

Grant Type	Organization Name	Grant Amount	Project Name	Project Description
Ada F. Harr (Home health or custodial care)	Canine Partners for Life	\$31,700	Canine Service Dogs for Home Health	Since 1989, Canine Partners for Life has increased the independence and quality of life of individuals with disabilities by training and placing full service, medical alert, and companion dogs to assist these individuals. The mission is achieved through the CPL Breeding Program, Community and Prison Puppy Raising Program, Service Dog Training Program, Team Training, and Graduate Support Program. This project will provide training for 1 service or companion dog and support for the lifetime of the partnership, ensuring in home health support, improved quality of life, and independence.
Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler (Eastern Lancaster County)	CrossNet Ministries	\$10,000	CNM Community Food and Nutrition Program	CrossNet seeks to provide access to food and promote education and healthy living to individuals of all ages in the Eastern Lancaster County community who lack access to food. -Community Food Pantry (providing nutritious food options for an average of 580 individuals/160 households per month) -Free Summer Lunch Program (10,000 lunches served to an average of 165 students) -Buddy Bag Program (weekend meal solution for children grades K-6, which served up to 195 students weekly) -CrossNet Meal Packs (weekend meals for an average of 130 children, and their parents/guardians)
Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler (Eastern Lancaster County)	Girls on the Run of Lancaster and Lebanon	\$15,000	GOTR Lancaster Scholarship Support for Girls in the Eastern Lancaster County School Districts	Girls on the Run Lancaster has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness, and decision-making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health. Funding from this grant will provide scholarships to support girls in our Fall 2023 season from Eastern Lancaster County, which is of great need. Financial assistance is essential to keeping our program accessible to girls from all backgrounds.
Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler (Eastern Lancaster County)	Lighthouse Vocational Services	\$3,300	Employment Services for Individuals with Disabilities	Lighthouse's Employment Services program, headquartered in Eastern Lancaster County, assists individuals with developmental disabilities ready to seek work in integrated settings in the marketplace. To improve their economic freedom and quality of life, participants are supported by certified Employment Specialists in exploring different types of work and seeking and retaining direct employment based on their career interests and skills. Funding from the Anne C. & W. Franklin Ressler Fund will cover costs to expand this highly demanded ongoing program, including hiring additional personnel.

Better Lancaster Fund (Early childhood development)	Lancaster Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Enriching Education and Development for City of Lancaster Children	Our early childhood education programs provide key learning opportunities and critical childcare for children in the City of Lancaster, primarily for families from low-income households. To keep our tuition rates within reach of working families, we often have to forgo the purchase of new equipment and materials to maintain our fiscal sustainability, so as not to pass on the expense to our families. Resources from the Better Lancaster Fund would help us with new materials, technology and equipment we need to help our students shine bright and prepare for their academic futures.
Better Lancaster Fund (Early childhood development)	Lancaster Science Factory	\$10,000	Hands-On STEM Pre-K Outreach Program	This funding will allow the Science Factory to bring our hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs out to local Pre-K providers that directly serve low-income students. Workshops are approximately one-hour long, led by 1-2 of the Science Factory's staff educators, and offered at no cost to Pre-K providers who serve families and kids with a demonstrated financial need. We would offer a four-workshop series where kids would work on completing a hands-on project while learning about the STEM concepts inherent to things like wrecking balls, noisemakers, rafts, and more.
Better Lancaster Fund (Early childhood development)	The Factory Ministries	\$4,800	Brave Kids Early Learning	Brave Kids Early Learning equips children to enter kindergarten by empowering parents to be their first teachers and creating positive connections with school and community. Partnering with the Pequea Valley School District, we meet families of preschool-aged children to build trust and assess needs. Families get Kindergarten Readiness Kits designed to improve parent-child interaction, boost early literacy, and foster the joy of learning. 57% of PVSD learners qualify for free or reduced lunch so the program is vital to help families overcome the educational disadvantage caused by low income.
Florence Starr Taylor/Lancaster Arts & Culture/Eloise Aurand Fund (visual arts)	Millersville University Office of Visual & Performing Arts	\$15,000	Being Seen: Visibility & Access in Visual Arts	We will select a cohort of 5 historically underserved visual artists—BIPOC, queer, differently-able, refugee, and others. Working with the artists, we'll plan 3 major professional development opportunities (taught by other underserved people) open to the public to foster growth & increase marketability. We will then help cohort artists find/fund specific supports to foster growth (travel to conferences/exhibits; workshops/seminars on craft; technology for building online presence, etc.). The cohort will share their new knowledge & resources with other artists at a culminating training event.
John J. Snyder, Jr. Fund for Historic Preservation	Ephrata Development Org DBA Mainspring of Ephrata	\$107,000	Restoration and Repairs to the "Griddle & Grind" Historic Building	The Griddle & Grind building was constructed in 1883. Funds from the grant will help cover paint and repair of outside trim, soffit / fascia, and shutters, and replace the original first floor windows with windows that meet preservation guidelines. Replace the 28 year old AC units in the attic and basement with modern, efficient heat pumps. The current tenant, Griddle & Grind Creperie, is a woman- and LGBTQ+-owned business. These improvements will increase the assessed value of the property, preserve a historic Ephrata building, and better ensure the success of our tenant's business.

