

community impact fund

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR NKY

We are proud to announce the recipients of our 2022 Community Impact Fund grants! The Community Impact Fund is our most flexible source of grantmaking dollars and supports long-term solutions, rapid response to emergencies, and the ability to navigate changing community needs in Northern Kentucky. During this grant cycle, we awarded \$85,000 in total to seven different organizations.



Brighton Center

\$15,000 | OPPORTUNITY HOUSE

Opportunity House is an innovative project aimed at developing post-secondary educational opportunities and stability for Opportunity Youth, or young adults ages 18-24. The goal is to reduce the challenges these young adults face, including housing, ultimately leading to educational success, employment, and self-sufficiency. Services include financial coaching, job development, and life skills such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, soft job skills, and problem-solving. The young adults will be working and attending post-secondary part or full time.



CHNK Behavioral Health

\$15,000 | EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Expanding Mental Health Services in a Pandemic Climate (EMHS) seeks to increase units of care to close a gap between immediate post-pandemic demand for services and individuals able to receive services. Children and youth have experienced worsening mental health, driven by disruption in daily routine and social supports, isolation, family financial insecurity, and grief from COVID losses. Key elements of this project will focus on expanding clinical staff, facility renovations, technology and telehealth expansions, and community education and awareness.



Easterseals Redwood

\$10,000 | EASTERSEALS REDWOOD CARE IN NKY

In the 10 years since its Military & Veteran Services was established, Easterseals Redwood has served 3,800 veterans, placed 1,000 veterans into employment, and housed 200 homeless veterans. No veteran is ever turned away, regardless of discharge status, disability, or personal circumstance. Its Military & Veteran Services is 100% staffed by veterans and adopts a holistic approach to ensuring that veterans have the resources and support they need to overcome adversity, improve their lives, and succeed. This grant will help Easterseals Redwood provide support to 125-150 veterans in Northern Kentucky.



Grant Us Hope

\$15,000 | NKY HOPE SQUAD

Hope Squad is an innovative, evidence-based suicide prevention program that focuses on empowering youth. Hope Squad members learn how to identify their peers who may be struggling emotionally, communicate with them effectively, and connect them to the help they need. In addition, they reduce mental health stigma and foster a sense of belonging in schools. The program is currently being implemented in approximately 200 Ohio schools. Thanks to this grant, Northern Kentucky students will now be able to benefit from this life-saving program.



La Soupe

\$10,000 | RESCUE/TRANSFORM/SHARE

The Rescue/Transform/Share Program is at the core of La Soupe's mission and bridges the gap between food waste and food insecurity. A team of chefs transforms rescued food into ready-to-serve, restaurant-quality meals. La Soupe partners with civic, church, and community groups as well as social service organizations across the region in order to distribute meals to people experiencing food insecurity. This grant will support La Soupe's partnerships with agencies in Northern Kentucky, making La Soupe meals available and accessible across the region.



Learning Grove

\$10,000 | NAVIGO RIVER CITIES NETWORK

The River Cities Network is a partnership between NaviGo, the 6 River Cities school districts of Bellevue, Covington, Dayton, Erlanger/Elsmere, Ludlow, and Newport, Gateway Community & Technical College, and business and community partners. This grant will be utilized to directly support the college and career prep work-based learning needs of the students for items such as PPE, industry recognized credentialing, dual credit, and other student needs. The use of the funds will align with and complement the great student-focused work already being done by each school.



Northern Kentucky Workforce Investment Board

\$10,000 | LONG-TERM FEASIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF GROW NKY

Growing Regional Outcomes Through Workforce (GROW NKY) was created to maximize regional impact while eliminating duplication in the NKY workforce ecosystem. To ensure success, a backbone organization is required to provide strategic guidance, serve as a liaison between pillars and the steering committee, and facilitate the work. This study will examine how the backbone organization ensures the value, effectiveness, and ROI of GROW NKY's initiatives and programs while exploring the best model for convening community partners and communicating with businesses, partners, and job seekers across the workforce ecosystem.

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