



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

# COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2021 - 2022 REPORT

*A report on grants awarded to local nonprofits  
for charitable projects, programs, and events  
benefiting the people of Northern Illinois.*



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Remedies Renewing Lives: Domestic Violence Co-Location Program with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services



Kids Around the World, Inc.: Welding Career Pathway 2022



Severson Dells: Community Science and Land Stewardship across Winnebago County



Village of Mt. Morris: 2022 Mt. Morris Jamboree Free Concerts



Children's Home & Aid: Doula Program



Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois: Spring 2022 Program and 5k Accessibility Initiative



Boone County Council on Aging: Combating Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults



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Front cover photo: Guests of the Northern Illinois Food Bank utilize the "Milk2MyPlate" Program; photo courtesy of Northern Illinois Food Bank.  
Back cover photo: Participants in Family Nature Day 2021; photo courtesy of Natural Land Institute.  
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“ The Imagination Library is an early-years book gifting program that creates a home library and helps parents instill a love of reading. In the first five years of the program in Stephenson County **we have mailed 80,435 books.**

United Way of Northwest Illinois  
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Book Gifting Program



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PICTURED: DAVE FIELDS PLAYS AT ROLLING GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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**Over 94,000 students have attended programs.**

Crossroads Blues Society  
Blues in the Schools in the Park



# ABOUT CFNIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

## 2021 - 2022 GRANTMAKING

**com·mu·ni·ty**  
**noun**

**an interacting**  
**population of various**  
**kinds of individuals in a**  
**common location**

The Community Grants Program is the largest grantmaking program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL). Grants are awarded to support charitable projects, programs, and events operated by nonprofit organizations in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Community Grants are made in six focus areas: Arts & Humanities, Education, Health, Human Services, Sustainable Communities, and Youth & Families.

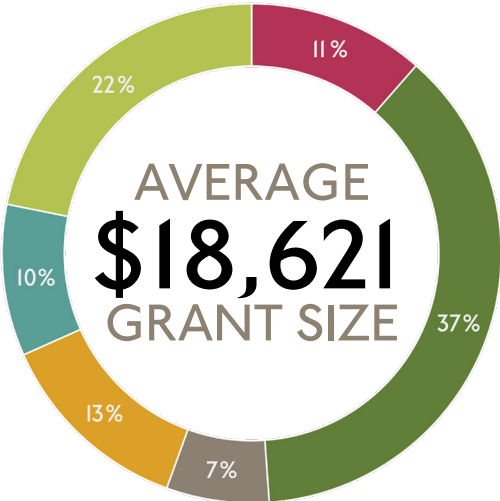
In Fall 2021 CFNIL awarded 76 new grants totaling \$1,301,089.04, in addition to \$170,000 to three multi-year grant commitments from prior cycles, for a total of \$1,471,089.04. Each grant was reviewed by community volunteers who assessed the proposed plan, budget, anticipated outcomes, and community need. Learn more about the Community Grants Program at [cfnil.org/community](https://cfnil.org/community).

### 2021 - 2022 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTMAKING

FOCUS AREA	2021 # OF NEW GRANTS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS # OF GRANTS	2021 NEW AWARDS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS AWARDS	TOTAL AWARDED
Arts & Humanities	20	-	\$168,504.84	-	\$168,504.84
Education	14	3	\$380,509.00	\$170,000.00	\$550,509.00
Health	6	-	\$97,807.52	-	\$97,807.52
Human Services	14	-	\$188,534.57	-	\$188,534.57
Sustainable Communities	8	-	\$144,383.95	-	\$144,383.95
Youth & Families	14	-	\$321,349.16	-	\$321,349.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,301,089.04</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,471,089.04</b>

### AWARDS BY FOCUS AREA

FOCUS AREA	# OF GRANTS	AVERAGE AWARD	RANGE OF AWARDS
Arts & Humanities	20	\$8,425.24	\$2,000 - \$50,000
Education	17	\$32,382.88	\$2,500 - \$109,000
Health	6	\$16,301.25	\$9,750 - \$29,992
Human Services	14	\$13,466.76	\$5,000 - \$29,070
Sustainable Communities	8	\$18,047.99	\$875 - \$32,000
Youth & Families	14	\$22,953.51	\$5,000 - \$53,665
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$18,621.38</b>	<b>\$875 - \$109,000</b>



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**Stateline Youth for Christ**  
Juvenile Justice Ministry Outreach Program



PICTURED: Stateline Youth For Christ Juvenile Justice Ministries Volunteers.

# COMMUNITY GRANTS FOCUS AREAS

## Directing grantmaking for distinct charitable activities.

The Community Grants Program accepts proposals and awards grants in six focus areas, each with their own unique emphasis but all intended for the benefit of the people and places of northern Illinois. Proposals in the Education and Health Focus Areas may request multi-year funding, up to three years.



### ARTS & HUMANITIES

Grants made to:

- Increase the availability of and access to artistic and cultural experiences, especially those that represent our community's diverse culture.
- Celebrate the region's history and preserve historical integrity.



### EDUCATION

Grants made to:

- Align with Education Works guidelines (visit [cfnil.org/education-works](https://cfnil.org/education-works)).
- Provide creative and systemic approaches for educational improvement.
- Support the education of current and future medical professionals.



