



HARRISONBURG **IVA** **FRIENDLY BY NATURE**

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

The City of Harrisonburg civic and community organizations grant program, commonly referred to as community contributions, provides an opportunity for qualified non-profit organizations that deliver services to Harrisonburg residents to receive funding from the city.

Services Supported:

The Arts

Youth Mentoring and After School Learning

Legal Advice And Counsel For Low-Income Residents

Child Advocacy And Support

Support For Survivors Of Sexual Violence And Domestic Violence

Restorative Justice

Childcare For Community Families

Temporary Homeless Sheltering And Rehousing Assistance

Immigration Legal Counsel

Independent Living Support And Services For Adults With
Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities

Repair Services For Low-Income Homeowners

Service Provision For The Elderly

Transportation Assistance For Low-Income Individuals

Literacy Classes

**MEASURE
THE IMPACT**

**\$500,000
AWARDED**

**37 NON-PROFITS
SUPPORTED**

**36,004
HARRISONBURG
RESIDENTS
SERVED**

INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Different organizations throughout the city received varying amounts of funding based on their requests. Organizations receiving a community contribution addressed a variety of issues throughout Harrisonburg, impacting the lives of many residents. The following includes thoughts from some of the organizations supported, as well as a summary of the amount of funding each organization received, the number of individuals in Harrisonburg and the surrounding community each organization impacted during the 2022-2023 year, and a collection of the notable outcomes of each organization's actions.

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HEAR FROM OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

"The City of Harrisonburg Civic and Community Organization Grant helps make it possible for Arts Council of the Valley (ACV) to cultivate the arts, create experiences, and connect communities. Thanks in large part to City funding, ACV has been able to meet the goals outlined in its application."

~ Arts Council of the Valley

"While we will never turn away any family due to financial constraints, there are still many who are not aware of the Museum's sponsored admission opportunities. With support from the City of Harrisonburg, we are making strides in our outreach efforts."

~ Explore More Discovery Museum

"We have reduced our wait lists at all Clubs, bringing relief to more families."

~ Boys and Girls Club

"This grant helps make it possible for Court Square Theater to cultivate the arts, create experiences, and connect communities by offering access to high-quality performing arts experiences."

~ Court Square Theater

"We have had many parents, teachers and counselors express their excitement that this program was available as they had heard from many of their students and kids that there was a need... we are hopeful that the number of people served will continue to grow and that we will be able to have at least 15 paired mentors and mentees by the end of the year!"

~ Friendly City Safe Space - Shenandoah LGBTQ Center

Arts Council of the Valley

Funding: \$18,500

People Served: 16,407

Hburg residents served: 5,576

Notable contributions: Arts Council of the Valley awarded 18 grants totaling \$37,960, with city funds helping support numerous services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Funding: \$25,000

People Served: 133

Hburg residents served: 76

Notable contributions: 21 new matches were made since last report, which is great growth progress. A Quality Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America for quality of one-to-one mentoring services was awarded. Funding was used to maintain staffing levels.

Blue Ridge Legal Services

Funding: \$6,600

People Served: 2,268

Hburg residents served: 233

Notable contributions: Blue Ridge Legal Services obtained 271 outcomes for 233 Harrisonburg residents and achieved clients' goals in 81% of cases. Clients' goals were partially achieved in another 17% of cases, while also recovering \$151,975 in lump sum.

Blue Ridge CASA for Children

Funding: \$10,350

People Served: 51

Hburg residents served: 26

Notable contributions: Blue Ridge CASA for Children is expected to surpass their total served goal of 50. Grant funds were used to support operational infrastructure.

Blue Ridge Free Clinic

Funding: \$4,750

People Served: 613

Hburg residents served: 441

Notable contributions: Blue Ridge Free Clinic held three clinics each week and was able to offer no-barrier medical care to the underserved population. Grant money has helped with translation, transportation, and medication.

Boys and Girls Club

Funding:	\$25,000
People Served:	714
Hburg residents served:	338
Notable contributions:	Boys and Girls Club reduced wait lists at all Clubs by prioritizing wages and staff development, which led to more positive outcomes. Grant money was used to train and develop staff.

