ensure long-term sustainability. Funding will support a facilitated planning effort involving staff, board members, and key stakeholders to develop a clear roadmap for ACT's future. The organization provides affordable mental health services to approximately 500 individuals across Jefferson, Blount, Shelby, and St. Clair counties.

Alabama Environmental Council: \$50,000 to support the development of the Alabama Resilience Center at the Continental Gin campus in Avondale. Funding contributes to the buildout of the EcoScape outdoor classroom and a 6,000-square-foot indoor environmental education center featuring closed-loop stormwater harvesting and climate resilience programming. The center will serve approximately 8,000 K–12 students and 2,000 general visitors annually.

Alabama Eye Bank dba Precision Ocular Network: \$10,000 to support improvements to the organization's call center training model. Funding will help establish a dedicated 120-hour training program for new staff, with specialization tracks in donor family communication and hospital screening. The call center's 12–15 employees manage more than 5,000 referral calls per month, serving over 2,100 families each year.

Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame: \$30,000 over 2 years to support the expansion of the Saturday Jazz Greats program. Funding contributes to experiential learning labs, artist-led instructional workshops, and capstone performances by professional musicians. The program will reach approximately 550 participants, including elementary through college students and adults in the Birmingham area.

Alabama Moving Image Association dba Sidewalk Film Center and Cinema: \$50,000 to support the expansion of the Sidewalk Film Center, adding two micro-cinemas, a classroom, flex space, and an exterior blade sign. The project will add 4,300 square feet of public-facing arts space and double the center's screening capacity. The expanded facility is expected to serve 20,000 attendees, 200 students, and 300 filmmakers annually.

Alabama Rivers Alliance: \$30,000 to support a data center policy initiative addressing the environmental impact of data center development in Alabama. Funding contributes to a three-pronged approach: coalition-building with environmental partners, civic engagement through the ALSTARs training program, and policy advocacy with Jefferson County and local municipalities to develop responsible guidelines for data center growth.

American Heart Association: \$25,000 to support Heart Ready Birmingham, an initiative to expand sudden cardiac arrest preparedness across the community. Funding contributes to the establishment of two new CPR training hubs, the development of Cardiac Emergency Response Plans for local organizations, and the work of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest Task Force. The program will train approximately 800 individuals in life-saving techniques in partnership with Birmingham Fire and Rescue, local YMCAs, and health care providers.

Bare Hands, Inc.: \$25,000 to support capital renovations of the Bare Hands Community Arts Center, an initiative to transform a former church building in Woodlawn into a permanent community arts facility. Funding contributes to core building improvements required for occupancy, including interior buildout of program space, ADA-accessible restroom upgrades, and essential HVAC and electrical systems across 4,167 square feet. In partnership with local organizations and schools, the center will provide year-round workshops, exhibitions, after-school and summer programming, and trauma-informed arts experiences for more than 10,000 Alabama residents annually, with a focus on youth and families in East Birmingham.

Bessemer Cutoff Child Advocacy Center dba The Clay House: \$10,000 to support renovation of the "Clay Garden" facility, which houses forensic interview rooms, trauma and play therapy rooms, and a connecting hallway used by child victims of abuse. Funding will provide updated lighting, soundproofing, child-sized furnishings, and nature-inspired design elements to create a calming, trauma-informed environment. The renovated spaces will serve approximately 131 children and families in the Bessemer Cutoff area of Jefferson County.

Birmingham Zoo, Inc.: \$75,000 over 3 years to support the Wild Legacy Campaign, a \$30 million strategic vision focused on conservation, sustainability, and education. Funding contributes to the construction of the Alabama Teaching Veterinary Hospital, which will replace the Zoo's aging 1986 facility with a state-of-the-art center featuring an animal nutrition center, diagnostic lab, surgical suites, and dormitories for veterinary students. In partnership with Auburn University, Tuskegee University, and Jefferson State Community College, the hospital will also serve as a training hub to help address the nationwide shortage of veterinary professionals. Later phases of the campaign include expanding the orangutan habitat to create outdoor space and bringing tigers back to the zoo.

Blanket Fort Hope: \$60,000 to support construction of a Trauma Training Center in Columbiana serving children impacted by trafficking and abuse. The facility will include trauma-informed supervised visitation rooms, foster parent training classrooms, counseling spaces, and dedicated workspace for law enforcement. Blanket Fort Hope has trained over 25,000 individuals to date and operates a Restoration Home for female survivors ages 12–18, with the new center serving up to 100 professionals and 50 children and families annually.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Alabama: \$30,000 to establish a STEAM Lab at the Hueytown Club, serving as a shared resource across all ten club sites in Central Alabama. The lab will be equipped with laptops, robotics kits, 3D printers, maker space tools, and digital design software, providing hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math for youth ages 6–18. Funding supports equipment, staff training, and programming that will reach approximately 1,000 children annually across Greater Birmingham.