### HEALTH

Grants made to:

- Improve the quality of and access to health services.
- Support community wellness.
- Conduct research to promote the health and well-being of our community.



### HUMAN SERVICES

Grants made to:

- Serve the basic needs of individuals and families.
- Provide services to persons with intellectual disabilities, especially activities that promote inclusion.



### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Grants made to:

- Promote neighborhood and economic development.
- Support efforts to ensure public safety and access to quality, affordable, and permanent housing.
- Preserve our natural environment, especially activities that increase the region's understanding and appreciation of the environment.



### YOUTH & FAMILIES

Grants made to:

- Provide pathways to self-sufficiency.
- Strengthen families.
- Support intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.

“ Project SEARCH is a one-year internship program for students with disabilities in their last year of high school. It is targeted for students whose goal is competitive employment in the community.

**Regional Access and Mobilization Project, Inc.**  
Project SEARCH



## DONOR NAMED FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

CFNIL has been creating endowments and honoring donor intent through grantmaking since 1953. Some donors have established funds, listed below, which support various charitable activities awarded in the Community Grants Program.

- Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund
- Barber-Colman Management Fund
- Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund
- Community Arts & Humanities Fund
- Donald V. & Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund
- Dr. Courtney J. & Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund
- Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund
- Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund
- Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund
- Guy B. Reno Family Fund
- Guyer-Hyzer Fund
- Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund
- Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund
- Karen & “Duke” Levis Fund
- Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund
- Meryle A. Stockhus Fund
- Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund
- Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund
- Rod MacDonald Memorial Theatre Endowment Fund
- Roger & Mary Reithmeier Fund
- The Corbett Family Fund for Youth, Families, & Human Services
- United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund
- Vera Maureen Fisher Fund
- William & Catherine McCoy Fund



# GRANT CHARACTERISTICS KEY

Projects, programs, and events as unique as the communities of northern Illinois.

**local adjective**  
of, relating to, or characteristic of a particular place

**FOCUS AREA**

  
ARTS & HUMANITIES

  
EDUCATION

  
HEALTH

  
HUMAN SERVICES

  
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

  
YOUTH & FAMILIES

While every grant awarded this cycle was made possible by local generosity and will serve local needs, each grant is also unique. The people and places of northern Illinois are diverse: urban and rural, well-established and new, representing many nations, heritages, and backgrounds. As you peruse the grants listed in this report you will notice icons accompanying the descriptions. Each icon represents a characteristic which makes the grant unique, as described below.

**PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY**

**B** BOONE COUNTY

**O** OGLE COUNTY




**S** STEPHENSON COUNTY

**W** WINNEBAGO COUNTY

**FIRST TIMER**

  
FIRST CFNIL COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD

**MULTI-YEAR**

  
NUMBER OF YEARS INTO A MULTI-YEAR GRANT

**GRANT SUPPORTED BY**

**AA** Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund

**BCM** Barber-Colman Management Fund

**BMK** Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund

**CAH** Community Arts & Humanities Fund

**DBP** Donald V. & Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund

**CM-HH** Dr. Courtney J. & Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund

**LVR** Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

**EWS** Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund

**GT** Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund

**GBR** Guy B. Reno Family Fund

**GH** Guyer-Hyzer Fund

**HDC** Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund

**JL** Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund

**MACM** Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund

**MS** Meryle A. Stockhus Fund

**NMA** Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund

**RMJ** Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund

**RMT** Rod MacDonald Memorial Theatre Endowment Fund

**RMR** Roger & Mary Reithmeier Fund

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**UCP** United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund

**VMF** Vera Maureen Fisher Fund

**WCM** William & Catherine McCoy Fund

“The LIAM Foundation is the first LGBTQIA+ Resource Center in Northern Illinois, providing supports including: gender, name, and vital record changes, transportation, access to hormone replacement therapy, short term crisis housing, supplies for folks transitioning, and promoting the health and wellbeing of the local LGBTQIA+ community.



**The LIAM Foundation**  
Love. Integrity. Advocacy. Mentorship.

# COMMUNITY GRANTS RECIPIENTS

69 agencies awarded 79 grants for a stronger northern Illinois.

**charitable adjective**  
full of love for and goodwill toward others

This section of the report provides a highlight of each of the grants awarded in this cycle, listed in alphabetical order by organization name. Each charitable activity benefits the people of Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties and provides local support for local services, programs, and projects which make our communities healthier, more vibrant, and more resilient.



“Mendelssohn will present classes in music and visual arts, providing the opportunity to explore forms of creative expression and expand participant’s view of the world.”  
**Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center**  
Summer Arts Enrichment at Patriots’ Gateway Community Center 2022



## ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD

Ready to Learn  
\$70,000

Early life experiences are the foundation for lifelong achievement and success. Community-wide interventions and targeted supports for children and their families will improve the educational and life outcomes of children and strengthen neighborhoods, families, schools, and the region.



## ARTISTS’ ENSEMBLE THEATER

AE Summer Players  
\$3,500

Artists’ Ensemble Theater will form a performance troupe of 4-6 committed teens who will offer free performances for children in underserved and underprivileged communities in the summer of 2022.



## ARTISTS’ ENSEMBLE THEATER

“Ben Butler” Production  
\$2,000

AE will produce “Ben Butler” by Richard Strand, a play based on a true historical event when General Benjamin Butler created a legal precedent for effectively freeing fugitive slaves by designating them as contraband of war in service of military objectives. The play provides a look at a crucial moment at the very beginning of civil rights in America.



