

## Four Grants Awarded from 2020 Census Action Fund to Help Nonprofits With Census Promotion, Work



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The Foundation for Delaware County awarded four nonprofit grants totaling \$41,804 from the Delco Counts 2020 Census Action Fund, bringing the total awarded for the year to \$99,813.

These grants give recipients the resources to inform and educate, conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to ensure a complete and accurate census count for hard-to-reach communities in Delaware County.

Included in this third and final round of funding for census outreach is a \$22,954 grant to support the Delaware County Immigrant Coalition's (DCIC) Immigrant Civic Leadership Project (ICLP).

A partnership of seven immigrant groups, including Multicultural Community Family Services, the Ethiopian Community Association and Centro de Apoyo Comunitario, will provide census champion training and a virtual "Be Counted" census outreach phone bank drive via social media to help ensure Delaware County immigrant households complete the Census.

New grant recipients from the Delco 2020 Census Action Fund are:

**Chester Community Improvement Project** – \$5,850 to partner with local businesses and artists who will act as Census Advocates to help ensure that households in the City of Chester are counted in the 2020 Census.

**Making a Change Group** – \$5,000 to support digital outreach and canvassing in census tracts with low participation in the City of Chester.

**Multicultural Community Family Services** – \$22,954 to support a partnership between Multicultural Community Family Services (MCFS) and the Delaware County Immigrant Coalition (DCIC).

The immigrant coalition initiative named Immigrant Civic Leadership Project (ICLP) will conduct census champion training and a virtual “Be Counted” census outreach phone bank drive via social media to help ensure Delaware County immigrant households complete the Census.

**Upper Darby Corporation for Community and Economic Development** – \$8,000 to support outreach, using the Language Line and distribution of educational material to non-English speaking residents by targeting the 69th Street commercial corridors of Upper Darby.

The Delaware County Complete Count Action Fund is made possible by a \$50,000 challenge grant from the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, which has been matched with a \$25,000 grant from The Foundation for Delaware County and grants from the Crozer-Chester Medical Fund, Delaware County Memorial Hospital Medical Fund, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, Laborers Local 413, PECO, and Wells Fargo.

“The 2020 Census is still one of the most important issues for Delaware County this year. As controversy has emerged about whether the census deadline will be shortened from Oct. 31 to Sept. 30, it is even more critical that we do everything we can to ensure a complete and accurate count for Delaware County,” said Frances Sheehan, foundation president.

“We are grateful that these nonprofits stepped forward because they have experience in the communities that we need to reach, and we have only a few more months to ensure a complete count.”

A full [list of census grants](#) awarded can be found on the foundation’s [website](#).