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This portrait of Richard King Mellon is a digital mosaic, created from grantee photos.



Richard King Mellon

RICHARD KING MELLON was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 19, 1899, the son of Richard Beatty Mellon and Jennie King Mellon. Mr. Mellon served his country in both World Wars and in peacetime, attaining the rank of Lieutenant General, United States Army Reserve, and receiving the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Mellon was the dominant figure in the financial, industrial and civic life of his community for many years. He was president of Mellon National Bank and, for 20 years, Chairman of the Board of Mellon National Bank and Trust Company; as a director, he aided the growth of many of the nation's leading enterprises, particularly Gulf Oil Corporation and Aluminum Company of America. Mr. Mellon, President and Governor of T. Mellon and Sons, inspired and led the rebirth of a great American city. His creative energies forged the Pittsburgh Renaissance, a nationally recognized architectural, civic, social and educational venture. A renowned sportsman, Mr. Mellon generously endeavored to preserve the quality of the natural environment and to protect its wildlife. Mr. Mellon died on June 3, 1970.

In 1936, Mr. Mellon married the former Constance Mary Prosser. Constance Prosser Mellon served as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Richard King Mellon Foundation from its inception in 1947 until her death in 1980. She remains the longest–serving Chair in the Foundation's history.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The Foundation in 2024 made its 9,000th funding award

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HE RICHARD KING MELLON FOUNDATION SURPASSED YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN 2024. The 321 grants and programrelated investments (PRIs)

approved by the Board of Trustees last year included the $9,000^{\text{th}}$ grant or PRI awarded by the Foundation since its founding in 1947. Over our 77 years, we now have awarded 9,011 grants and PRIs, totaling more than \$3.7 billion. It is an extraordinary legacy of philanthropy, one that all of us at the Foundation are honored to advance.

The grants and PRIs disbursed by the Foundation in 2024 totaled nearly \$155 million. And 52 organizations received their first-ever funding from the Foundation in 2024, growing the historical roster of Foundation grantees and PRI recipients to more than 1,900 organizations since our inception.

Conservation is our one national program (our other program areas focus primarily on Allegheny and Westmoreland counties). Through our Conservation program, we have helped to conserve environmentally precious lands and habitats in all 50 states, encompassing more than 4.5 million acres, an area larger than the state of Connecticut. We advanced that legacy significantly in 2024, with 98 Conservation grants and six Conservation PRIs, totaling \$55.8 million.

To advance our Economic Development program, we awarded 67 grants and PRIs, totaling \$27.1 million. And we disbursed another \$30 million in Economic Development grants and PRIs, to fulfill multi-year grant commitments from prior years.

In Economic Mobility—our program to help young people in disadvantaged circumstances to achieve greater prosperity in adulthood—we awarded 67 grants totaling \$20.4 million.

In Health & Well-Being, we awarded 37 grants totaling \$13.2 million, all to create greater opportunities for people to live a healthy life, particularly for the most vulnerable people in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.

Through our Social-Impact Investment program, we invest in for-profit companies with social missions in Conservation, Economic Development, Economic Mobility and/or Health and Well-Being. In 2024, we invested nearly \$6 million in 19 such companies. Among those companies were the winners of our third Social-Impact Pitch Competition. We announced the four winners of the Pitch Competition in August 2024.

And our Organizational Effectiveness program seeks to enhance the effectiveness of our nonprofit partners. We awarded 27 Organizational Effectiveness grants totaling \$3.2 million to nonprofit grantees in 2024, to help those organizations to improve their operations and performance.

Each of those grants and PRIs first was assessed and analyzed by our program staff, led by Director Sam Reiman, who marked his 10th year of service to the Foundation on Jan. 1, 2025. The Foundation received 546 applications in 2024, and each one was carefully studied by Sam and his team. Their recommendations to the Board of Trustees always are thorough and thoughtful, and, on behalf of the Trustees, I thank them for their dedication and hard work.

That hard work was done at a new location in 2024. The Foundation moved into new offices in April 2024, at The Auction House in Pittsburgh's Strip District. The new offices enabled us to host seven grantee convenings in the second half of 2024, and we expect this brisk utilization to continue in 2025. You can see photographs of those 2024 Auction House convenings on pages 54–57.

Convenings are a tool the Foundation utilizes to amplify the impact of our grants and PRIs. Our other tools—communications and partnership-building—also were utilized effectively in 2024.

As has been true every year since our founding, our Foundation staff in Pittsburgh has been supported and bolstered in their philanthropic work by a Ligonier-based team of financial experts, led by Vice President and Treasurer Douglas L. Sisson, Assistant Treasurer Edward J. Morgan and Controller Paul A. Hannah. Doug, Ed and Paul also serve as Foundation Trustees. It was their financial acumen that enabled the Foundation to award nearly \$155 million in grant and PRIs in 2024. My fellow family Trustees and I thank them for their expert service.

Every year includes transitions, and 2024 was no different. Two longstanding Foundation staffers retired at year's end: Senior Program Officer Brian J. Hill, who also served as Board Secretary; and Lisa Reed, the Foundation's Senior Information and Grants Manager. They served the Foundation for 16 and 17 years, respectively. We ended the year with an event to thank them for their dedicated service. Program Officer Lynne Ventress was elected to succeed Brian J. Hill as Board Secretary, and we welcome her to that important role. We also welcomed two new staff members in November 2024, Program Associate Lance Gloss and Program Coordinator Maria Lugares.

Lastly, it should be noted that the Foundation's longstanding investments at Hazelwood Green emerged from the ground in 2024, as construction proceeded in earnest on both the University of Pittsburgh BioForge (recipient of a \$100 million Foundation grant in 2021, our largest-ever grant for a single project) and Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Innovation Center (awarded a \$45 million grant, also in 2021). Be sure to see the striking photography of that work on pages 18 and 19.

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The Foundation's national Conservation program has helped to conserve environmentally precious land in all 50 states—more than 4.5 million acres in all, an area larger than the state of Connecticut.



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Alison Fox

Chief Executive Officer of American Prairie







Dr. Barbara Altmann

President of Franklin & Marshall College





Jessica Turner

President of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

Conserving the Grasslands of Montana

After traveling the world, Alison Fox has found her favorite landscape



LISON FOX HAS BACKPACKED IN THE WESTERN STATES AND trekked through remote trails in other corners of the world. But the landscape that fills

her most with wonder is in her backyard—the grasslands of Montana.