Katherine K. Gaeth (direct human services support for those in need of safe and affordable housing)	Bethany Christian Services of Central PA	\$27,200	Refugee Housing	The current housing crisis is preventing newly arriving refugees from becoming self-sufficient in a timely manner, as housing is a requirement for employment. Bethany has partnered with Christ's Home in Paradise, Lancaster County, to lease a neighboring 4,600 square foot duplex for this population. Barriers to self-sufficiency are removed by providing temporary housing, until permanent housing becomes available. The duplex can house 20 individuals at a time (10 per unit; 8 bedrooms per unit). 3-6-month stays are anticipated. Funding is needed to meet the annual lease agreement of \$60,000.
Lancaster Environmental Fund (Environment)	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay	\$31,900	Urban Green Infrastructure and Rain Barrel Pilot	The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance) proposes to pilot a rain barrel and conservation landscaping program in Lancaster City to empower residents to embrace green infrastructure on their own property with focused engagement and implementation within disadvantaged neighborhoods. This project would not only infuse the environmental health benefits of green infrastructure into neighborhoods experiencing acute gaps in greenspace, but also inspire residents and communities of color to become leaders of conservation work to further invest in the health and wellness of their communities.
Patrick Kenney, Jr. and K.L. Shirk Fund (Human relations)	Music For Everyone	\$7,500	Songs for Justice Youth Leadership Edition	Songs for Justice Youth Edition is a partnership with the students of the Mix at Arbor Place. This will be the creation of a Songs for Justice record completely created by our youth. Students will identify an issue of social justice that they want to elevate. Students will then create an original song for side A, and a spoken word for side B. These will then be mixed and recorded by them. Students will also create original artwork to accompany the record. This is a chance for our youth to raise their voices to issues of justice that are important to their generation.
Patrick Kenney, Jr. and K.L. Shirk Fund (Human relations)	Parish Resource Center	\$7,500	Cherry Academy 2024: Healthcare	Every year PRC hosts a year-long series of community learning opportunities called the William Cherry Memorial Academy. In 2024, the theme of the Academy is Healthcare and we are bringing experts, both local and national, to offer a wide range of panels, workshops, trainings, and speaking events that will engage people across the social, political, and economic spectrum. Through education and honest conversation, we hope to help move Lancasterians towards a better understanding of healthcare access and coordinate a medical debt forgiveness campaign.

Sam & Verda Taylor Fund (Performing arts)	Millersville University Office of Visual & Performing Arts	\$28,000	Millersville University Children & Youth Performing Arts Project	This project offers a variety of creative arts experiences for children and youth-- a range of opportunities for creating, learning about, and participating in the rich cultural life of our community. A deep commitment to reaching underserved and marginalized people drives our work, the performances we host, the educational programming we develop, and the many ways we assure representation and access for everyone, regardless of income, race, gender, or ability. Our program fosters aesthetic, cognitive, social and emotional growth and makes children full citizens of our cultural landscape.
Baldwin Leadership Program	Bright Side Opportunities Center - Dennis Johnson	\$5,000	Finding The Father In Me	My name is G. Dennis Johnson aka Gravy. I am a 57-year-old Black male living in Lancaster, PA. I am originally from the Bronx, New York. I was in the Foster Care system; however, I was raised by the same family. Growing up I did not have a relationship with my mother, and never meet my father. Since the pandemic, I have had a desire to meet my father. I am also a father of three, unfortunately over the years my relationships with my children has deteriorated. The Baldwin Fellowship will allow me the opportunity to repair those bridges and reconnect with the Father in Me again.
Baldwin Leadership Program	Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County - Brian Nguyen	\$5,000	The Intersectionality	Having now established roots in Lancaster, I've come to learn that my multi-faceted intersectionality have played a role in the way I show up, lead and participate in various organizations I'm affiliated with. Representation matters to me in so many levels and want to be able to help amplify voices and understanding of different communities. The project is to help understand my intersectionality and to better understanding of my roots. The dream is to travel where LGBTQ+ rights are challenged and stigmatized to get a better understanding of how folx are navigating those spaces.
Baldwin Leadership Program	Hempfield recCenter - Jose Garcia	\$5,000	Professionally Creative - Nonprofits, Marketing, & Audio	I hope to use this grant to enhance my personal and professional growth as a marketer and creative. This opportunity will help me gain access to better tools and tech, explore new ideas, and create compelling content and stories that blend my strengths as a marketer and musician. My proposed project involves attending the Advertising & Brand Experience at SXSW Conference in Austin, TX, conducting research on emerging marketing trends, collaborating with peers, and creating innovative content. This experience will help me become a better marketer and a thought leader in the nonprofit space.