## ARTISTS’ ENSEMBLE THEATER

“The Outsider” Production  
\$2,000

AE will produce “The Outsider” by Paul Slade Smith, a smart, funny new play about politics and the importance of elections.



## BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Combating Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults  
\$12,081

Funds will be used to facilitate a structured social call program combating social isolation and loneliness in older adults, with the goal of improved health and vitality.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF FREEPORT & STEPHENSON COUNTY

Project Safety View  
\$27,918

Cameras will be installed at King Community Campus for the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County (BGC), Amity Learning Center, and the Head Start program. A single system will allow access for all three organizations and ensure greater safety for youth served by our programs and community residents.





**BURPEE**

museum of natural history

## BURPEE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

*SPARK THE LOVE: STEM Programming*  
\$24,202

Burpee Museum will create traveling STEM kits for after school programming or classroom learning. Kits will be appropriate for elementary through middle school with the goal of teaching students to ask and seek to answer questions about our Earth, its people, and its resources.



## COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

*YouthBuild 2022*  
\$35,000

CCS will facilitate online high school diploma courses, construction credential courses, first aid/CPR & AED, and OSHA 10 certifications. These achievements will strengthen participants' ability to attain sustainable employment or successfully transition into apprenticeships or post-secondary education.



## EASTERSEALS

*Enhancing Post-Secondary Services to Better Prepare Students with Disabilities for Adulthood*  
\$41,500

An Employment Specialist will provide students with intellectual/developmental disabilities with a structured transition experience that better prepares them for post-graduation employment, education and independent living, incorporating robust, authentic activities as students prepare for life after high school.



children's home & aid

## CHILDREN'S HOME & AID

*Doula Program*  
\$53,665.36

This program uses trained doulas to support high-risk women before, during, and after pregnancy, increasing health and well-being of mother and child. The project develops strong parent/child attachments to help mothers build healthy and safe futures for their babies.



## CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY

*Blues in the Schools in the Park*  
\$2,500

Crossroads Blues Society has been doing Blues in the Schools (BITS) programs in the Rockford area for 20 years, serving over 94,000 students. Blues in the Schools in the Park is a family-oriented event featuring solo artists and bands who support the BITS programs. The event will be held at Lyran Park in Rockford and include music, crafts and interactive activities.



## ETHNIC HERITAGE MUSEUM

*Heritage Museum Park Walkway*  
\$14,000

A walkway will connect Ethnic Heritage Museum to the Graham Ginestra House and nearby municipal parking lot, ensuring ADA compliance for the museum grounds. The wide brick walkway will make movement between buildings and entrances safe, comfortable, and unencumbered.



Children's Safe Harbor

## CHILDREN'S SAFE HARBOR

*Expansion of CSH Services*  
\$29,920.80

Children's Safe Harbor will expand hours for Supervised Visitation and Exchange services, significantly decreasing wait-list times and helping more families in need of services.



## DISCOVERY CENTER MUSEUM

*STEM on the Rock*  
\$24,600

Discovery Center STEM educators and National Society of Black Engineers volunteers will deliver hands-on STEM enrichment sessions at the YMCA and Booker Washington Center. This partnership will allow Discovery Center to reach more students and increase STEM engagement and career pathways for minority middle school students.



## FARMWORKER & LANDSCAPER ADVOCACY PROJECT (FLAP)

*Eviction Prevention & Community Legal Education for Latinx Immigrant Workers*  
\$10,085.94

FLAP will link low-income Latinx immigrant workers to resources in northern Illinois via presentations at the Mexican Consulate mobile unit, churches, nonprofits, libraries, and businesses. Special attention will be given to teaching how to prevent eviction through the justice system.



## FREEPORT AREA CHURCH COOPERATIVE

*Chicago Avenue Family Mission*  
\$23,215

Funding will allow the Cooperative to construct a new family dorm room as well as a new bathroom, providing expanded services and shelter for homeless families.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OGLE COUNTY

*Building New 2022 Habitat Life Stories*  
\$32,000

New home and repair projects will be provided to up to 25 lower income individuals in Ogle County, through the purchase of building materials to serve new Habitat partner families to deliver decent, sustainable, and affordable housing services.



## IRISH MARCHING SOCIETY

*Christmas Time in Ireland*  
\$4,000

Irish Marching Society will launch a School of Irish Dance, kicking off the project with "Christmas Time in Ireland", a performance by Paddy Homan and the Noble Call. Proceeds will be used for scholarships to participate in Rockford's School of Irish Dance.



FREEPORT ART MUSEUM

## FREEPORT ART MUSEUM/ FREEPORT ARTS CENTER

*World Fest*  
\$2,500

Since 2003, World Fest has been connecting Midwestern communities to international musicians to foster an understanding of and appreciation for global uniqueness and differences. Freeport Art Museum will host the Arts Midwest World Fest beginning in the Fall of 2022 through Fall 2025.



## HOO HAVEN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER

*Hoo Haven Surgical Room Project*  
\$14,000

Hoo Haven is expanding its ability to provide more complex surgical interventions on site. The addition of a surgical room specifically equipped for this purpose will provide immediate critical care and surgical intervention for injured animals.