The Chief Executive Officer of American Prairie said, "I can think of nothing akin to standing on a grassland and seeing for miles and miles on this undulating landscape. You may not see any evidence of humans, and it is open and beautiful, and you're smelling the sagebrush, and you're hearing the meadowlarks early in the morning. You have the dark skies and the quiet."

The Montana nonprofit has grown its conservation footprint by purchasing two private ranches, adding 12,534 acres of grassland habitat to its landholdings. The addition of that acreage brings American Prairie's total habitat base to 526,959 acres.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation granted \$4.5 million to American Prairie to reimburse the nonprofit for the June 2024 purchases of two properties in north central Montana. The majestic sight of a bison roaming on the grasslands will become more common, as the land purchases will enable American Prairie to grow the populations of the herds it manages. It also will make it possible for more people to experience the majesty of seeing the once almost-extinct animal first-hand.

Using the 1.1 million-acre Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge as an anchor, American Prairie is buying adjacent private lands with the goal of assembling another 2 million acres of connected private and public land and eventually reaching the goal of 3 million contiguous acres. "That's about the size of Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks," Fox said.

The acquisition of these properties has long been a priority for American Prairie. It means the organization's existing White Rock unit will expand by 25 percent and allow for the bison herd to double to 900 animals over five years. The public will have a more accessible viewing experience since the new land purchase is off Highway 91, a two-lane road.

"There has never been a destruction of wildlife as rapid and dramatic as what happened to the American bison," Fox said. "In a matter of decades, the bison population went





from [as many as] 60 million animals to less than 1,000 guarded by Yellowstone National Park. The opportunity we see is to bring that species back, and to bring back other grassland species like the prairie dog."

Fox grew up in Vermont but fell for the big open landscapes of Montana while working at Glacier National Park the summer before her senior year at Dartmouth College. She also met her future husband, a Montana native, and stayed there after college.

Hiking in the wide-open spaces of Montana, she imagines what they were like when Lewis and Clark first trekked there.

"These temperate grasslands were once America's Serengeti," she said. "They were truly filled with wildlife. These are the places where Lewis and Clark, right here along the Missouri River, describe immense herds of Buffalo, elk, deer, and antelopes grazing in one common and boundless pasture."

The explorers also encountered grizzly bears and bighorn sheep on their 1806 expedition. "They captured a prairie dog and sent it back to President Jefferson," she said.

Fox wants to preserve some of that rich history while conserving what prairie is left for future generations. Thousands of acres of temperate grasslands have been lost to farming, but much of this region still is intact. "We see this as an opportunity to bring them back," she said. "The land is for sale. We pay a fair price. We can do restoration activities to improve the habitat and open it up to the public."

The Richard King Mellon Foundation also funded three other major conservation projects in 2024, to protect valuable forest lands in Florida, Maine and Washington state through The Conservation Fund (TCF), a Virginia-based nonprofit and longtime Foundation partner.

In 2024, the Foundation awarded TCF a \$7 million program-related investment (PRI) toward the purchase of the 10,112-acre Lake Wimico Forest in the Florida Panhandle, providing connectivity to about 900,000 acres of protected land. PRIs are low-interest loans that function as a bridge for an organization still in the process of raising the necessary funds for a planned project. The PRI enabled TCF to "pounce" on the forest when the land went up for sale, and then to manage the land sustainably while working with the state to raise enough money for permanent conservation.

Lake Wimico Forest protects water in the Apalachicola River watershed, ultimately draining into Apalachicola Bay, one of the most productive estuarine systems in the Northern Hemisphere. The Bay, the lower portion of the Apalachicola River and parts of its watershed are designated as an International Biosphere Reserve. Not only will the acquisition of the Forest ensure the flow of fresh water; it



Deep River Woods in Washington State



also will support 100 forestry-related jobs. Conservation in Florida is considered crucial in light of rapid population growth, with 1,000 people moving there daily. By the year 2070, it is projected that, absent further conservation efforts, some 3.5 million acres will be lost to commercial development.

The Foundation also granted \$7 million to TCF to conserve land in Maine's Appalachian High Peaks in western Maine along the Quebec border. The purchase of the 44,369-acre Hilton Family Forest preserves 35 miles of streams, 1,400 acres of wetlands, several waterfalls and four mountains of high elevation. The property is important for both recreation and preserving rare plant and animal species, including the golden eagle, Bicknell's thrush and the peregrine falcon. The Canada lynx and eastern timber wolf also have been spotted in the area.

The Conservation Fund bought the property in October 2024 and plans to secure an easement, funded through the Federal Forest Legacy Program and match to be raised, and then sell the land to a private buyer under a conservation easement held by the state. The protection of the forest, which includes nine maple sugar producers, will prevent it from being divided into parcels and converted into non-forest uses. Another large swath of forest will be protected in the state of Washington through an \$11 million Foundation PRI to The Conservation Fund. This support enabled TCF to partner with Washington State Department of Natural Resources to acquire and conserve up to 20,505 acres of forest, known as Deep River Woods, and secure public access to the land.

With its mix of Douglas fir, western hemlock and red alder trees, Deep River Woods is considered a highly productive temperate coastal forest. The ongoing opportunity to manage this forest for its many benefits, including timber production, is important to the local communities. Conserving the land will protect habitat for migratory birds, marbled murrelets and spotted owls that live in this forest as well as part of the Gray River's watershed and a downstream estuary on the Columbia River, both important spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead.

These three PRIs are the latest in the partnership between the Foundation and TCF, initiatives that further have advanced the Foundation's goal to help to protect 1 million acres of high-value forest land between 2021 and 2030. (Above) Lake Wimico Forest in the Florida Panhandle

(Below) Deep River Woods in Washington State



Getting Muddy in PA for a Cleaner Chesapeake Bay

Franklin & Marshall College professors and students are studying how to clean up silt-laden Lancaster County streams

The leaders of the Franklin & Marshall College Chesapeake Watershed Initiative: Dr. Chris Williams, Professor, Department of Earth and Environment; Dr. Patrick Fleming, Professor, Department of Economics; Dr. Barbara Altmann, President of the College; Dr. Dorothy Merritts, Professor, Department of Earth and Environment; Dr. Robert Walter, Professor and Chair, Department of Earth and Environment.





