



2024



A GUIDE TO

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



LANCASTER COUNTY
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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY TO SHAPE OUR SHARED TOMORROW

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The Lancaster County Community Foundation invites you to explore this year's range of opportunities, including grants, partnership connections, organizational resources, and learning sessions. Thanks to the generosity of visionaries who have contributed to the community's endowment over the past 100 years, we can build a more resilient, inclusive, vibrant Lancaster County together.

IT'S UP TO US TO CHANGE THE NEXT 100 YEARS

In 1924, a group of local visionaries came together to harness the power of collective philanthropy. They established one of the pioneering community foundations in the nation and created a unique and powerful resource that continues to benefit Lancaster County year after year.

Now, 100 years later, we care for more than \$200 million in assets that support a wide variety of causes. Collectively, these dollars create our community's endowment; a pool of resources invested for long-term growth that yield dollars to create positive impact throughout the county.

Those first funders dreamt beyond what they could accomplish in a single lifetime and imagined a thriving community for the generations they would never meet. And we know that every one of us, whether we are contributing to the endowment or catalyzing change in the community, continues to build on those possibilities for the future.

That's why we are celebrating our 100th anniversary by partnering with organizations like yours to invest in Lancaster County for the next 100 years. Together we can shape a resilient, inclusive, vibrant future for the generations to come.

We are honored to work with you to create opportunities today that will CHANGE THE NEXT 100 YEARS.

GRANTS & AWARDS



FOR QUESTIONS ON ALL
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Additional information on all grants, awards, and programs, as well as complete eligibility requirements and application information, can be found at LANCFOUND.ORG/GRANTS.

STREAMLINED GRANT PROCESS

FOR 2024

The addition of the Shaping Tomorrow Awards present us with an opportunity to streamline grantmaking in 2024. Please be sure to keep the following changes in mind as your organization considers its grant application strategy:

- Dollars from the Lancaster Environmental Fund, the Sam & Verda Taylor Fund (Performing Arts), and Florence Starr Taylor, Lancaster Arts & Culture, and Eloise Aurand Funds (Visual Arts) will supplement the Shaping Tomorrow Awards, meaning we will be awarding MORE than \$1,000,000 through this program! Applicants who normally seek funding through these Passion Grants are encouraged to submit their applications through the Shaping Tomorrow Awards process.
Visit lanconfound.org/grants for more details about Shaping Tomorrow Awards.
- Dollars from the Katherine K. Gaeth Fund, which focuses on housing, will now supplement the grants offered by the Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition through its Homelessness Services Grants that will distribute a total of \$1,590,000 throughout the county. Applications will open annually in January, and further information is available here: <https://lchra.com/our-organizations/homelessness-coalition/funding-opportunities/>
- We will temporarily pause new grantmaking with our Cultivating Beloved Community and Community Bridge Builders programs, so we can focus our team's time and energy into Shaping Tomorrow Awards. We will continue to support previous cohorts throughout 2024, but we will not offer new grants through these programs this year.

SHAPING TOMORROW AWARDS



To celebrate 100 years of collective impact, we want to catalyze ideas that will inspire our community to **CHANGE THE NEXT 100.**

Through the Shaping Tomorrow Awards, more than \$1 Million of additional funds will be invested into Lancaster County. Whether your ideas are big dreams or small steps, we want to support the very best projects that focus on four future-focused categories:

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

WELL-BEING & VIBRANCY

NEXT GENERATION

OUR PLANET

We will support equitable and inclusive projects that embolden the hopes and dreams of residents throughout Lancaster County, acknowledging this hasn't always been the case in the last 100 years of our work. Additionally, we will invest in innovative practices that will propel these concepts forward.

One application will be accepted per community benefit organization in total. Projects must benefit Lancaster County residents.

Because the Shaping Tomorrow awards were announced in September 2023, the deadline to apply for Quarter 1 awards - Creative Expression and Well-Being & Vibrancy - has now passed.

The deadline to apply for Quarter 3 awards - Next Generation and Our Planet - is **July 22, 2024.**

Q1 AWARDS

Stage 1 Due: JANUARY 22
[NOW PASSED]

Stage 2 Due: FEBRUARY 19
[NOW PASSED]

Q3 AWARDS

Stage 1 Due: JULY 22

Stage 2 Due: AUGUST 19

Start your application at
LANCFOUND.ORG/GRANTS

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Up to \$100,000

Recognizing the arts contribute to healthy communities and local economies, we also know talented folks can educate, inspire, and bring about lasting change. We will support projects related to visual arts, performing arts, music, dance, poetry, spoken word, and/or film that promote diverse voices, cultural understanding, community murals, and artistic innovation.