## JEREMIAH DEVELOPMENT, NFP

*Jeremiah HELP - Small Engine Repair*  
\$20,000

Jeremiah Development HELP/Small Engine Repair provides youth with hands-on STEM experience. Students struggling in a traditional school setting will receive critical training to develop skills needed for a future career in the trades, from equipment repair to business start-up.



## GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

*Spring 2022 Program and 5k Accessibility Initiative*  
\$12,000

Girls on the Run will provide programming and running buddy 5K registrations for girls at underserved schools at no cost to the families.



## IMD GUEST HOUSE

*Northern Illinois Comfort Fund*  
\$10,000

Funds will be used to provide IMD Guest House's suite of healthcare hospitality services to 45 patients/families from the Northern Illinois region over 335 nights. Grant funds will also underwrite subsidies issued to Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago County patients/families in financial need through its "Comfort Fund," an annual budget reserve earmarked for low-income guests.



## KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER

*Ken-Rock Security Upgrades*  
\$8,536

In 2020 Ken-Rock moved to a new facility which had formerly been a church. The organization has completed many improvements to the building but a few more upgrades are necessary to ensure the safety of the facility for staff and program participants.



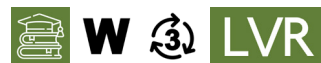




## KFACT

*Lady All Stars Holistic Mentoring Program*  
\$50,000

This program helps girls become exceptional women by providing the experiences and supportive environment they need to achieve their dreams. Mentoring and case management services encourage the importance of post-secondary education, positive self-image, and educational achievement.



## MENDELSSOHN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

*Summer Arts Enrichment at Patriots Gateway Community Center 2022*  
\$3,940

Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center will offer classes in music and visual arts for Patriots Gateway Community Center students. This project will provide children in an underserved population the opportunity to explore different forms of creative expression and expand their view of the world.



## MILESTONE, INC.

*Medical & PT Equipment Upgrade Phase 2*  
\$10,000

Milestone will continue to upgrade the medical equipment at Elmwood Heights including EZ Lifts, walkers, digital scale chairs, and a wheelchair transfer chair. These upgrades will help meet changing needs of clients as they age, preserve their quality of care, and continue to increase clients' level of independence.



## KIDS AROUND THE WORLD, INC.

*Welding Career Pathway 2022*  
\$35,000

Kids Around the World, Inc. (KATW) will continue the Welding Career Path program in partnership with YouthBuild Rockford, First Institute of Training and Management, Inc., and Workforce Connection, to help high school drop-outs from poor communities obtain self-sufficiency.



## MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER

*Camp Grant Exhibit Conceptual Design*  
\$23,000

Midway Village Museum will hire an exhibit design firm to design and conceptualize Phase I of a new permanent exhibit. The exhibit will center around Camp Grant, a former army infantry training base located where the Rockford Airport now stands.



## NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE

*Family Nature Adventures 2022*  
\$6,800

NLI will present Family Nature Adventures at Nygren Wetland Preserve, a free, bilingual event to impart a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Kids can earn a Junior Naturalist badge and certificate by visiting nature and arts-themed learning stations.



## KITCHEN TABLE INC

*Help Us Keep & Cool Our Volunteers*  
\$25,000

Kitchen Table Inc will install an exhaust hood and add a make-up air unit to the kitchen, bringing the facility into compliance with Health Department requirements and making a safer and more comfortable environment for volunteers.



## MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER

*Reimagining Interpretation of Midway Village Museum's Victorian Village*  
\$4,958.84

The tour system for Midway Village Museum's historic village has not changed in nearly 20 years. Midway will use the funds to underwrite staff time in reimagining the interpretation of the historic village and training of current interpreters or docents.



## NIKOLAS RITSCHER FOUNDATION ("NIK'S WISH")

*Funding Wishes Granted by Nik's Wish*  
\$6,000

Nik's Wish grants "wishes" to young adults fighting cancer who live in northern Illinois. This funding will support a "wish" in 2022.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS CENTER FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE (NICNE)

*Building Nonprofit Capacity Through Education and Collaboration*  
\$27,096

NICNE will deliver training for nonprofit executives and board members in the areas of effective governance, succession planning, and collaboration, and facilitate two Collective Impact initiatives to enhance human services delivery so all people are seen, heard and valued.



## NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

*Support for Career Pathways in RPS205 and D100*  
\$50,000

EdSystems will partner with Rockford Public Schools, Belvidere District 100, and regional partners to provide strategic counsel, technical assistance, and other supports to foster equitably accessible high-quality pathways that prepare young people for success in college, career, and civic life.



## NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER

*Youth Summer Camp Field Trips*  
\$5,000

These funds will allow NWCC to take youth on six field trips during the 2022 summer camp program. These field trips will have three focus areas: education, recreation, and cultural awareness.



## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

*Milk2My Plate Program*  
\$10,000

The Milk2MyPlate Program provides consistent access to fresh milk for families through the Food Bank's member food pantries. Access to fresh dairy products at no charge helps guests continue to consume essential nutrients during times of need.



## NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER

*Empowering Women for Success*  
\$20,000

Grants dollars will be used as matching funds for the Empowering Women for Success (EWS) program. EWS is a program designed to help women make positive changes that will lead to success in their desired careers through case management, training, and job placement.



