



HARRISONBURG **I****V****A** **FRIENDLY BY NATURE**

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

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

Legal Advice And Counsel For Low-Income Residents

Child Advocacy And Support

Support For Survivors Of Sexual Violence And Domestic Violence

Mediation Education And Restorative Justice

Childcare For Community Families

Temporary Homeless Sheltering And Rehousing Assistance

Integration And Cultural Connection

Equal Access To Educational Opportunities

Food Provision And Care Services For The Homeless

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

**MEASURE
THE IMPACT**

**\$430,000
AWARDED**

**27 NON-PROFITS
SUPPORTED**

**20,693
HARRISONBURG
RESIDENTS
SERVED**

**39,188
TOTAL PEOPLE
HELPED**

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 efforts of the community organizations were essential for assisting community members, particularly at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 2020-2021 year, and a collection of the notable outcomes of each organization's actions.

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HEAR FROM OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:

“Boys & Girls Club thanks the City Council and City staff for all the support during this fiscal year. Government partnerships are important to the well-being of all city residents. The club is grateful for the intentionality of these partnerships in our friendly City.” ~ Boys & Girls Club

**“While many Day Support Providers in the state closed, unable to survive the pandemic, City funding helped us to provide the staffing necessary to continue these endeavors throughout the pandemic and we, and those we serve, are most grateful. Thank you.”
~ The Arc**

“We value the work of the City of Harrisonburg and want to continue partnering with the efforts to make our City a friendly place for all.” ~ NewBridges

**“This funding has been particularly critical during the last year as historic means of fundraising became inaccessible and local non-profits all experienced a strain on funding resources.”
~ Collins Center**

“We used the funds from this grant to continue to support our organization when other resources became unavailable during the COVID pandemic. ... With support from this grant, we continue to be a resource for the community and were able to strengthen and stabilize our programming so we can expand our services.” ~ Our Community Place

Arts Council of the Valley

Funding:	34,920
People Served:	7,713
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	4,010
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of an online, interactive map for First Fridays Downtown	

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Funding:	20,000
People Served:	241
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	150
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported the matching of ten youth with adult mentors• Supported the opening of the BBBS Match Center in September 2020, providing a safe space for meeting and activities between mentors and mentees	

Blue Ridge CASA for Children

Funding:	8,500
People Served:	111
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	29
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy services for 29 abused and neglected children	

Blue Ridge Legal Services

Funding:	10,000
People Served:	2354
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	215
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal advice and counsel for 94 low-income residents and limited legal services for 48 low-income residents	

Boys and Girls Club

Funding:	20,175
People Served:	323
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	119
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentoring, support services, and after-school care for 119 Harrisonburg youth	

Collins Center

Funding: 14,470

People Served: 609

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 310

Notable Contributions:

- Advocacy, crisis care, counseling, and education for 310 residents facing sexual violence

Fairfield Center

Funding: 3,500

People Served: 1,200

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 546

Notable Contributions:

- Creation of a new collaboration to bring Restorative Justice programs to Middle River Regional Jail

First Step

Funding: 35,000

People Served: 166

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 70

Notable Contributions:

- Advocacy and support services for 70 domestic abuse survivors

Harrisonburg Little League Association

Funding: 3,000

People Served: 258

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 253

Notable Contributions:

- Provided recreational sports opportunities for 253 City youth

Harrisonburg Rockingham County Child Day Care

Funding: 10,000

People Served: 50

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 36

Notable Contributions:

- Provision of affordable childcare to the families of 36 children

Mercy House	
Funding:	27,000
People Served:	153
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	153
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a Housing Navigator position that secured permanent housing for 116 previously homeless residents 	

NENA	
Funding:	5,000
People Served:	4,000
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	4,000
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered essential operating costs for the Dallard Newman House Museum and Cultural Center 	

NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center	
Funding:	6,500
People Served:	346
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	177
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of integration services for nearly 400 immigrants 	

Newtown Cemetery	
Funding:	1,500
People Served:	900
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	900
Notable Contributions:	

On the Road Collaborative	
Funding:	17,630
People Served:	158
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	158
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Career Enrichment Workshops, college application assistance, and programming on essential life skills to 158 Harrisonburg youth • Provision of a “University for Parents” program to empower the parents of city youth to serve as the primary partner in their child’s education 	

Open Doors	
Funding:	30,000
People Served:	167
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	143
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered low barrier emergency shelter services to approximately 143 Harrisonburg residents 	

Our Community Place	
Funding:	3,750
People Served:	162
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	162
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided shelter and other services to 162 homeless individuals Housing program has placed 58 individuals in permanent housing 	

Roberta Webb Child Care Center	
Funding:	10,000
People Served:	30
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	23
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a 25% reduction in childcare costs for 23 City children and provision of tuition free childcare programs for the summer of 2021 	

The Salvation Army	
Funding:	25,000
People Served:	248
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	164
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of shelter, case management, and food to 248 homeless individuals Assisted 31 individuals in securing permanent housing 	

Second Home	
Funding:	10,050
People Served:	10
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	10
Notable Contributions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided virtual learning assistance, meals, and work skills education in a safe, in-person childcare setting for 10 City children 	

Skyline Literacy

Funding: 20,000

People Served: 220

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 178

Notable Contributions:

- English, Citizenship, and Basic Literacy education provided for 178 Harrisonburg adults
- Nearly 6,000 learning hours logged for adult English and literacy students

Strength in Peers

Funding: 4,000

People Served: 3

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 3

Notable Contributions:

- Development and establishment of a Recovery House to provide secure, compassionate, and sober transitional housing to individuals who are homeless or unstably housed and seek recovery from substance use or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse challenges which has already provided housing for three individuals

The Arc

Funding: 20,000

People Served: 17433

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 7831

Notable Contributions:

- Provision of 9,130 pounds of food to 901 individuals in 251 families facing food insecurity
- Creation of a virtual community-engagement program to provide opportunities for adults with I/DD to interact with community members and learn about what the community offers in terms of employment, recreation, the arts, history, and culture

United Way

Funding: 5,000

People Served: 6

Harrisonburg Residents Served: 4

Notable Contributions:

- Completion of three home-improvement projects to provide stable and safe environments for low-income homeowners
- Establishment of a collaboration with MITS to provide mobility and access equipment for the elderly and disabled individuals

Valley Association for Independent Living

Funding:	Valley Association for Independent Living
People Served:	485
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	133

Notable Contributions:

- Dissemination of information on topics such as Mental Health Service, Medicaid waivers, Disability Identity, and COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to residents with disabilities
- Assistance securing financial resources to three families, allowing them to keep their homes

Virginia Cooperative Extension/4-H Harrisonburg

Funding:	20,000
People Served:	539
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	539

Notable Contributions:

- In-classroom implementation of embryology program to 539 youth

Virginia Quilt Museum

Funding:	1,800
People Served:	422
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	111

Notable Contributions:

- Maintenance and improvements to the Virginia Quilt Museum, including new lighting and upkeep of the boiler and heating system

Valley Program for Aging Services

Funding:	26,190
People Served:	857
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	235

Notable Contributions:

- Transportation and pandemic support services provided to 857 area seniors

Way to Go

Funding:	20,015
People Served:	31
Harrisonburg Residents Served:	31

Notable Contributions:

- Transportation services provided for 24 individuals, including the awarding of donated vehicles to five individuals