Cahaba Medical Care Foundation: \$50,000 to support Smiles on the Street, a program providing dental care to individuals experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. Funding contributes to comprehensive dental services at Cahaba's Birmingham Dental Office for patients referred through its Street Medicine Team. The program will serve 50 to 100 individuals, addressing urgent oral health needs and connecting unhoused residents to ongoing care through Cahaba's existing community health infrastructure.

City of Margaret: \$45,000 to support renovations at Wilson Park and Dillard Park, two neighborhood parks that serve this fast-growing St. Clair County community of over 7,000 residents. Funding will be used for ADA accessibility improvements, resurfacing of walkways, and replacement of deteriorating basketball courts and play areas. The city will provide the remaining project costs through municipal capital funds and in-kind contributions, with the improved parks serving as the community's primary outdoor recreational spaces for families, children, and older adults.

East Lake United Methodist Church – East Lake Recovery Drop In Center: \$20,000 to support operations of the East Lake Recovery Drop-In Center, which serves individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorder, and housing instability. Funding will help install shower facilities and washer/dryer units at the center, expanding access to essential hygiene services. The center uses a trauma-informed, harm-reduction model to provide peer support, workforce development, case management, meals, and hygiene supplies to 150–250 individuals annually in Jefferson County.

HUB Worldwide, Inc.: \$20,000 over 2 years to support the professionalization of logistics infrastructure for surplus medical supply redistribution. Funding will help hire an Inventory and Services Manager, implement a barcoded inventory management system, and provide professional training. As Alabama's only nonprofit dedicated to repurposing surplus medical supplies, HUB Worldwide diverted over \$379,000 in supplies in 2025 and serves local clinics and approximately 1,000 individuals.

IMPACT Family Counseling: \$50,000 to support the addition of a licensed professional counselor at the Roebuck YMCA location, expanding outpatient mental health services in Jefferson County. Funding enables evidence-informed clinical services including individual and family counseling, trauma-informed interventions, and behavioral health support for 100 children, adolescents, and adults. IMPACT has provided accessible, affordable counseling for over 30 years.

InToto Creative Arts: \$5,000 to increase organizational capacity as demand for programming increases. Funding will strengthen training materials, facilitator development, onboarding systems, and data infrastructure across six partner sites including shelters, VA facilities, and healthcare settings. InToto provides arts programming for people affected by homelessness, mental illness, PTSD, disabilities, and addiction, serving over 700 participants with nearly 4,800 total class attendances in 2025.

Lowetown Community Development Corp, Inc.: \$5,000 to support a community food pantry and weekly physical activity classes for senior citizens in the Lowetown community of McCalla. Funding covers pantry setup including shelving, a freezer, and food supplies, as well as instructors and supplies for senior line dancing classes.

Megan Montgomery Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence: \$5,000 to support healthy relationship education programs at Leeds High School. Licensed mental health professionals deliver the evidence-based One Love Foundation curriculum through interactive sessions during PE, Athletics, and Band classes. The program reaches approximately 561 students with prevention education focused on recognizing unhealthy relationship patterns.

Mitchell's Place: \$15,000 to support implementation of the ARIS curriculum in Early Learning Preschool classrooms for children with autism and developmental disabilities. ARIS is an evidence-based Applied Behavior Analysis curriculum that builds language, communication, and early academic skills. The program will serve 100 children through Mitchell's Place, which has provided services to families for over 20 years.

Museum of Pell City: \$17,000 to support core operations of a community-centered cultural institution in St. Clair County. Funding sustains the museum's oral history studio, exhibits, educational programs, and the annual Breaking Barriers. The free museum, opened in March 2023, welcomed over 2,085 visitors in 2025 and serves approximately 2,700 individuals annually, including more than 400 students through school field trips.

NorthPoint Christian Connections: \$8,000 to support the Transforming Communities Mental Health Access Initiative, expanding affordable counseling services in North Alabama. Re-established as a community counseling center in 2025, NorthPoint has seen a rapid increase in demand. The organization serves children in DHR care, foster families, at-risk youth, first responders, and low-income households, reaching 190 elementary and middle school children along with teachers and first responders.

Omega Bridge Builder Foundation, Inc.: \$40,000 to support six life skills workshops targeting youth ages 12–18 and their parents in the Ensley community. Topics include conflict resolution, post-secondary pathways, career planning, financial literacy, and health and wellness, featuring expert speakers and interactive sessions. The program is centered at "The Lighthouse," a renovated former Ensley police station being transformed into a community hub and will serve 500 students and their families.