## ONE BODY COLLABORATIVES

*Bridges Out of Poverty*  
\$30,000

Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty.



## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

*Northwest Center in Rockford Safety Upgrades*  
\$13,000

As a hub for the Food Bank to store, pack and distribute food throughout the region, the Northwest Center continues to adapt and evolve. The Food Bank will enhance safety features to ensure the highest level of service for neighbors, member agencies, and volunteers.



## NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER

*Security Improvements*  
\$9,638

These grant dollars will be used to improve security at Northwest Community Center. They will fund an upgraded security camera system for both inside and outside the main facility and Corbett Building, along with electronic door locks that will allow for secured building access.



## POLO PUBLIC LIBRARY

*2022 Outdoor Concert Series*  
\$7,000

Polo Public Library will hire five local bands to present free community concerts in the library's outdoor pavilion, one each month from May through September of 2022, creating a series of exciting and welcoming events for this rural community to come together to enjoy music and each other's company.







*Project SEARCH*  
\$25,000

Project SEARCH is a one-year internship program for students with disabilities in their last year of high school. It is targeted for students whose goal is competitive employment in the community.



## ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL

*Summer Programs for Youth*  
\$50,000

The Arts Council's summer programs provide Rockford-area youth access to progressive art mediums, impactful mentorship, and positive social connection through the arts, including unique and intensive hands-on skill-building, artist mentorship, and youth apprenticeship.



## ROCKFORD BARBELL

*Youth Weightlifting Program*  
\$13,300

Rockford Barbell's Youth Weightlifting Program is led by a social worker/therapist and special education teacher and utilizes trauma-informed practices and resistance training to improve participant's social and emotional functioning.



## REMEDIES RENEWING LIVES

*Domestic Violence Co-Location Program with the IL Department of Children & Family Services*  
\$45,000

This program will enhance the safety, stability, and healing of families at the intersection of domestic violence and child welfare by building the capacity of the child welfare system to more effectively provide family support. It will also serve as a model for statewide programmatic expansion.



## ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

*Building Equitable Homeownership Opportunity*  
\$31,264.95

These funds will support Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program, which aims to make owning a home more equitable and accessible to all by removing barriers embedded in the conventional mortgage market.



## ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY

*Visioning and Strategic Planning Process*  
\$4,900

Rockford Dance Company will hire a professional non-profit consultant to lead RDC's Board of Directors through a visioning and strategic planning process.



## ROCK HOUSE KIDS

*Audio/Visual System for New Activity Center*  
\$30,000

Rock House will purchase a sound and projector system for use in the new Activity Center, an integral part of an upcoming renovation. Rock House will be able to host movie nights and special events outside regular program nights, giving kids another night to be off the streets in safety.



## ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM

*Buzz Spector: Reading Matter Exhibition*  
\$12,210

Rockford Art Museum is proud to present a large-scale solo exhibition by contemporary American artist Buzz Spector as the first feature exhibition of 2022. These funds will support RAM's commitment to providing quality exhibitions accessible to all community members in a friendly environment, free of charge.



## ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Portal Through Time - RPL's Summer Reading Challenge Kick-off Event*  
\$2,500

To kick-off RPL's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge, Nordlof Center will transform into an interactive Time Machine! As kids "travel through time" they will learn about the past and imagine possibilities for the future through science, technology, archaeology, dance, music, and more.



## ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

*RSO Music Director Finalist Concert Videos*  
\$8,300

In 2022, the RSO will bring nine Music Director Finalists to Rockford. Recording these concerts will be essential in the process of securing the best Music Director, preserve a connection with RSO patrons, and maintain program accessibility in the lingering midst of the pandemic.



## SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES

*Housing Homeless Families with Dignity*  
\$22,000

Shelter Care will provide safe, private housing for families experiencing homelessness in Winnebago and Boone Counties. Funds will pay for rent, utilities, furniture, and staff time to help families move from homelessness to housing.



## THE ALLENDALE ASSOCIATION - LINC

*LEARN...Grow...Heal: Chromebooks for All Students*  
\$4,423

The Allendale Association - LINC will purchase ten Chromebooks with cases, a "GoGuardian Teacher" Subscription for student security and safety, and a rapid charging station/cart that can move from classroom to classroom.



## SEVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER

*Community Science and Land Stewardship across Winnebago County*  
\$10,348

Severson Dells and the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County will equip volunteers to collect data and support Preserve stewardship. This will inform land management strategies and improve the Preserves as community resources, gathering centers, and high quality habitat.



## STATELINE YOUTH FOR CHRIST

*Juvenile Justice Ministry Outreach Program*  
\$15,000

This grant increases capacity to engage at-risk youth entering the juvenile justice system and reentering the community. Mentorship, life skills training, and other programming will provide support, develop resiliency, and empower participants to make choices that break patterns of addiction, poverty, and recidivism.



## THE ARC OF WINNEBAGO, BOONE & OGLE COUNTIES

*Future Planning Seminar*  
\$5,000

Future Planning Seminar educates individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families on the options and decisions to be made once an individual with I/DD turns 18, and enters the "transitional" period of their lives between school and adulthood.



## SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES

*12 Passenger Van for the Jubilee Center*  
\$29,069.63

Funds will be used to replace a van for the Jubilee Center, a drop-in facility for low-income adults with mental illness. The current van is at the end of its useful life and is too expensive to maintain. An updated van will provide transportation to appointments, meetings, and social outings.