Baldwin Leadership Program	Milagro House - Christina Duncan	\$5,000	Journaling in the Azores: Connecting Yesterday to Today	When I was young, I spent a month each summer with just my family in a cabin on a rugged, isolated, coastal island. Much of who I am today – as an individual and as a leader – is connected to that beautiful, unspoiled, place. We kept a log of those summers; journals that sadly, were lost when my parents died. While I can't return to that cabin, my project would take me to the Azores, a cluster of remote, unspoiled islands in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, where I will spend a month creating a new journal; one that weaves the memories of long ago summers into the story of who I am today.
Baldwin Leadership Program	PRiMA Arts Inc - Malia Burris	\$5,000	Embodied Expression: The Wellness Canvas	"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds" has been my mantra, beautifully adapted from Bob Marley's Redemption Song. In a world where freedom does not come naturally, I seek to break the shackles of my own mind. I've learned so much about myself through creative and unconventional forms of self-expression. I'd like to strengthen my ability to be present and grounded by expanding my mindfulness practices and attending a Wellness Retreat. I aspire to empower others to re-imagine their place and purpose but to guide others, I have more to learn.
Baldwin Leadership Program	The Children Deserve a Chance Foundation - Aniah Washington	\$5,000	Write, Speak, Heal: Spoken Word Poetry as a tool for Self-Healing	For my Baldwin Project, I plan to travel to London, England, to immerse myself in their thriving spoken word poetry community. Through spoken word performance, I have begun healing from trauma in my life. I plan to continue this healing journey by embracing my authentic voice and the power of storytelling in a community I have never called home. Poetry is embraced differently all over the globe, and in London in particular, it is seen as a social act rather than an isolated writing experience. Through this project, I am seeking to expand the diverse community of poets I write and heal with.
Baldwin Leadership Program	The Mix - Alex Colon	\$5,000	A Ripple Overseas	As a musician and teaching artist, I propose a unique experience to travel to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco to work with producers, musicians, and artists from each country, exploring their musical cities and cultural influences. This journey will deepen my understanding of music as a universal language that transcends cultural boundaries and will challenge me to develop skills in empathy, communication, and cultural awareness essential for effective leadership and personal growth. Concurrently, this will help build my creative program, the "Ripple Creators Program" I have installed at The Mix.
Baldwin Leadership Program	The Mix - Keisha Finnie	\$5,000	Journey Back to Self	Navigating the difficulties of being a Black woman in Lancaster, I take pride in my accomplishments while still remaining humble. Many times, I finish one thing and immediately move onto the next without a chance to celebrate. Few people realize the work I do on top of creating the art they see. I've worked hard to make time management important in my business, but it's lacking in my personal life. Journey Back to Self will explore ways to add balance in my life as a woman who is constantly evolving mentally, emotionally and physically, while filling my cup through nature, healing and art.

Baldwin Leadership Program	Touchstone Foundation - Sam Soliman	\$5,000	DACAmenting new spaces	From oral traditions around fires to digital media, storytelling has reflected humanity's ongoing desire to share experiences and connect with others. My career in photography and directing has led me to document many stories for other people, but I've never felt okay telling my own. As a DACA recipient, traveling has been difficult, but I'm embarking on a journey of the soul to DACAment my travels from California to Washington State, making stops at locations that feel far from home and to revisit and recreate pictures of places that were taken of my family when we first moved to America.
Baldwin Leadership Program	Willow Valley Communities - Chris Ballentine	\$5,000	Broken Traveler: A Joyful Journey of Belonging & Becoming	A deeply personal journey, exploring these questions: what does healing, belonging and thriving look & feel like to and for me? Within the 18-months I will deploy travel as the route for finding myself, as a Black male, American, in a meaningful journey. The plan: travel to 3 locales, recommended as inviting to Black Americans. Selecting Ghana, Africa, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, GA, an experience, (festival, conference, educational event, etc.) will be the central point on which to build a mini adventure, (5-7 days in Ghana, and 3-4 days nationally) in these suggested thriving communities.
Baldwin Leadership Program	YWCA Lancaster - Solise White	\$5,000	Returning Home: Healing Through Movement and Culture	I come from a background that has moved me around from shelter to shelter due to domestic violence and it has been difficult to find a sense of home after being displaced. As I grew, I worked hard to disconnect myself from the trauma and generational curses that plagued my family such as violence and poverty; however, working hard to disconnect from these things resulted in me disconnecting from who I am. With this opportunity, I will start by reconnecting with my body through dance and learning more about my cultural roots. This experience will strengthen my voice and I will heal and be free.