One More Moment: \$10,000 to support expansion of the Parent Support and Connection Program, which provides peer-led support groups, one-on-one mentoring, evidence-based skills training through the Parent Project® curriculum, and access to therapy. Building on a prior CFGF investment that established referral partnerships, the program will reach 100 new parents in Shelby and Jefferson Counties. Founded in 2022, One More Moment serves parents navigating challenges related to substance use, mental health, and family stability.

Parkinson Association of Alabama: \$10,000 to support strategic expansion of an Educational Resource Kiosk Program placing Parkinson's disease information kiosks in healthcare and community settings. Funding launches a flagship kiosk in the Jefferson and Shelby County area, with the goal of reaching 250–500 individuals annually. An estimated 16,000 people in Alabama are living with Parkinson's disease.

Prescott House Child Advocacy Center: \$15,000 to support improved access to trauma-informed services and strengthened coordination for children impacted by abuse and violence. Founded in 1986, Prescott House provides forensic interviews, evidence-based therapy, family advocacy, and prevention education. Funding supports services reaching 300 children through forensic interviews, 800-plus counseling sessions, 300 families through advocacy, and 500 individuals through community prevention education.

Small Magic: \$40,000 to support the build-out of a new centralized facility that will serve as a hub for early childhood programming, family engagement, and educator training. Funding will equip the space with flexible program rooms, staff coordination areas, storage for distributing 1,200+ books and educational toys annually, and collaborative spaces for partners. Small Magic's flagship Birmingham Talks program and Phonics Power initiative serve approximately 1,650 children and 615 adults annually, focusing on kindergarten readiness for children in low-income communities.

South Highland Adult Care Center: \$8,000 to support food costs for its adult day care program serving seniors with cognitive decline and dementia. Funding will help subsidize rising food expenses so the center can continue providing breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks without raising its \$58 daily tuition rate. The center operates Monday through Friday, serving 65–80 individuals throughout the year while providing essential daytime care that allows family members to continue working.

St. Clair Children's Advocacy Center: \$8,000 to support a trauma-informed playground refresh at The Children's Place. Funding will replace aging outdoor playground equipment with developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed play structures including an inclusive swing set, sensory-friendly elements, impact-absorbing ground surfacing, and a shaded bench area. The center serves approximately 131 children affected by abuse, trauma, and neglect through forensic interviews and ongoing counseling services.

Studio By The Tracks: \$7,000 to support the expansion of its Transitional Program for young adult artists with autism through two pilot initiatives: Creators Club, a semester-length open studio for artists ages 16 and older, and a Neurodiverse Artist Open Studio offering monthly drop-in sessions for adult artists on the autism spectrum. The nonprofit art studio and gallery has served individuals with developmental disabilities since 1989, working with approximately 80 individuals weekly. The new programs will serve 12 young adult artists and approximately 15 adult artists.

The Refuge of Blount County: \$10,000 to support the expansion of facilities for its 8-month residential recovery program for men facing addiction, homelessness, and justice involvement. CFCB's funding will specifically provide commercial kitchen equipment as part of a larger project that includes construction of a dedicated classroom and family visitation area. The program houses 26 men at a time and serves approximately 90 annually.

Town of Steele: \$25,000 to support the Steele Recreation Center Lighting and Safety Enhancement Project, installing energy-efficient LED lighting for baseball fields, pavilion courts, and surrounding recreation areas. The town is currently constructing a new covered pavilion with basketball and pickleball courts that cannot be fully utilized during evening hours without adequate lighting. The project will serve approximately 1,000 to 1,500 individuals annually in St. Clair County.

Wallace Center for Arts and Reconciliation: \$37,000 to support historical education and tourism programming across three geographic sites, including the Wallace House, Wallace Cemetery, and Datcher History House. Funding will implement an Interpretation Plan, train descendant volunteer docents, and launch a targeted marketing campaign reaching 500 or more community members. The descendant-led organization is located on the original Wallace Plantation in Harpersville and is listed on the National Registry for Historic Places, with coverage from CNN, NPR, and the Washington Post.

Whole Hearts Incorporated: \$10,000 to support the Community Heart Saver Stations initiative, establishing three to four strategically placed outdoor stations equipped with AEDs, Narcan, signage, emergency action plans, and solar-powered flood lights in high-traffic public areas such as parks and recreation spaces. Founded in 2024, the organization has already impacted over 100 youth and families through pilot events and expects to reach thousands of community members across Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties.

YMCA Birmingham: \$45,000 over 2 years to support the expansion of wellness programs for individuals living with Parkinson's disease and cancer survivors across YMCA branches in Jefferson and Shelby counties. Funding contributes to certified PWR!Moves classes for Parkinson's patients and LIVESTRONG fitness programs for cancer survivors over a two-year period. The expansion will serve approximately 150 individuals, providing accessible, evidence-based programming in partnership with local health organizations.