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## Community Briefs: Foundation for Delaware County awards \$1M + to local nonprofits

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MEDIA — In its second major round of grantmaking, The Foundation for Delaware County, the largest public charity in Delaware County, announced on Friday that \$1,055,488 in grants were awarded to 52 area nonprofits.

Grants were awarded in the following areas: Economic Stability: \$55,000, Education: \$300,000, Health and Health care: \$597,779, Neighborhood and the Built Environment: \$25,000, Community Based Grants: \$50,000, and Census Outreach: \$27,700.

The announcement came as the foundation committed an additional \$100,000 to the new Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund. The Response Fund will provide immediate and long-term resources to nonprofits serving vulnerable residents across our county. The foundation recognizes that as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to intensify locally, it will have vastly disproportionate health, economic, and social impacts on vulnerable citizens, particularly disadvantaged communities — including older adults, people with compromised immune systems, low-wage workers, and the homeless. The fund will identify local nonprofit organizations that have proven track records and are trusted by the communities that are most affected by this crisis.

The foundation encourages everyone to dig deep to help maximize the impact the Response Fund will have in supporting Delaware County nonprofits during these challenging months. To make a gift, visit [www.delcofoundation.org](http://www.delcofoundation.org).

The Response Fund will complement government actions and other response efforts. An advisory committee comprised of business, foundation, government and nonprofit leaders has been formed to oversee the funds distributions. The committee is chaired by Mike Magnavita, president of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Members include:

Cyrise Dixon, chief of staff, City of Chester Police Department; Dr. Joy Gates Black, president, Delaware County Community College; Grant Gegwich, director of public relations, Independence Blue Cross; Joseph McLaughlin, Jr., chairman & CEO, Haverford Trust; Robert Simpson, BrinkerSimpson; Kelly Thornton, Delaware County Chamber of Commerce; Malcom Yates, partner, Price Waterhouse; U.S. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, D-5 of Swarthmore; Brian Zidek, Delaware County Council chairman; and Joanne Craig, vice president for programs, The Foundation for Delaware County.

"Our grant awards could not have come at a more opportune time as we learn about nonprofits shifting from programming to survival in response to the COVID-19 crises," said Frances Sheehan, foundation president. "The foundation has committed to allowing grantees the opportunity to redirect their grant to mitigate COVID-19 challenges and will work with each organization on an individual basis."

Grants awarded this week from the foundation include \$148,000 to hospice and homecare organizations, thanks to a \$116,000 grant from the Philadelphia Foundation's Delaware County Hospice and Home Care Fund. Included in that pool is a \$40,000 commitment to Senior Community Services to provide home-delivered meals, helping to address food insecurity among frail, elderly people in Delaware County. SCS continues to do this invaluable work through the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Sheehan, "We are most grateful to be in a position to support nonprofits that need this funding now more than ever. But as we continue to gather information from our local nonprofits, we understand that the impact from COVID-19 will be long-lasting and recovery for many will be a difficult process."

Other grants awarded include support to address and advocate for lead screening and for, preventive care, dental services, and behavioral health counseling, including \$60,000 for ChesPenn Health Services to support their Complex Care Program. The goal of this program is to improve the health outcomes of medically complex patients with a community-based care management team that works to prevent health deterioration and decrease multiple in-patient or emergency room visits. In addition, The Communities Foundation was awarded \$50,000 earlier this year to enable them to respond to local community efforts in Delaware County.

The foundation has also awarded \$27,700 to eight organizations providing outreach for the 2020 Census. While much of the in-person census outreach has been postponed, it is vital that residents are reminded to fill out their census form. These grants will help promote the census in hard-to-reach communities. In total, the foundation has awarded \$58,000 to nonprofits in two rounds of census grant making. Nonprofits are encouraged to apply for the third and final round of census funding by April 29 at 5:00 p.m. through the foundation's website.

A full list of grants awarded this fall can be found: [delcofoundation.org/delaware-county-grant-awards-2020/](https://delcofoundation.org/delaware-county-grant-awards-2020/)

Those interested in donating to the Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund can go to [delcofoundation.org/delaware-county-covid-19-response-fund](https://delcofoundation.org/delaware-county-covid-19-response-fund).

Nonprofits wishing to apply for funding during this time can find an online application at [delcofoundation.org/apply-for-covid-19-funding](https://delcofoundation.org/apply-for-covid-19-funding).

A public charity founded in 2016, The Foundation for Delaware County is the largest philanthropy serving Delaware County. One of 780 community foundations across the U.S., the foundation focuses on encouraging philanthropy, convening across sectors to address difficult community issues, and makes grants to strengthen Delaware County's nonprofit community. With headquarters in Media and with services sites in Eddystone, Upper Darby and Springfield, last year, the foundation made nearly \$1.5 million in

grants to improve the health and quality of life for the diverse residents in this thriving county. To learn more, visit [www.delcofoundation.org](http://www.delcofoundation.org).