



#### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY

This funding request is for a general operations grant of \$25,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County for the next two years in order to provide mentoring services to children and young adults throughout McHenry County.

#### BLESSING BARN

We will use this funding to secure the payments of our annual bills to run the organization as we still are recovering from the down financial donations over the past couple years. It will also allow us to do maintenance on our only vehicle.

#### BLUE STAR BANNER PROGRAM

To help sustain our program which provides recognition of active service members who bravely and honorably serve our nation and is a fitting way to underscore the patriotism of our city. It helps bridge the military and civilian community gap, increasing civilian understanding.

#### CASA OF MCHENRY COUNTY

CASA provides abused and neglected children a trained, court-appointed, volunteer who advocates for their best interest. CASA's provide the child a voice through monthly visits, collaboration and objective court reports. Funding from the Community Foundation is vital to supporting our rapid growth.

#### CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF MCHENRY COUNTY

Allowing children to disclose abuse in a child-friendly environment, limiting the number of occasions the child is required to talk about the abuse, conducting forensic interviews by trained personnel promote the wellbeing of child victims.

#### CITY OF WOODSTOCK

We are a municipal government with diverse public service demands resulting in budget competition for limited dollars. Our goal is to offer expanded arts experiences for our residents, and career support for our growing arts community, encouraging establishment of a local arts service organization.

#### CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, INC.

CCCSNI provides housing and credit counseling and financial literacy workshops to residents of McHenry County. The detrimental impacts of the pandemic are still being seen in the community including loss of income and housing instability. The services we provide are needed now more than ever.

#### CREATIVE ARTS INC.

Creative Arts studio is seeking a grant to develop and expand art program services, promote building community through art, and create an environment in which arts education and artists can thrive.

#### CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY BAND

The Band will provide free-to-the-public band concerts which contribute to the entertainment and cultural expansion of the community and to provide an opportunity for individual music expression and growth among the band's musicians.

#### CRYSTAL LAKE STRIKERS DRUMLINE, INC.

The Crystal Lake Strikers deliver seven different educational community programs focused on students throughout McHenry County. These programs provide a range of educational experiences for different learning needs. The goal of this request is to support and expand each of these important programs.

#### CYCLING WITHOUT AGE MCHENRY COUNTY

This funding request is needed to double the number of socially isolated and lonely seniors Cycling without Age serves in McHenry County. Our program's current operating capacity is unable to meet the increasing requests from community-based elders, long term care facilities, and senior residences.

#### ELDERWERKS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Elderwerks is seeking support for our Social Services & Case Management program which connects seniors with the tools and resources they need to navigate issues surrounding aging. We are requesting funding to help seniors in crisis who desperately need our help throughout McHenry County.

#### ENCORE MUSIC ACADEMY

Seeking funding for an initiative to focus on the power of music to effect personal growth and social change; broaden perspectives, increase empathy and embrace diversity.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OF MCHENRY COUNTY

The Defenders seek support for its Education mission by which we reach underrepresented communities through Conversacion de Conversacion, McHenry County Schools Environmental Education Program, Action Team initiatives, and other special projects that help us advocate for a healthy planet for all.

#### FIRST CHURCH CRYSTAL LAKE; NATHANIEL'S HOPE BUDDY BREAK

Buddy Break offers free respite care to McHenry County families who have children with special needs. We are open to all, regardless of their religion, socioeconomic status, or ethnicity. Grant funds will be used to provide materials, activities, and interactive opportunities for our families.

#### FREE GUITARS FOR FUTURE STARS

Our program provides guitars and guitar lessons to children from low-income McHenry County families. This grant will help us purchase guitars and cases for use in our programs.

#### FRIENDS OF MORAIN HILLS STATE PARK

The Moraine Hills State Park Bike Trail restoration project involves the removal of non-native invasive plants, the addition of native flowers and trees, and the installation of interpretive signage and benches. The 1-mile trail begins near the park entrance and runs eastward to Lily Lake Road.

#### GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS

Girls on the Run of Northwest provides financial assistance to girls who otherwise would not have access to this life-changing program. Based on community needs in 2022, Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois anticipates providing over \$24,000 in financial assistance to girls in McHenry County.

#### HARVARD COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

To continue to fulfill HCSC's mission & vision, while providing SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) Counseling to empower, educate and assist Medicare eligible individuals throughout McHenry County to make informed health insurance decisions that will maximize benefits and access to care.

#### HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS

Hopeful Beginnings is seeking support to expand its footprint in McHenry County by providing free maternal mental health counseling and community education about perinatal mood disorders.

#### HUNTLEY COMMUNITY RADIO

Huntley Community Radio needs funding to continue operating, thereby serving the residents of McHenry County. Underwriting has suffered in the past year due to COVID 19. HCR would like to expand its remote broadcasts to include more local events.