NOTE: Sam and Verda Taylor and Florence Starr Taylor grants for 2024 will be rolled into these awards.

WELL-BEING & VIBRANCY

Up to \$100,000

How might we put Lancaster County on the map as a place where people are physically, mentally, and financially healthy? We will support projects focused on mental health, healthcare access, nutrition, physical activity, elder care, and/or financial health.

Learn more at
LANCFOUND.ORG/GRANTS

NEXT GENERATION

Up to \$100,000

We need to elevate and invest in the next generation of children and young adults by providing them with opportunities to lead. We are excited to support projects in education, skills development, and/or leadership development. Specific examples could include mentorship programs, scholarships, and/or social entrepreneurship training.

OUR PLANET

Up to \$100,000

We know Lancaster County faces many unique environmental challenges simultaneously: our air quality is poor, our waterways are notorious for polluting the Chesapeake Bay, our tree cover is sparse, we need to save the bits of natural land that remain, and the unpredictability of our future climate threatens our agriculture. We are looking for the best ideas focused on things like land conservation, renewable energy, adaptation to climate change, biodiversity, and/or environmental education.

NOTE: Lancaster Environmental Fund grant for 2024 will be rolled into these awards.

SHAPING TOMORROW TOGETHER EVENTS

AWARD WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC

Celebrating Creative Expression: **MARCH 27**

Cultivating Well-Being & Vibrancy: **APRIL 20**

Elevating The Next Generation: **SEPTEMBER 28**

Protecting Our Planet: **OCTOBER 17**

PASSION GRANTS

Application Drafts Due
for Feedback: APRIL 19

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Final Application: MAY 17

Start your application at
LANCFOUND.ORG/GRANTS

PASSION GRANTS

Projects that turn love of
community into lasting change.

Ada F. Harr Fund

Up to \$32,100

For home health or custodial care for people
impacted by illness or disability.

Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler Fund

Up to \$28,800

For community projects based in Eastern
Lancaster County. Region defined by the
geographic boundaries of the Pequea Valley,
Conestoga Valley, and Elanco school districts.

Patrick Kenney, Jr. Memorial Education Fund & K.L. Shirk Memorial Fund

Up to \$15,000

Supports programs that fight hate and bigotry
while promoting social justice.

Better Lancaster Fund

Up to \$25,100

Supports early childhood development
from birth to age five.

John J. Snyder Fund for Historical Preservation

Up to \$112,200

For the “unglamorous things” necessary to
sustain documented historic structures.
This fund has its own unique application.



ROLLING

Applications accepted until:
DEC 2, 2024

Start your application at
LANCFOUND.ORG/GRANTS

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Up to \$20,000

Supports organizations in the process of forming a merger.



CONTACT DAVE KOSER TO DISCUSS
THE STATUS OF YOUR MERGER AND
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING.

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PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

THE LANCASTER CLEAN WATER FUND

Feedback Due: June 3

Final Application Due: July 1

Grants of \$1,000–\$25,000

Supports education, outreach, engagement, monitoring, and implementation projects that improve Lancaster’s water quality through collaboration and creativity. Innovative ideas to build capacity in, and awareness of, clean water work are welcome!

Learn more and apply at

[HTTPS://WWW.LANCFFOUND.ORG/
GRANT/THE-CLEAN-WATER-FUND/](https://www.lancfound.org/grant/the-clean-water-fund/)



HIGH FOUNDATION FUND

In 2021, the High Foundation Fund was established with an extremely generous \$65 million gift from the High Foundation. As a donor-advised fund, grants are made at the discretion of, and aligned with the grantmaking principles of, the High Foundation.

Learn more and apply at

[HIGHFOUNDATION.ORG](https://www.highfoundation.org)



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PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

EQUITY COUNCIL

Final Application Due: APRIL 26

Grants of \$5,000

This \$5,000 grant is specifically designed to support BIPOC individuals in developing projects and initiatives that promote positive change and growth within the community. Recipients are encouraged to explore ideas that benefit the BIPOC community in Lancaster County and foster their personal growth as leaders. Additionally the grant recognizes the importance of rest and resilience in the face of systemic barriers and supports projects that prioritize self-care and sustainable practices. The intent of this grant is to empower and amplify the voices and visions of BIPOC individuals in Lancaster County.