FEW MILES FROM FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE, ON THE banks of Little Conestoga Creek, a group of professors and students happily are

getting muddy conducting research along local streams, in hopes their work in Lancaster County and nearby counties can help to clean up the beloved Chesapeake Bay downstream.

They are part of the Chesapeake Watershed Initiative, an ambitious project to improve the silty stream waters in Pennsylvania and Maryland that end up degrading the Chesapeake Bay.

"In Lancaster County and in surrounding counties throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, after every storm, our streams are so laden with sediment, they look like they're chocolate milk," said Dr. Robert Walter, Chair of the Department of Earth and Environment at Franklin & Marshall and Co-Director of the Chesapeake Watershed Initiative.

The Foundation granted \$937,000 to the liberal arts college in 2024 to further its efforts to help clean up the murky stream waters that threaten plant and aquatic life in the Chesapeake Bay. The work is conducted through Franklin & Marshall's Chesapeake Watershed Initiative, which the Foundation helped to establish in 2021 with a \$1.2 million grant. Working with public and private partners that include the Steinman Foundation in Lancaster, Franklin & Marshall is remediating and monitoring streams. A recent example is the Creek Blue Green Connector restoration project along the Little Conestoga Creek.

Dr. Barbara Altmann, President of Franklin & Marshall College, said the groundbreaking research being conducted through the Chesapeake Watershed Initiative meshes perfectly with the 2,000-student college's mission. "It's a research project with real world consequences. That's at the heart of this."

Previous research by the Franklin & Marshall investigators has shown that most of the silt buildup along creeks in the region was caused by old mill dams that supported hundreds of water-powered mills in the 1700s and 1800s.

"These dams were ubiquitous," said Dr. Dorothy J. Merritts, Professor of Geosciences and Co-Director of the Chesapeake Watershed Initiative. "Streams were dammed and ponded, and valleys filled with sediment eroded from hillslopes. With time, obsolete mill dams failed. These were catastrophic events for the landscape. It is not just modern land usage – a new mall or stormwater runoff – that causes problems for streams."

The researchers collaborate with the environmental engineering firm LandStudies, Inc., which removes historic sediment from valley bottoms and uncovers the original wetland landscapes. Professors and students monitor streams before and after restoration to determine the effectiveness of these projects, as with their work along Little Conestoga Creek for the Blue Green Connector project.

Dozens of Franklin & Marshall students do research alongside their professors. "They have this unbelievable experience on their CV when they go out to look for a job," Dr. Altmann said.

She sees the students around campus regularly. "I've never seen a happier group of dirty, muddy kids."

The professors also train high-school teachers to incorporate instruction on legacy sediment and stream restoration, so that it aligns with new Pennsylvania scienceeducation standards. The researchers also visit and educate landowners who live along local streams to talk about the advantages of restoration.

The Franklin & Marshall project was just one component of the Foundation's 2024 efforts to help improve the Chesapeake Bay.

In 2024, the Foundation granted \$400,000 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Annapolis to complete two new local watershed-management plans to restore streams in Centre and Lancaster counties. The funds will be used to foster local landowner support for watershed plans along Marsh Creek and the Upper Conestoga River.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Inc., also based in Annapolis, received a \$250,000 Foundation grant in 2024 to ramp up its outreach to landowners in Lancaster County; expand to other Pennsylvania counties; and extend its monitoring of riparian restoration projects.





Bolstering Rural Economies through Outdoor Recreation

"It's a tool that every community can use," says Jessica Turner of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

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EARS AGO, WHEN JESSICA TURNER, PRESIDENT OF the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, talked with rural communities about leaning into outdoor recreation

as an economic engine, she often heard concerns that doing so would hurt the mining and timber industries that some communities had relied upon for generations.

"Communities were fearful of transition," she said. Residents worried that outdoor recreation would replace the very identity of their rural towns. Turner would ease those fears by saying, "We are never going to be the reason a mine shuts down. But we can be the solution to a transitioning economy or supplement those economic drivers."

Now, she said more rural communities are open to the message, particularly after the Covid-19 pandemic showed them how integral outdoor recreation could be to their economies. The basic units of the economy started to reorganize as millions more flocked outdoors and increasingly uprooted to move to places with high-quality recreation access. Federal pandemic recovery funds further bolstered the idea of outdoor recreation as a vital part of the economy in communities across the country.

The Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, formed in 2018 to get more people outside, is helping rural towns tap into the growing outdoor-recreation economy—estimated by the U.S. Department of Commerce to be \$1.2 trillion annually nationwide, and \$19 billion a year in Pennsylvania.

The Roundtable offers rural communities an outdoor-recreation roadmap through its Rural Economic Development Toolkit, funded by the Richard King Mellon Foundation in 2022.

In 2024, the D.C.-based nonprofit published a 2.0 version of the digital toolkit with success stories for communities to emulate, new grant opportunities and updated advice.

One success story in the updated toolkit focuses on the work of Ta Enos, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship. Turner featured Enos as a rural champion who rallies people around the goal of creating economic opportunities through outdoor recreation. (The PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship is itself a Foundation grantee; Enos and the organization were profiled in the Foundation's 2021 Annual Report). While Enos is an inspiring leadership example, Turner said community champions come in many forms. "They can be an elected official, a spiritual leader, a school teacher or someone who really believes in the community and the power of time outside." And while not every community has the forests and streams and elk of the PA Wilds, the region's pathway offers lessons for every rural town, she said.

"It's not one-size-fits-all, but it's a tool that every community can use because every community has some form of recreation," Turner said. "It can be a stream, a bike trail, a park, a BMX area, an RV park or campground, a boat launch, a ski area, or so much more."

Outdoor recreation doesn't just bring tourists to town. It's an investment in quality of life, which enhances any successful economic-development strategy. It can attract new residents who want to work in outdoor recreation, and also entrepreneurs and business leaders who like the idea of situating their enterprises in a beautiful rural town with outdoor activities. When that happens, Turner said, it means "more tax base. Better schools. More small businesses. Retirees coming to town. Young people who can live anywhere come."