## STEPPING STONES OF ROCKFORD, INC.

*Across the Lifespan: Wellness as Part of Mental Health Recovery*  
\$9,750

This program provides youth with serious emotional disturbance and adults with severe mental illness the opportunity to take part in wellness activities designed to complement "traditional" mental health recovery interventions, such as gardening, lawn games, and physical activity.



## THE LIAM FOUNDATION

*The LIAM Foundation: Love. Integrity. Advocacy. Mentorship.*  
\$15,000

The LIAM Foundation is the first LGBTQIA+ Resource Center in Northern Illinois, providing supports including: gender, name, and vital record changes, transportation, access to hormone replacement therapy, short term crisis housing, supplies for folks transitioning, and promoting the health and wellbeing of the local LGBTQIA+ community.







## THE MUSIC ACADEMY IN ROCKFORD

*Music 2 Celebrate; Celebrate 2 Music*  
\$7,146

Funds will be used to present a free community concert, increasing access to an especially diverse array of world music in our community. The arts enhance our understanding of and sensitivity to each other, our environment, and the world around us; they transform our region into a community like no other.



## THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM

*The Wind And The Breeze*  
\$5,000

The West Side Show Room will present the Rockford premiere of Nathan Alan Davis's Lorraine Hansberry Award winning play THE WIND AND THE BREEZE.



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## THE SALVATION ARMY OF FREEPORT

*Program Space Transition*  
\$9,373

The Salvation Army offers a wide range of programs and services which provide basic needs for residents in Stephenson County. These funds will help transform a space currently used as a sanctuary into a multi-purpose area to increase program capacity.



## THE WORKFORCE CONNECTION INC.

*Technology Equipment for Workforce Development*  
\$5,084

The Workforce Connection will replace outdated computer hardware in the Freeport Career Center where residents search for employment, attend workshops and basic skills courses, receive assistance with applications and creating a resume, and learn interview tips.



## THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM

*Rockford New Words 2023*  
\$2,750

Rockford New Words presents ten new works (spoken word poetry, raps, plays, storytelling, and monologues) by writers from Rockford and around the world. Each writer receives a royalty, providing local writers the opportunity to have their work presented alongside the work of national and international writers.



## TRANSFORM ROCKFORD

*Regional Neighborhood Leadership Summits*  
\$875

Transform Rockford will support eight quarterly neighborhood leadership summits, with the goal of better serving neighborhoods across the region. Funds will purchase AV equipment to accommodate hybrid meetings.



## U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD

*Rural Healthcare Explorers Program*  
\$17,103

The Rural Health Explorers Program (RHEP) is a six-week career exploration program that introduces rural students to healthcare opportunities. RHEP students participate in learning modules, meet with local rural healthcare providers, and complete a health topic exploration project.



## VOICES OF INSPIRATION

*Replacing a Commercial Refrigerator*  
\$8,000

Voices of Inspiration provides food and other essential items to approximately 500 families per month. These funds will replace an existing 3-door commercial refrigerator which is no longer reliable, ensuring food supplies are kept cool and safe for client families.



College of Pharmacy

## U OF I COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, ROCKFORD CAMPUS

*Diabetes TEAM: Text-Messaging Education & Support Pilot*  
\$29,992

This project will improve health outcomes among adults with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes by developing a process for ongoing self-management and patient monitoring using secure, bi-directional text messaging. Participants will receive support and reminders via text.



## WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Improving Air Quality for Town Hall Programs*  
\$3,800

WCHS owns and operates the historic Village of Winnebago Town Hall. The Hall is used by the community for educational programs, meetings, public gatherings, reunions, and similar events. Funds will help replace and relocate an HVAC system that is inefficient, noisy, and unhealthy.



## VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS

*2022 Mt. Morris Jamboree Free Concerts*  
\$5,000

The Mt. Morris Jamboree presents free concerts on Friday nights during the summer in a band shell on an historic campus in the center of town. These funds will allow the Village to secure more well-known bands, helping to strengthen the program.



## WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

*Wellness and Telehealth Center for Collier Garden Apartments*  
\$14,482

WCHA will create a space for residents to meet healthcare providers via telehealth and in person. This space will ensure more residents can access regular healthcare and wellness appointments and education, an integral part of overall quality of life.



United Way of  
Northwest Illinois

## UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

*Dolly Parton Imagination Library Book Gifting Program*  
\$30,000

The Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails a book to children every month from birth - 5 years of age, creating a home library and helping instill a love of reading. Children in Stephenson County have received 80,435 books to date!



## U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD

*21st Century Good Neighbor™ Well-Being Program*  
\$10,925

This program will pair health profession students with older adult clients of Lifescape Community Services. The goal of the program is to reduce loneliness and social isolation among older adults who are living independently at home.



## U OF I COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD

*Learn and Educate through Actions to Diversify (LEAD) Medicine*  
\$26,000

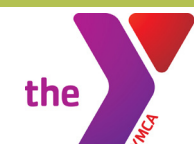
This program supports the education of future health professionals by engaging and exposing Haskell Elementary students to health professions. Interactive fun activities include teaching students how to examine patients, brain and heart dissection, and coronavirus education.



## YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY

*Achievers*  
\$6,097

Through the YMCA Achievers program teens learn college- and career-readiness skills by focusing on five pillars: academics, college knowledge, life skills, positive relationships, and positive identity. Students get the support they need while exploring options for their futures, culminating in a college tour.



## YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY

*LIVESTRONG Cancer Support Program*  
\$20,283.52

LIVESTRONG is a therapeutic, holistic wellness program for cancer survivors held at YMCA wellness centers. Using an adaptive, participant-centered approach, this program emphasizes health rather than disease and helps participants build back physical health, while developing relationships and social bonds that are helpful in healing.



## YWCA NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

*Healthy Families: Parent Education Project*  
\$11,456

The Parent Education Project is part of the YWCA Northwestern Illinois' Healthy Families program, delivering essential supplies, family-oriented events, safety equipment, breastfeeding support, and toys to participants, to ensure all children receive nurturing care that leads to a healthy, long, and successful life.





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7	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	"BEN BUTLER" PRODUCTION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
7	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	THE OUTSIDER PRODUCTION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
8	CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY	BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS IN THE PARK	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,500.00
8	ETHNIC HERITAGE MUSEUM	HERITAGE MUSEUM PARK WALKWAY	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$14,000.00
9	FREEPORT ARTS CENTER DBA FREEPORT ART MUSEUM	WORLD FEST	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,500.00
9	IRISH MARCHING SOCIETY	CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$4,000.00
10	MENDELSSOHN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT AT PATRIOTS' GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER 2022	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,940.00
10	MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER	CAMP GRANT EXHIBIT CONCEPTUAL DESIGN	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$23,000.00
10	MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER	REIMAGINING INTERPRETATION OF MIDWAY VILLAGE MUSEUM'S VICTORIAN VILLAGE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$4,958.84
11	POLO PUBLIC LIBRARY	2022 OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$7,000.00
12	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$50,000.00
12	ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM	BUZZ SPECTOR: READING MATTER EXHIBITION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$12,210.00
12	ROCKFORD DANCE COMPANY	VISIONING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$4,900.00
13	ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	RSO MUSIC DIRECTOR FINALIST CONCERT VIDEOS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$8,300.00
14	THE MUSIC ACADEMY IN ROCKFORD	MUSIC 2 CELEBRATE; CELEBRATE 2 MUSIC	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$7,146.00
14	THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM	ROCKFORD NEW WORDS 2023	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,750.00
14	THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM	THE WIND AND THE BREEZE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$5,000.00
15	VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS	2022 MT. MORRIS JAMBOREE FREE CONCERTS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$5,000.00
15	WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	IMPROVING AIR QUALITY FOR TOWN HALL PROGRAMS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,800.00
ARTS & HUMANITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$168,504.84
8	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS	YOUTHBUILD 2022	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$35,000.00
8	DISCOVERY CENTER MUSEUM	STEM ON THE ROCK: INCREASING STEM ENGAGEMENT IN MINORITY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$24,600.00
8	EASTERSEALS SERVING CHICAGOLAND AND GREATER ROCKFORD	ENHANCING POST-SECONDARY SERVICES TO BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$41,500.00
9	JEREMIAH DEVELOPMENT, NFP	JEREMIAH HELP: SMALL ENGINE REPAIR	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$20,000.00
10	KIDS AROUND THE WORLD, INC.	WELDING AND FORKLIFT CAREER PATHWAY 2022	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$35,000.00
10	KFACT	LADY ALL STARS MENTORING PROGRAM	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$50,000.00
11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	SUPPORT FOR CAREER PATHWAYS IN RPS205 & D100	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$50,000.00
14	THE WORKFORCE CONNECTION INC.	TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$5,084.00
14	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD	LEARN AND EDUCATE THROUGH ACTIONS TO DIVERSIFY (LEAD) MEDICINE	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$26,000.00
15	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD	RURAL HEALTHCARE EXPLORERS PROGRAM	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$17,103.00
15	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	ACHIEVERS	EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS	\$6,097.00
EDUCATION: CAREER PATHWAYS TOTAL				\$310,384.00
7	ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD	READY TO LEARN	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$70,000.00
8	BURPEE MUSEUM	SPARK THE LOVE: STEM PROGRAMMING ASKING RELEVANT KEY QUESTIONS	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$24,202.00
12	ROCKFORD PROMISE	ROCKFORD PROMISE SCHOLARS PROGRAM FY21	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$109,000.00
12	ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PORTAL THROUGH TIME - ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF EVENT	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$2,500.00
13	THE ALLENDALE ASSOCIATION - LINC	LEARN...GROW...HEAL: CHROMEBOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$4,423.00
10	UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY BOOK GIFTING PROGRAM	EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$30,000.00
EDUCATION: COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION TOTAL				\$240,125.00
EDUCATION FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$550,509.00