Learn more at

[HTTPS://WWW.LANCFFOUND.ORG/
GRANT/LANCASTER-EQUITY-GRANT/](https://www.lancfound.org/grant/lancaster-equity-grant/)



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LGBTQ+ GIVING CIRCLE

Final Application Due: MAY 17

Grants of \$2,500 - \$25,000

The LGBTQ+ Giving Circle will provide grants between \$2,500 - \$25,000 to CBOs working to raise visibility and address the needs of LGBTQ+ communities in Lancaster County. Priority will be given to applications that consider the intersectionality of identities and that center the most vulnerable LGBTQ+ communities and those most affected by systemic injustices such as racism, homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny.

Learn more at

[HTTPS://WWW.LANCFFOUND.ORG/
/GRANT/LGBTQ-GIVING-CIRCLE/](https://www.lancfound.org/grant/lgbtq-giving-circle/)



LANCASTER COUNTY
LGBTQ+ GIVING CIRCLE



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ROC GIVING CIRCLE

Final Application Due: MAY 17

Grants between \$1,000 - \$10,000

The Reimagining Our Community (ROC) Giving Circle is a way for the community to support BIPOC small businesses through collective philanthropy. The ROC Cohort manages the Giving Circle. Its purpose is to facilitate funding for initiatives that support BIPOC-owned small businesses. Funds will be awarded to existing 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have or wish to develop programming, services, or products to support the development and sustainability of BIPOC-owned small businesses in Lancaster County. The goal of these funds is to bridge gaps in existing resources to ensure that services are equitable in access, participation, and implementation.

Learn more at

[ROCLANCASTER.ORG](https://www.roclancaster.org)

For questions, contact

[INFO@ROCLANCASTER.ORG](mailto:info@roclancaster.org)



REIMAGINING
OUR COMMUNITY

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

LAAPI GIVING CIRCLE

2024 applications are closed. To reopen in 2025.

Grants totaling \$30,000

Help us welcome the newest Giving Circle at the Community Foundation! Lancaster Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders (LAAPI) is a coalition of individuals that celebrates and advocates for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Lancaster County and beyond. This year, they will grant out \$30,000 to increase awareness of the LAAPI community in Lancaster.

Learn more at

**[HTTPS://WWW.LANCFUND.ORG
/FUND/LANCASTER-ASIAN-AMERICAN
-AND-PACIFIC-ISLANDERS-FUND/](https://www.lancfound.org/fund/lanaster-asian-american-and-pacific-islanders-fund/)**



AASTHA HORIZONS GIVING CIRCLE

Aastha Horizons: Quarterly Application Process

Grants totaling \$15,000

The Aastha Horizons Fund creates significant impact while addressing community needs and provides Asian-Indian American community members with a channel for collective philanthropy. The fund has a long-term focus with the ability to support urgent needs. Grant applications are requested quarterly and are awarded on a rolling basis.

Learn more and apply at

**[https://www.lancfound.org/
grant/aastha-horizons-fund/](https://www.lancfound.org/grant/aastha-horizons-fund/)**



CAPACITY BUILDING RESOURCES

Nonprofit/CBO Roundtable

Hosted by the Lancaster Chamber and Lancaster County Community Foundation. From grant writing to volunteer management, governance to leadership development, Nonprofit/CBO Roundtable offers the strategies, resources, and insight you need for your community benefit organization to succeed. Each session will provide a deep dive on critical topics influencing your efforts to serve as a catalyst for change in Lancaster County. Collaborate with other nonprofit professionals and share your own experiences to take your organization to the next level!

Learn more at
LANCASTERCHAMBER.COM/CBOPARTNERSHIP/



Parish Resource Center

For the second year, PRC is hosting the "Toolkit Series"- a group of workshops that address fundraising, grant writing, program evaluation, and organizational leadership.

Learn more at
CONNECTPRC.ORG/CAPACITY



High Center for Nonprofits

The High Center for Nonprofits serves to strengthen nonprofit leadership, governance, and organizational development through education, executive peer groups and fostering best practices. The Center's peer groups provide invaluable leadership development for executives and create pathways for emerging leaders who may assume executive positions or serve on boards within the greater community. The High Center seeks to support those who are underrepresented in leadership roles, particularly women and BIPOC communities.

Learn more at
THEHIGHCENTER.COM



Leap Sessions

Inspire bold new thinking with these free, powerful learning opportunities centered around achieving equity and inclusion in our community.