The Foundation's \$340,000 grant also allows the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable to

make small grants to rural towns nationwide to help them implement outdoor-recreation programs. For example, one grant enabled Marshfield, Vermont to repair a section of the Cross Vermont Trail System that was damaged in a 2023 flood.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation granted another \$20,000 to the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable in 2024 to support its first-ever National Outdoor Recreation Executive Forum, held at the Foundation's offices in Pittsburgh in May 2024. With Foundation funds, the Roundtable was able to bring in a keynote speaker for the forum: Baratunde Thurston, host of America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston, a PBS program that also has received Foundation support. The forum brought together 70 business leaders, policymakers and other outdoor-recreation leaders to identify shared priorities and opportunities to help rural communities to utilize outdoor recreation to strengthen their economies.

Turner said the variety of participants made it an extraordinary meeting. "You realized it was all connected. We can't do this without housing. We can't do this without outdoor businesses. We can't do this work without bringing in really smart thinkers with big voices like Baratunde."



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The Foundation's **Economic Development** program seeks to increase prosperity and opportunity in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.



Heather McElwee

Executive Director of Pittsburgh Glass Center







Krista Nightengale

Executive Director of Better Block Foundation



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Mike Kane

Executive Director of Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown





Innovation rises out of the ground at Hazelwood Green

Two of the Richard King Mellon Foundation's most significant investments in innovation, economic development and community development moved from the drawing board to structural steel in 2024. Ironworkers constructing the University of Pittsburgh BioForge, a state-of-the art biomanufacturing facility, are seen here taking a short break from their work constructing the BioForge building in Fall 2024. The Foundation granted \$100 million for the BioForge project in 2021, the largest single-project grant in Foundation history. On the other side of Mill 19, construction also surged forward on Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Innovation Center, recipient of a \$45 million Foundation grant, also in 2021. The two projects are meant to anchor Pittsburgh's national leadership in two of the most consequential industries of the new economy, at the intersection of science, technology and manufacturing. The projects will create new jobs for the region, and more positive momentum for the community of Hazelwood.

Blowing Glass for Art ... and Economic Development

PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER Heather McElwee wants Pittsburgh to become even more of an epicenter for makers

HE EXTERIOR OF PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER INCLUDES yellow, red and orange glass panes that reflect the warm glow of sunset onto the

street below. Inside, people are learning and practicing the art of blowing glass.

Heather McElwee, Executive Director of the Center, loves nothing more than people discovering the fiery magic of glass arts.

While honoring the region's glassmanufacturing past, she also focuses on growing Pittsburgh's glass-arts future, aided by a \$1 million grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation. The Foundation has awarded more than \$5.1 million to Pittsburgh Glass Center since its founding.

The 2024 grant will enable the Center to increase the number of people enrolled in its Glass Tech Apprenticeship from three to eight. Artists from around the country are given free rent and a stipend in exchange for 30 hours of weekly work. Many have gone on to become teachers at the Center. Others have opened their own glass studios. The 2024 Foundation grant will help pay for the renovation of a vacant building, the Horoscope Lounge, to become apartments for the apprentices. The Heinz Endowments, the Hillman Foundation, and others also contributed to the project.

"We've really grown the creative economy in Pittsburgh," McElwee said. "Many of these artists are staying in Pittsburgh and buying homes and building their own studios and starting their own small businesses."

Sometimes people ask McElwee if she views those new glass studios as competition. "We don't see it like that," she said. "The biggest, best testament to the Glass Center's success is people starting businesses, opening their own studios, outgrowing us, and leaving room for the next generation of people to come through."

Some members of that next generation come through the Center's Artist Residency Program. Artists from Pittsburgh and around the world come to the Center to hone their skills for a few weeks to a few months through the residency program. They receive support such as a stipend, travel expenses and living accommodations. The Foundation grant also helps the Center to teach some 9,000 students a year through classes.

McElwee grew up in Kansas, the daughter of two scientists who discouraged her from going to art school. She attended the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, originally planning to study architecture. But it only took one class for her to fall in love with the process of gathering molten glass from a 2,100-degree furnace and sculpting it.

"There is an immediacy to the material that is unlike anything else. You take this hot liquid out of the furnace and you have to do something with it right then," she said.

As a new college graduate, McElwee attended a glass conference and met Kathleen Mulcahy, who along with her late husband, Ron Desmett, founded the Pittsburgh Glass Center in 2001.

Originally, they considered locating the Center in Elizabeth, to honor that city's glassmaking past. But they decided to put the Glass Center in Garfield instead, to revitalize the neighborhood, and to be near Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. McElwee started out at the Center teaching glass-blowing, then oversaw education, gallery exhibitions and fundraising before being named Executive Director in 2011.

The Glass Center's profile increased significantly after McElwee and others from Pittsburgh Glass Center appeared on the Netflix glassmaking show, *Blown Away*. Both class attendance and applications to apprenticeships increased. In 2024, Pittsburgh Glass Center underwent a major renovation that nearly doubled its space.

McElwee wants to attract even more people to try the art of glass blowing for themselves and to further develop their skills. Her vision is for Pittsburgh to become an even more prominent epicenter for such crafts. "We would love for Pittsburgh to be known as a place for makers."

A Vacant Lot in New Kensington Becomes a Destination

Krista Nightengale and Better Block Foundation engineered energizing temporary transformations in four local communities

HE VACANT LOT NEXT TO THE VALLEY POINTS FAMILY YMCA in New Kensington usually sits empty and lifeless. But in the Fall of 2024, it came to life.

A band played on a newly erected stage. Vendors sold their homemade candles, ceramics, and other wares to a crowd of about 300. Kids climbed onto chairs made from tires and ran under sprinklers. Community members looked with pride at the teal and yellow murals they had painted by the crosswalk, and a wall mural painted on the side of the Y building.

The kickoff party was on September 21, 2024, and for the next four weeks, the formerly vacant lot was a destination for residents, and a positive new addition to the New Kensington experience.

Better Block Foundation didn't just work its placemaking magic in New Kensington. Fueled by a \$500,000 grant in 2024 from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, Better Block undertook similar temporary transformations in McKeesport, Downtown Pittsburgh and Greater Hazelwood. A Better Block project is designed to be an inexpensive way to spark new ideas and positive energy in a community, without provoking the community resistance that often accompanies permanent change.

"Temporary erases the fear of permanency," said Krista Nightengale, Executive Director of Better Block Foundation, a nonprofit based in Dallas. "It allows people to touch things and move things around and actually experience them, rather than waiting years for something to happen."