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9	IMD GUEST HOUSE	NORTHERN ILLINOIS COMFORT FUND	HEALTH	\$10,000.00
12	ROCKFORD BARBELL	YOUTH WEIGHTLIFTING PROGRAM	HEALTH	\$13,300.00
13	STEPPING STONES OF ROCKFORD, INC.	ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: WELLNESS AS PART OF MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY	HEALTH	\$9,750.00
15	UNIVERSITY OF IL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, ROCKFORD CAMPUS	DIABETES-TEAM: TEXT-MESSAGING EDUCATION & SUPPORT PILOT AT A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER	HEALTH	\$29,992.00
15	WINNEBAGO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY	WELLNESS AND TELEHEALTH CENTER FOR COLLIER GARDEN APARTMENTS	HEALTH	\$14,482.00
15	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	LIVESTRONG CANCER SUPPORT PROGRAM	HEALTH	\$20,283.52
HEALTH FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$97,807.52
7	BOONE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING	COMBATING SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS IN OLDER ADULTS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$12,081.00
8	FARMWORKER AND LANDSCAPER ADVOCACY PROJECT (FLAP)	EVICTON PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION FOR LATINX IMMIGRANT WORKERS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,085.94
10	KITCHEN TABLE INC	HELP US KEEP AND COOL OUR VOLUNTEERS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$25,000.00
10	MILESTONE, INC.	MEDICAL AND PT EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PHASE 2	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
10	NIKOLAS RITSCHER FOUNDATION (A.K.A. NIK'S WISH)	FUNDING WISHES GRANTED BY NIK'S WISH	HUMAN SERVICES	\$6,000.00
11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK	MILK2MYPLATE PROGRAM	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK	NORTHWEST CENTER IN ROCKFORD SAFETY UPGRADES	HUMAN SERVICES	\$13,000.00
12	REGIONAL ACCESS AND MOBILIZATION PROJECT, INC. (RAMP)	PROJECT SEARCH	HUMAN SERVICES	\$25,000.00
13	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	12 PASSENGER VAN FOR THE JUBILEE CENTER	HUMAN SERVICES	\$29,069.63
13	THE ARC OF WINNEBAGO, BOONE & OGLE COUNTIES	FUTURE PLANNING SEMINAR	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,000.00
13	THE LIAM FOUNDATION	THE LIAM FOUNDATION: LOVE. INTEGRITY. ADVOCACY. MENTORSHIP.	HUMAN SERVICES	\$15,000.00
14	THE SALVATION ARMY OF FREEPORT	PROGRAM SPACE TRANSITION	HUMAN SERVICES	\$9,373.00
14	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD	21ST CENTURY GOOD NEIGHBOR™ WELL-BEING PROGRAM	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,925.00
15	VOICES OF INSPIRATION	REPLACEMENT OF OUR 3-DOOR COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATOR	HUMAN SERVICES	\$8,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$188,534.57
9	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OGLE COUNTY	BUILDING NEW 2022 HABITAT LIFE STORIES	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$32,000.00
9	HOO HAVEN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER	SURGICAL ROOM PROJECT	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$14,000.00
10	NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE	FAMILY NATURE ADVENTURES 2022	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$6,800.00
11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CENTER FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE	BUILDING NONPROFIT CAPACITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$27,096.00
12	ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	BUILDING EQUITABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$31,264.95
13	SEVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER	COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP ACROSS WINNEBAGO COUNTY	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$10,348.00
13	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	HOUSING HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$22,000.00
14	TRANSFORM ROCKFORD	REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP SUMMITS	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$875.00
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$144,383.95
7	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF FREEPORT & STEPHENSON COUNTY	PROJECT SAFETY VIEW	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$27,918.00
8	CHILDREN'S HOME & AID	DOULA PROGRAM	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$53,665.36
8	CHILDREN'S SAFE HARBOR	EXPANSION OF CHILDREN'S SAFE HARBOR SERVICES	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$29,920.80
9	FREEPORT AREA CHURCH COOPERATIVE	CHICAGO AVENUE FAMILY MISSION	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$23,215.00
9	GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	SPRING 2022 PROGRAM AND 5K ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVE	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$12,000.00
9	KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER	KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER SECURITY UPGRADES	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$8,536.00
11	NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER	EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR SUCCESS	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$20,000.00
11	NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER	SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$9,638.00
11	NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER	YOUTH SUMMER CAMP FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCES	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$5,000.00
11	ONE BODY COLLABORATIVES	BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$30,000.00
12	REMEDIES RENEWING LIVES	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CO-LOCATION PROGRAM WITH THE IL DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$45,000.00
12	ROCK HOUSE KIDS	AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM FOR NEW ACTIVITY CENTER	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$30,000.00
13	STATELINE YOUTH FOR CHRIST	JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY OUTREACH PROGRAM	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$15,000.00
15	YWCA NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS	HEALTHY FAMILIES: PARENT EDUCATION PROJECT	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$11,456.00
YOUTH & FAMILIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$321,349.16
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2021 - 2022 TOTAL				\$1,471,089.04



# FROM ALL OF US, THANK YOU.

IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITIES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS!

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a feeling of appreciation  
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The 2021 - 2022 Community Grants Program cycle continues CFNIL's sixty-nine year commitment to investment in Northern Illinois through grantmaking. This work and its growing, ongoing impact would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, the time and expertise of our grant reviewers, and the exceptional efforts of our grantees—*thank you!*

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It is our privilege to serve the communities of Northern Illinois, and we hope you have enjoyed this report and learning more about the good work that will benefit our region in the next year and beyond.

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prevention & Community Legal Education for Latinx Immigrant  
Workers



Easterseals Serving Chicagoland and Greater Rockford:  
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