Watch recordings & access resources from all sessions in recent years at
LANCFOUND.ORG/LEAPSESSIONS



LANCASTER COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY PROFILE

Last year, our community released the Lancaster County Racial Equity Profile. We know that having fair access to resources and opportunities is essential for a just and truly prosperous community. Now, for the first time, Lancaster County has data to back up what so many in our community have already known and experienced first-hand: people of color have not had fair and equal access to opportunities, leading to an unequal quality of life. The information is free and accessible to all and we hope you will explore the data yourself. We encourage you to read it, sit with it, understand it, and apply it to your organization's work.

To view the report in English or Spanish, visit [EQUITYPROFILELANASTER.COM](https://equityprofilelanaster.com)

LANCASTER COUNTY HUNGER MAP

Our role as a community foundation is to help shape a future where everybody has the opportunity to thrive. We know that having access to adequate food and nutrition is a baseline necessity, and that as cost of living continues to rise and subsidy benefits are reduced, more people will be faced with food insecurity. We are honored that the community's endowment could be part of funding the Lancaster County Food Mapping Project, a road map of data designed to close the gaps that keep households from accessing the nutrition they need and reduce the number of individuals and households challenged with food insecurity.

To view the Hunger Mapping Project, visit [CENTRALPAFOODBANK.ORG/TAKE-ACTION/POLICY-RESEARCH/LCHM/](https://centralpafoodbank.org/take-action/policy-research/lchm/)



EXTRAGIVE™



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**EXTRAGIVE IS FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

Since the launch of ExtraGive, our community has inspired more than 30,000 donors and generated more than \$100 million to support organizations and causes across Lancaster County.

The 2024 ExtraGive will continue to focus on encouraging donors to support a cause they care about while encouraging them to consider legacy giving for those who want to support your organization both today and tomorrow. Be on the lookout for an extensive collection of materials you can use to engage your community leading up to the big day, including social media assets, print materials, signs, and more!



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FOREVER LANCASTER

As we celebrate 100 years of building the community’s endowment, the Forever Lancaster team is here to provide information and support to organizations and individuals interested in working to change the next 100 years. There are a range of options available to help organizations achieve their financial goals while staying focused on the work of their mission. We’re happy to call, email, or meet in person and talk through what might work best for you!

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How does an organizational endowment work?

Endowments are a tool to provide consistent, long-term funding for your organization. Assets (cash, stocks, real estate, and more) that are donated to your organization through the Community Foundation are pooled and invested. Once a year, 4% of the total is available to spend or be reinvested. The spendable amount is unrestricted—it can be spent in whatever way serves your organization best.

What are the benefits?

When you're connected with us through endowment, you're in good company with more than 70 other community benefit organizations in the county.

Having an organizational endowment with the Community Foundation is a way to outsource endowment as a part of your overarching fundraising strategy. We take care of donor acknowledgments, oversight of investments through PNC, a dedicated webpage for online giving (no transaction fees), fundholder events, and further learning opportunities.

All organizations with an endowment of \$50,000 or more are also able to open a Flex Fund, which allows for access to the full amount in that fund at any time for discretionary use.

Who is eligible?

Any 501(c)(3) organization is eligible to open an endowment at the Lancaster County Community Foundation. However, this won't be the best fit for every organization. Things to consider include financial stability, an established donor base, a mission that you want to extend into the future, and board commitment. We do not have a minimum contribution to establish a fund, and distributions will be made once the fund reaches \$10,000.



What are other options besides endowment for CBOs?

If endowment isn't the right fit for you right now, there are a range of other options available. Board members and individual donors can open funds at the Community Foundation to benefit your organization, again with ease of administration by us.

Donor Advised Funds

When a donor or board member opens a Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation, they can use it to grant money to your organization and others throughout the year. A Donor Advised Fund is one of the most flexible giving options available at the Community Foundation.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A planned giving vehicle that allows the donor to receive a fixed income stream for life while making a significant contribution to organizations of their choice. At the Community Foundation, charitable gift annuities convert to an endowed fund for your organizations after the donor passes away.

Legacy Giving

Planned gifts are an opportunity for people from all income levels to leave a lasting impact. There is no out-of-pocket cost and this can be done in a variety of ways.

Change The Next 100

We've created free resources for any organization that wants to activate their community to help shape the next 100 years. You can find social media graphics, email templates, and other tools you can use to engage your network on [CHANGETHENEXT100.ORG](https://www.changethenext100.org).

**UPCOMING
ENDOWMENT TRAINING**

Current organizational fundholders with us are invited to a new endowment training, being held in July. Stay tuned for details!



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