Nightengale was a journalist working at *D Magazine*, the city magazine of Dallas, when she started writing stories about Better Block Foundation and its founder, Jason Roberts. "I thought this was fascinating." Nine years ago, she asked Roberts about a job, and he hired her as Managing Director before she became Executive Director in 2021.

The Foundation commissioned the New Kensington component of Better Block's work in hopes of amplifying the positive momentum from other Foundation-funded projects there, such as Penn State-New Kensington's Digital Foundry, and the recent recruitment of Re:Build Manufacturing to New Kensington.



The Better Block project was the first time Nightengale had been to New Kensington, known as Aluminum City until 1971, when the local Alcoa plant closed. Knowing that she and her crew were outsiders, they didn't swoop in and tell residents what they should do. Instead, they spent weeks asking people what they would like to see in their town. Residents seemed to be pleased with the revitalization triggered by the Digital Foundry and other projects. But the vacant lot on the other side of the railroad tracks on Constitution Boulevard felt cut off from that positive activity.

In surveys, residents said they would love to see the lot transformed with a market, live music, seating and shade. While people said they felt safe generally, there also was a perception of crime. The vibrant colors of the murals were designed to help allay such perceptions.

The actual installation only took three days. Planters and benches were digitally fabricated without the need for glue, screws or nails. All Better Block projects start with a steel shipping container. Better Block cuts out a few windows, and lets the community create the project. It's called Better Block in a Box. In New Kensington, they put in a robot arm, something the kids liked to maneuver.

Following the conclusion of the onemonth project, all that ostensibly remained were the murals on the street and the side of the YMCA, a few chairs made from tires, and the stage. But also lingering are the positive experiences and perceptions Better Block enabled.

Kelli McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer of the Valley Points Family YMCA, said Better Block made her rethink the possibilities for the vacant lot. Now she thinks about potentially remaking it into a community garden—or, money permitting, a large indoor pool.

"It was such a fun street fair," McIntyre said. "It brought this dull, dreary, half stone, half grass space to life. I really want to make it into something."

Collaboration Creates New Energy and Vibrancy in Johnstown

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER JOHNSTOWN

Michael Kane and the Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown are partnering with the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown to make a positive difference OHNSTOWN, IN CAMERIA COUNTY, HAS SEEN MORE THAN ITS SHARE of adversity, from the great Johnstown Flood of 1889 to the closure of most of its steel and iron production. Like so many other cities, downtown Johnstown was hit hard by that adversity. But the people of Johnstown have been fighting back. And now they are adding a spark to their downtown by teaming up with the local university.

The forthcoming Pitt-Johnstown FutureReady is a partnership between community leaders and the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown branch campus. Pitt-Johnstown engineering and business students will take classes and work with businesses on projects, with the hope that some students will be able to leverage that experience into job offers. The new venture will be in the Jupiter Building, the site of a former department store, to form the heart of a spruced-up central square.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded the Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown (which does business as the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies) \$997,000 over 18 months to renovate the Jupiter Building to include space for University programming, lab space and light-manufacturing companies.

"It gives the University a tool to recruit, and it gives downtown energy and vibrancy," said Mike Kane, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown.

The Johnstown effort is part of a larger Foundation initiative to spur economic development in small, rural Western Pennsylvania towns. The Foundation identified communities where data showed that enhanced community-university partnerships could lead to stronger economic development. The Foundation has awarded grants to five other rural Western Pennsylvania towns through the initiative: Greensburg (Seton Hill University); Grove City (Grove City College); Latrobe (Saint Vincent College); Meadville (Allegheny College); and Washington (Washington & Jefferson College).

The Foundation initially awarded two \$200,000 grants to the Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown, in 2021 and 2022, so it could work with Pitt-Johnstown leaders, the community, local businesses and philanthropists to develop a plan for the Innovation Center. The renovation of the Jupiter Building is expected to begin next year. On the first floor will be an advanced-manufacturing facility managed by the University. A curriculum in metallurgy, applied engineering, metal arts, sustainable building technologies, and entrepreneurship will be developed, with courses open to highschool students, undergraduates, alumni and entry-level workers. The program also will create opportunities for students to collaborate with business leaders and potentially transition into jobs. Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation will own the building and oversee program activities and workforce-development initiatives.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation has been awarding grants to spur economic development in Johnstown since 2012, funding Carnegie Mellon University's Remaking Cities Institute to do a deep dive into revitalization strategies. For Kane, the ongoing Foundation support has been transformative. "The Richard King Mellon Foundation really gave us a lot of credibility in the community. We were able to make larger and more strategic grants."

Johnstown also was awarded a \$27 million federal grant to renovate the Amtrak station and the city square and park. "It's all coming together," Kane said.

Those investments were needed after Bethlehem Steel severely cut its workforce in the '70s and '80s and closed its plant there in 1992. Cambria Iron Works closed the same year. Johnstown's population has shrunk from 60,000 in its heyday to less than 19,000 now. Vacant houses and storefronts dot the town.

Kane's parents grew up in Johnstown, and though he spent his youth in Pittsburgh, the family moved back when he was in seventh grade. Just after he graduated high school, the town suffered the double blow of a devastating 1977 flood, and factories laying off workers.

After living in Boston for graduate school at Emerson College and teaching at The Kiski School, Kane returned to his hometown. In 2001, he was named Executive Director and President of the Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown. Under his leadership, the Community Foundation has grown its assets from \$13 million to about \$150 million.

For Kane, it is a labor of love.

"Johnstown has such a strong sense of place," Kane said. "There's this feeling here in the Western Pennsylvania mountains that this is your place on Earth."

67 Grants & PRIs

TOTALING \$20,350,125

Through its Economic Mobility program, the Foundation invests in pathways to opportunity for vulnerable children and youth in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.



Dr. Shelley Scherer

President and CEO of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Foundation







Dr. Andre Samuel

Chief Executive Officer of The Citizen Science Lab



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Dr. Jonathan Strecker

Head of School at Valley School of Ligonier

Waiting Minutes Instead of Months

A collaboration between PA's State System of Higher Education and Niche.com hopes to lower barriers to college for first-generation and low-income prospective students

OR MANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, APPLYING TO COLLEGE IS A LONG and stressful process that involves filling out an application, writing and revising an essay,

paying an application fee—and then anxiously waiting for the verdict.