#### ILLINOIS BEAVER ALLIANCE

Beavers provide valuable ecosystem services but are often killed due to their damming behavior. In Illinois, we need to improve water quality, increase flood water storage capacity, and increase wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Flow devices can resolve human-beaver conflicts nonlethally.

#### KIDS IN NEED OF MCHENRY COUNTY

The purpose of this request is to ask The Community Foundation for McHenry County to join KIN with its mission of providing kids in need with the basic resources needed for attending school and for a healthy childhood by supporting our programs with the assistance of the Mission Grant.

#### LEADERSHIP GREATER MCHENRY COUNTY

This Mission Grant serves to help LGMC manage the dynamic process of delivering a nonprofit leadership intern program to create a pipeline of strong leadership talent in the nonprofit sector.

#### MAIN STAY THERAPEUTIC FARM

Main Stay provides essential social, emotional, mental health, cognitive and physical support services through specialized equine and animal-assisted programs. Services offer participants a sense of community while fostering a positive mindset in a rich, nature-based learning environment.

#### McHENRY COUNTY ADULT PROGRAM

McCAP is in need of general operating support. We have relied on two annual fundraisers for operating costs, but due to Covid, have been unable to fundraise as usual. Monthly expenses include rent, salaries & payroll taxes, liability insurance, utilities, classroom supplies, & accountant fees.

#### McHENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Our foundation provides the funding source for our Ag in the Classroom program. The program is offered to 2,500 teachers in the county and includes live and video presentations, resources, in-services, and a Summer Ag Institute for teachers. We are seeking a \$10,000 grant to fully fund the program.

#### McHENRY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As the McHenry County Historical Society's Research Library marks its 40th year, it has become clear to us that continuing to operate the library exclusively with volunteers is not sufficient - or sustainable - moving forward.

#### NOT-FOR-PROFIT RESOURCES INC

Not-for-Profit Resources requests support to help strengthen nonprofits in McHenry County through the delivery of professional development workshops, volunteer connectivity, networking, grant writing resources, and additional services that help nonprofits adapt, grow, and deliver their mission.

#### OPTIONS & ADVOCACY FOR McHENRY COUNTY

This is a request for funding for the Autism Resource Center (ARC) at Options & Advocacy for McHenry County. ARC provides services to people with autism and their families that live within McHenry County, including family education, educational advocacy, as well as support and skill-building groups.

#### POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL JAN MATEJKO

The purpose of this request is to secure funding necessary to cover operational costs of running the school. The additional assets are planned to be directed towards the two most urgent needs. They are paying school's rent and fees and expanding the school's reach towards the low-income families.

#### REFUGE FOR WOMEN

We are seeking general operating expenses to provide women survivors of sex trafficking with the 24/7 trauma-informed staffing support necessary to maintain a safe, healing environment as resident progress through evidence-based programming.

#### RICHMOND TOWNSHIP SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Richmond Township Senior Transportation addresses the needs of seniors and disabled in our area of McHenry County through our door-to-door ride program. We insure that these individuals have access to medical care, therapy, medication and food. We request funds to continue our life-saving work.

#### STAGES OF TRANSFORMATION INC.

Those in recovery work hard every day for their sobriety and deserve all that life has to offer. Stages of Transformation provides the necessary programs, services, and resources to individuals in McHenry County to continue their recovery journey and transform into the best version of themselves.

#### THE AARRK GARDENS

The Aarrk Gardens promotes resilience among economically disadvantaged in McHenry County by optimizing self-sufficiency using agriculture. Seasonal workers are hired from the pool of McHenry County's homeless resulting in marketable skills in the areas of agriculture, construction and landscaping.

#### THE BREAK

The Break seeks continued funding for a part-time Executive Director with potential to contract specific functions as needed. Last year's grant funding provided a strong foundation to execute our long-term plan to becoming a fully-staffed organization with strong volunteer support.

#### THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF MCHENRY COUNTY

At this time, TLC seeks general operating support to increase its capacity to take care of the land, engage the community and manage administrative tasks through recruitment, training and retention of a Volunteer Corps.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION - LAKE AND MCHENRY COUNTIES

Funding from the Community Foundation for McHenry County will pay a portion of the salaries of Illinois Extension McHenry County program coordinators, which will allow Extension to increase the number of participants in programs and services and increase the program capacity of Educators.

#### VILLAGE OF BULL VALLEY

Install and ADA compliant walkway to an elevated viewing area at a new public nature park.

#### YOUR CHILDREN'S BOOKSHELF

Your Children's Bookshelf seeks the support of the Community Foundation for McHenry County to further our mission of providing books to families and children in-need within McHenry County, to continue to combat the disparity of equal access to books and improve reading within our community.

#### YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER OF MCHENRY COUNTY

Youth and Family Center of McHenry County (YFC) will provide opportunities, resources, and support to empower youth and families in McHenry County with the goal of increasing knowledge, social connections, levels of functioning, and resilience.