Bridge of Hope

Funding:	\$5,000
People Served:	21
Hburg residents served:	21
Notable contributions:	100% of families served have benefited from the rental assistance policy and have found higher financial stability due to services. City funding has been used to provide rental assistance for every family entering into the program.

Collins Center

Funding:	\$18,450
People Served:	1,526
Hburg residents served:	611
Notable contributions:	Clients have seen most improvement from using non-traditional and traditional therapies in tandem. For the grant period, Collins Center made 663 contacts on behalf of client residents in the City of Harrisonburg.

Community Counseling Center

Funding:	\$5,000
People Served:	385
Hburg residents served:	203
Notable contributions:	The Community Counseling Center (CCC) paid competitive wages while keeping costs low due to Harrisonburg funding. 20% of clientele is using the sliding fee scale, which aids in providing payment for mental health services.

Community Meditation Center - International Festival

Funding:	\$4,250
People Served:	4,000
Hburg residents served:	3,000
Notable contributions:	Funding supported the 2022 International Festival, which was spread out to incorporate safety. More hands-on involvement with merchants was developed and there were 8 country of origin groups in the Global Village section.

Community Meditation Center - Restorative Justice

Funding: \$1,750

People Served: 34

Hburg residents served: 20

Notable contributions: The Fairfield Center has been preparing, organizing, and training in order to facilitate Restorative Justice processes. Funding has helped maintain processes.

Court Square Theater

Funding: \$25,000

People Served: 17,626

Hburg residents served: 13,220

Notable contributions: Since July 1, 2022, Court Square Theater (CST) has had 300 film showings and 122 performances of 80 other events. Funding has provided CST support during a rapid growth in attendance after the pandemic's effects were alleviated.

Central Valley Habitat for Humanity

Funding: \$13,450

People Served: 12

Hburg residents served: 4

Notable contributions: Central Valley Habitat for Humanity is on track to use all funds provided by the City of Harrisonburg to offer residents the Critical Home Repair Program. They have helped 12 households so far, surpassing their goal of 5.

Explore More Discovery Museum

Funding: \$21,250

People Served: 16,078

Hburg residents served: 5,229

Notable contributions: Explore More had 48% of total attendees from Harrisonburg, which beat their growth goal (40%) for Harrisonburg attendees. Funding has helped provide general support.

First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence, Inc

Funding: \$29,750

People Served: 217

Hburg residents served: 123

Notable contributions: First Step has reached their goal to provide domestic violence help services to at least 100 Harrisonburg residents (123) for the year of 2023.

Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance

Funding:	\$5,000
People Served:	-
Hburg residents served:	-
Notable contributions:	Final report not received.

Harrisonburg Little League Association

Funding:	\$6,000
People Served:	20,000
Hburg residents served:	290
Notable contributions:	Harrisonburg Little League Association (HLLA) has inexpensive registration fees due to the support of the City of Harrisonburg and fundraising. The funding allows HLLA to never turn a kid away and still cover expenses.

Harrisonburg Rockingham Child Day Care

Funding:	\$25,000
People Served:	88
Hburg residents served:	61
Notable contributions:	Funding has provided tuition relief for three families to use for childcare. Children have shown improvements in speech development and their families face fewer barriers.

Suitcase Clinic for the Homeless

Funding:	\$2,500
People Served:	-
Hburg residents served:	-
Notable contributions:	The Suitcase Clinic was not able to use the funding for its intended purpose; they will return the funds to the City of Harrisonburg.

Mercy House

Funding:	\$28,000
People Served:	1,156
Hburg residents served:	645
Notable contributions:	Mercy House is expected to reach their goal of helping 75 chronically homeless individuals to reach housing and has used grant funding to help with staffing costs.

NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center

Funding:	\$17,000
People Served:	198
Hburg residents served:	91
Notable contributions:	NewBridges reached their goal of serving 200 cases, with 46% of those cases including Harrisonburg residents. Because of the City of Harrisonburg's funding, equitable legal representation in the community is feasible.

Newtown Cemetery

Funding:	\$1,200
People Served:	1,000
Hburg residents served:	1,000
Notable contributions:	Newtown Cemetery is on track to meet goals. They have utilized the grant funds to help with general upkeep of the cemetery grounds.