But now, thanks to a Foundation Economic Mobility grant, students can apply to Pennsylvania Western University or PennWest through Niche.com and, within minutes, find out if they are accepted and if they are eligible for a merit-based scholarship.

Dr. Shelley Scherer, President and CEO of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Foundation, believes that the new, streamlined process will lower barriers for first-generation and low-income students who may be hesitant to apply.

Similarly, at a time when the pool of college-age prospective students is declining nationwide, the online service will enable PennWest University to grow the number of applicants for its California, Clarion and Edinboro campuses. "It's a shrinking pool," she said of the number of highschool graduates. "Now more than ever, it's important to maximize resources, both technology and human capital, to connect with prospective students."

The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded a \$322,000 grant to the PASSHE Foundation to enable PennWest to join 146 colleges nationwide that are part of the Niche Direct Admissions program. "This grant is a game-changer," Dr. Scherer said. "By allowing PennWest to launch direct admissions with Niche.com, this grant not only helps PennWest, but also serves as a pilot to inform the enrollment management strategies of the State System's nine other universities."

"One of my driving passions is to make sure every child has the opportunity to be their best selves," Scherer said. "I believe that a high-school degree is not sufficient for a child to thrive economically. You need some kind of post-secondary credential," whether that be college or a technical school, she said.

While there is criticism that the high cost of college is not worth it, the data suggests otherwise, Scherer said. She cited the fact that 75% of State System graduates who enter college from low-income families move into the middle class within 10 years of graduation. PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Dr. Shelley Scherer and Luke Skurman

Before she joined the PASSHE Foundation in May of 2023, Scherer spent seven years as the Associate Executive Director of The Pittsburgh Promise, an organization that gives Pittsburgh Public School students a college scholarship if they achieve a 2.0 GPA.

She would go to college fairs with students who were worried they were not college material. Then they would walk up to the table of a university recruiter, answer questions and get accepted on the spot. Their joy in that moment was contagious, as Pittsburgh Promise staff would ring a cowbell to celebrate.

By applying via Niche.com, that kind of instant feedback can be replicated in an even more convenient setting—at home on the computer. Applicants can set up a profile in about five minutes with information such as grades, test scores, college preferences and course-of-study interests. They find out right away if they are accepted.

Niche.com also connects prospective students with other colleges in its network that align with their interests. For example, students from outside Pennsylvania who are exploring out-of-state options may be introduced to PennWest, thus expanding the State System school's reach and applicant pool.

Niche.com was founded in 2013 by Luke Skurman, a Carnegie Mellon graduate. The company, which has 340 employees, is headquartered in the Strip District section of Pittsburgh.

"Today's students expect a modern, personalized, and transparent admissions process," said Skurman, Founder and CEO of Niche. "Forward-thinking schools like PennWest and the visionaries at the Richard King Mellon Foundation, recognize the need for higher education to innovate, especially if we're to do a better job reaching first-gen, Pell Grant eligible students and underrepresented communities, which direct admissions does."

Scherer was not a first-generation student, but she was a low-income student who got a full ride to Carleton College in Minnesota. She saw how college transformed her life.

She said the experience was important not just for what she learned in class but also the connections and social capital it enabled.

Scherer worked as a consultant in the corporate world before earning a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in 2015.

For Scherer, earning a PhD was never about becoming a professor. Rather, she wanted to apply the knowledge she gained in the classroom to the real world, by helping students to become the best versions of themselves.

Inspiring Students with Science—and His Life Story



With its new Hill District site, Dr. Andre Samuel and The Citizen Science Lab will be able to serve nearly twice as many students

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R. ANDRE SAMUEL ONCE LIVED IN ABANDONED BUILDINGS and homeless shelters after dropping out of college with a felony arrest. He went to

rehab for his crack addiction, and in a stunning turnaround, he went back to college and earned a PhD in biology at age 42. After working in major research labs, he now uses his experience to help young people thrive in STEM fields.

Dr. Samuel's students at The Citizen Science Lab are surprised when the Chief Executive Officer who guides them through hands-on lab experiments candidly tells his backstory. But he's happy to share every harrowing detail. "I hope it inspires people. The students are like, 'If he can do it, I can do it.'"

And now, Dr. Samuel will have even more opportunities to tell that story, with The Citizen Science Lab opening a new, expanded learning lab in the Hill District. The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded \$1.6 million in 2024 to the nonprofit to open its second site, in what previously was the Martin Luther King Jr. Reading and Cultural Center on Herron Avenue. The Hillman Foundation contributed another \$1 million and McCauley Ministries \$500,000 for the renovation of the building, owned by the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

The expanded space will enable The Citizen Science Lab to serve as many as 3,000 students a year, almost double its 2024 enrollment. Classes and camps explore scientific fields such as robotics, drones and soft-tissue fabrication. The 1,800 square feet of lab and classroom space also will house a zoology lab and a tissue lab, enabling students to do basic cell manipulations and cultures.

While emphasizing STEM learning for underserved students, The Citizen Science Lab is open to all, even adults. Students who can pay for the after-school programs and camps help subsidize the students who cannot afford it. The Citizen Science Lab's reach is extended further when instructors from the nonprofit make school visits to offer enhanced programming in those schools.

The Foundation also contributed \$400,000 to The Citizen Science Lab in 2024 for general operations, to help cover the cost of programs such as the Biodome Project, the science-kit equivalent of Little Free Libraries. The new location also will have a cafe and toddler lab, where The Citizen Science Lab can earn revenue through birthday parties.

And it will give Dr. Samuel—who has an infectious joy about science and animals the opportunity to teach more classes. He was tickled to learn that parents have used his classes as motivation for good behavior, threatening not to let their children attend his classes if they misbehave.

Opening the Hill District facility means the nonprofit is coming full circle. It originally was founded in the Hill District, through a partnership between Duquesne University and Urban Innovation21.

As the Founder of The Citizen Science Lab, Dr. Samuel also has come full circle.

A native of Washington, D.C., he attended Tuskegee University but dropped out after being sentenced to probation for writing bad checks and then spiraling with a crack addiction. He made good money as a waiter but knew he wanted to become a scientist. At age 27, he returned to college, getting a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of the District Columbia before receiving a PhD in biology at Duquesne University. He did his doctoral research on the structure and function of the cold shock-related proteins in E. coli.

Giving More Students the Chance to Peak at Valley School





S THE SUN POKES THROUGH THE FOREST AND LINN RUN CREEK gurgles behind them, second graders at Valley School of Ligonier write in their nature

journals. On this Fall day, they sit in front of a pond stocked with trout and watch the fish jump to eat insects.

These students are not at a nature retreat—they're in science class at this 79-yearold independent school. Valley School's beautiful wooded campus in Rector allows for plenty of fresh air alongside rigorous academics, all with an emphasis on socialemotional learning.

The K-8 school operates much the way it did when General Richard King Mellon and Constance Prosser Mellon founded it in 1946.

"Constance believed strongly in the socialemotional, ethical and physical development of each child," said Dr. Jonathan Strecker, now in his eighth year as Head of School. He said the Mellons invited children of all economic means to attend by offering generous financial aid.

Valley School is continuing that tradition today, thanks to a \$1 million grant in 2024 from the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

Valley School used most of the grant to provide financial assistance to many of its 212 students for the 2024-2025 school year. The rest of the grant covered learning-support enhancements, including the hiring of four learning specialists and a counselor.

About 65 percent of the 2024-2025 student body receive financial aid, Strecker said, paying as little as \$1,800 a year for an education he values at \$30,000. Students who don't qualify for aid pay \$18,000. Valley School accepts students from up to 30 minutes away, busing them in from Johnstown, Mount Pleasant and Greensburg.

"Many alums have come back to tell me how they were plucked out of nowhere and had an experience here like no other," Dr. Strecker said. Healthy food is stressed with a salad bar in the cafeteria. Meals are served homestyle with a mix of grades at each table.

Nature is deeply embedded in the curriculum. On a recent day, third graders in Moira Smith's science class stood on gravel trails, listening to sounds in the forest and writing and drawing about them in their nature journals. Students also learn to fly fish after growing trout from eggs in an aquarium. "Our eighth graders get more recess time than many kindergarteners," Dr. Strecker said.

The student to teacher ratio is 14:1. Teachers are empowered to avoid burnout they teach four or five classes a day and get time to prep during the school day, so they can go home to be with their families after school.

If a student is having an academic problem, their social and emotional needs are considered. "If you teach a kid how to regulate their emotions, it's a 12 percent boost in their intellect," Dr. Strecker said. "If they feel like they are part of a community, it's a nine percent boost." He discovered those correlations as part of his doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Strecker grew up in a small town in Ohio—a disinterested student who graduated from high school with a 2.2 GPA. He worked at a factory shipping department and hated the monotony. He decided to try college and got into Ohio State, where he studied neuroscience and psychology and majored in education. He received a doctorate in education and educational leadership at Sam Houston State University. After serving as head of the middle school at Stanley Clark School in Indiana and The John Cooper School in Texas, he came to Valley School in 2017.

In academia, he learned how socialemotional growth impacts academic performance. At Valley School, he, and the faculty and staff, put that knowledge into practice. As he waved to the students in plaid skirts and khaki pants in the hallways, he said, "Sometimes I feel like their grandfather."

Dr. Jonathan Strecker said nearly twothirds of new students at the Ligonier Valley independent school receive financial aid

37 Grants & PRIs

TOTALING

\$13,238,894

The Foundation's Health & Well-Being program invests in healthier lives for the people of Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.



Dr. Emily Lovallo and Dan LaVallee

Freedom House 2.0





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Scott Steiner

President and Chief Operating Officer of Phoebe Putney Health System

The Freedom House Ambulance Legacy Lives On

Dr. Emily Lovallo and Dan LaVallee are helping people in disadvantaged communities to become EMTs, community-health workers and other health-care professionals

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HEN DR. EMILY LOVALLO MOVED TO PITTSBURGH TO WORK IN THE emergency rooms of UPMC hospitals, she never had heard of Freedom House. She didn't

know the inspiring story of how residents of the Hill District formed the nation's first ambulance service in 1967, because people in their neighborhood felt they couldn't count on police to offer transportation to the hospital for medical emergencies.

All Dr. Lovallo knew was that she wanted the modern healthcare workforce in Pittsburgh to be better connected to its patients.

She began researching whether there was any workforce-development program for underserved communities and happened to meet some of the original Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) of the Freedom House ambulance service, including John Moon, who recently retired as Assistant Chief of Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Service. He and others told her how Freedom House workers pioneered pre-hospital care. The Foundation was an original funder of those pioneers, awarding \$50,000 to Freedom House in 1968 to purchase its first ambulances. Inspired by the success of the original Freedom House and building on the legacy of its founders, Dr. Lovallo was one of the leaders to form Freedom House 2.0 in 2021. As the Medical Director of Freedom House 2.0, she works with Dan LaVallee, Senior Director of Social Impact at UPMC, to reach out to underserved communities in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, to recruit people to go through training to become EMTs, community-health workers and other healthcare professionals. More than 190 students in 19 cohorts have graduated statewide, most of them in the Pittsburgh area. About 70 percent find jobs after graduation.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation in 2024 granted \$400,000 to the latest iteration of Freedom House 2.0. The trauma-informed, flexible program is designed to meet the needs of its students, many of them single mothers who face economic and transportation barriers.

Since many people can't afford to quit their jobs and attend training, the program provides a stipend of up to \$1,200 that includes a gas card or bus pass. Students receive a uniform to wear to clinical-observation shifts, and access to a food pantry.
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Dr. Emily Lovallo and Dan LaVallee

But none of those components address the biggest barrier. "Time and time again, the reason why people don't successfully complete the program is childcare," Dr. Lovallo said.

Learning from previous cohorts, program hours have been shortened to 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., so parents can drop off and pick up children from school. And "if a parent has an emergency, they can bring a child to class. It's a beautiful thing," Dr. Lovallo said.

Freedom House 2.0 also utilizes artificial intelligence and virtual reality to train community-health workers, who visit people in their homes and connect them to social services to prevent unnecessary emergency room trips.

To advance these augmented-reality and virtual-reality training initiatives, the Foundation also awarded \$745,200 to The WonderSeed Foundation, based in Los Angeles, to develop AR and VR training scenarios. In one scenario, a 60-year-old woman who lives alone with her cat gets defensive when the community-health worker asks if she is taking her medication. The modules give students instant feedback on metrics such as empathy.