Northeast Neighborhood Association

Funding:	\$25,000
People Served:	1,000
Hburg residents served:	1,000
Notable contributions:	Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA) believes they are on track to meet goals. The grant funds have been used for real estate taxes, property insurance, professional services from Blueline, and construction of an ADA bathroom.

On the Road Collaborative

Funding:	\$25,000
People Served:	418
Hburg residents served:	319
Notable contributions:	On the Road Collaborative has reached their goal of serving over 250 youth by use of after-school services at multiple schools. They offered 63 classes to connect youth to local resources and were able to offer transportation.

Open Doors

Funding:	\$20,000
People Served:	232
Hburg residents served:	136
Notable contributions:	Open Doors successfully hired a Resource Coordinator to increase service to all guests, in accordance to their goals. The Coordinator is currently working with 65 guests and has used funding to help with transportation, staffing, and food.

Roberta Webb Learning Child Care Center

Funding: \$10,000

People Served: 32

Hburg residents served: 26

Notable contributions: The Roberta Webb Child Care Center used funds to provide free quality early childhood education for children and families. They were also awarded the Gold Level Living Wage Certificate for staff wages.

Second Home Learning Center

Funding: \$25,000

People Served: 12

Hburg residents served: 11

Notable contributions: Second Home Learning Center (2H) has a low turnover rate, largely due to the before and after school program. 2H is on track to reach their goal and has helped students from low-income families (75% of helped students are low-income).

Shenandoah LGBTQ+ Center

Funding: \$1,950

People Served: 12

Hburg residents served: 12

Notable contributions: The Center has a successful growth trajectory, with 12 applicants interested in being a mentee and 17 applicants interested in becoming mentors (6 paired). Funds were used to pay for staff time in program management.

Skyline Literacy

Funding: \$10,200

People Served: 274

Hburg residents served: 210

Notable contributions: Funds have been used to support two staff, which in turn helped 210 ESOL Harrisonburg residents. 86 ESOL students from Harrisonburg pursued U.S. citizenship.

Strength in Peers

Funding: \$15,900

People Served: 324

Hburg residents served: 240

Notable contributions: Strength in Peers provided 240 Harrisonburg residents with one-on-one assistance with navigating resources. Funds were used to support staff.

Valley Associates for Independent Living (VAIL)

Funding: \$1,600

People Served: 430

Hburg residents served: 110

Notable contributions: VAIL has provided services to Harrisonburg residents ages 7-88. Thanks to funding, the Harrisonburg Cardinals wheelchair basketball program will continue to develop after finishing 13th in the nation in division III.

Valley Program for Aging Services, Inc. (VPAS)

Funding: \$22,100

People Served: 1295

Hburg residents served: 409

Notable contributions: VPAS has used the City of Harrisonburg funding for operation costs. Harrisonburg residents aged 60 and older are provided access to a network of services that increases access and positive health outcomes.

Village to Village

Funding: \$2,500

People Served: 116

Hburg residents served: 92

Notable contributions: Village to Village has met their goal as outlined and used funding for hygiene items, cleaning items, and sheets. Their move-in program continues to grow along with refugee meal preparation.

Virginia Cooperative Extension (4-H)

Funding: \$15,000

People Served: 612

Hburg residents served: 500

Notable contributions: An employee separated from VCE and they were not able to find a replacement. They are hopeful to be able to fund a full-time Agent position focused entirely on Harrisonburg.

Virginia Quilt Museum

Funding: \$1,600

People Served: 3,781

Hburg residents served: 900

Notable contributions: Visitation has continued to increase since July of 2022 and is expected to reach 7,000 visitors by the end of the calendar year. Grant funds from the City of Harrisonburg have been used to cover general operating costs.

Way to Go

Funding:	\$25,500
People Served:	156
Hburg residents served:	30
Notable contributions:	Way to Go has provided 21 accounts of transportation services from January-May 31, 2023. They hired a new staff member and were able to start serving clients again beginning in January.

Woodbine Cemetery Company

Funding:	\$750
People Served:	-
Hburg residents served:	-
Notable contributions:	Final report not recieved.