The platform is highly scalable and enables high-fidelity training without the pressure or high costs associated with human capital. This allows key personnel to focus on mission-critical tasks, while also offering users the flexibility to engage in impromptu training at their own pace and convenience. The scenarios are so realistic that they create new neural pathways in the brain to reinforce effective communication.

LaVallee said the flexibility of Freedom House 2.0 is a model for UPMC workplace training.

Freedom House 2.0 has shown that "If you continue to invest in people and meet them where they are, they'll get jobs and move up," LaVallee said. He said there are Freedom House 2.0 graduates who are now in nursing school.

FREEDOM HOUSE 2.0

Making Quality Hospital Care Readily Available in Rural Areas, too

Scott Steiner of Phoebe Putney Health System believes quality health care should be available to all, regardless of geography

NTIL RECENTLY, IF SOMEONE IN ALBANY, GEORGIA WAS SERIOUSLY injured in a car, farming or other traumatic accident and needed advanced trauma care,

they faced an hour-and-a-half long journey to the nearest center. Like sand slipping through an hourglass, those precious minutes of transport could be the difference between life and death.

But now those patients in rural southwestern Georgia can go to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's Trauma & Critical Care Tower, which opened this year. The Richard King Mellon Foundation contributed \$2 million toward the \$150 million Tower. The Foundation has been supporting health and well-being in rural Georgia since the 1980s.

Years ago, Phoebe Putney Health System set a goal of creating a Level II trauma center in Albany. When Scott Steiner became the health system's President and Chief Operating Officer in 2019, he made the difficult task of building a trauma program a priority. He had previously worked at hospital systems in Detroit and Chicago but wanted to improve health care in a close-knit rural community. "Rural America has had a challenging time getting access to care and state-of-theart services," Steiner says. "We have been dispelling that notion for many years. You don't have to go to Atlanta or Jacksonville to access these services, which save lives."

Phoebe believes quality health care should not be determined by geography. "If you take a county in Atlanta and take a county in rural Georgia, there are disparities all over the place. These investments will allow us to close that gap."

The majority of trauma patients in rural Albany are injured in accidents involving cars, large farming machinery and all-terrain vehicles, as well as injuries caused by falls and violence. While the hospital's busy emergency center sees around 65,000 patients a year, the trauma team—which includes trauma surgeons, emergency-medicine physicians, anesthesiologists, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, radiologists and trauma nurses expects to care for up to 1,200 trauma patients annually.

The Foundation's 2024 grant also will help to cover the costs of community education for those who might find themselves at the scene



of an accident. That training was life-saving after a high-school graduation party last year when a car flipped over, throwing a boy into the road. A passenger who had been trained by Phoebe medical staff applied a tourniquet.

The hospital also expanded its neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to accommodate the growing number of premature babies either born in the hospital or transported there because of its designation as one of Georgia's six regional perinatal centers. On an average day, the expanded NICU unit cares for 40 to 50 babies who are born with serious health conditions, or who are born prematurely, as early as 22 weeks. "We are taking care of the smallest and most fragile babies." The problem is especially acute among Black babies, as one in four were classified as low or very low birth weight, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

The expanded space also creates more room for family bonding. The NICU provides

semi-private rooms, equipped with showers, to allow parents to stay overnight and regroup after the stress of a difficult birth.

The new tower also will have a 20-bed adult intensive care unit, a computerized tomography scanner, ultrasound scanners, two diagnostic radiology rooms and other state-ofthe-art technology.

Steiner grew up in St. Louis, the son of a nurse who would take her teenage son with her to dissection labs. He was always fascinated by health care.

He enjoys working with community members in a tight-knit rural community, where he sees people he knows in restaurants and grocery stores.

"It's a chance to be part of a community that rallies together to do the right thing for human beings, whether they weigh 13 ounces or are 90 years old. It was the connection I was looking for, and I found it."

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27 Grants & PRIs

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totaling \$3,218,599

The Organizational Effectiveness program helps the Foundation's nonprofit partner organizations and their leaders to work even more effectively and impactfully.











Kate Stookey

President and Chief Executive Officer of Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Bringing Greater Business Savvy to Maine Coast Conservation

MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

Kate Stookey wants to maximize the positive performance of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust

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ATE STOOKEY GREW UP NEAR MAINE'S ACADIA NATIONAL PARK. She was certain its craggy shorelines and mountain trails were the most spectacular part of her state. Now, as President

and Chief Executive Officer of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, she travels to every cranny of the Maine coast, and, along the way, she has learned an important lesson: Residents and visitors up and down the Maine coast are quite certain *they* live in the most idyllic part of Maine.

And, she said, they're all correct.

"It's because the state of Maine is remarkable—every inch of it. I understand why people are so loyal to their piece of it."

As she looks outward toward the coastal islands and rugged coastline, Stookey also has been looking at the inner workings of the nonprofit, so it can maximize its positive conservation impact as the organization and the need for its services continues to grow.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation awarded a \$500,000 Organizational Effectiveness grant to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) in 2024, to realign its organizational structure with a new strategic plan; to build an intranet so employees can communicate more effectively with each other; and to strengthen the organization's branding and other external communications.

"Nature is still big and bold in Maine," Stookey said. "It reminds you that you are part of something bigger. With strengthened organizational capacity, updated branding, our guiding principles, and a vision statement, we are in a better position to leverage more resources for our work."

Through the Foundation grant, consultants were hired to help the staff conduct an organizational-design assessment to restructure and clarify roles, titles, and job levels for the 70-some staffers who work in MCHT's four offices. "We are amplifying staff's voices and perspectives and moving more of the decision-making closer to the work," Stookey said.

The Foundation's investment also will allow Maine Coast Heritage Trust to undertake a rebranding to improve public understanding of its work and to engage more people in conservation efforts across the state.

Stookey came to MCHT in 2022, carrying on the proud tradition of Peggy Rockefeller and Tom Cabot who founded the nonprofit in 1970. To protect the coast and keep it open to the public, the nonprofit was an early leader in the practice of creating conservation easements agreements with landowners to restrict future development. It also created and coordinated the Maine Land Trust Network, a network of more than 80 local land trusts.

"We are all working together. Maine's land trusts are responsible for a little over 60 percent of Maine's protected lands, conserving about 2.9 million acres. The work we do is critical."

Stookey said MCHT's branding needed to be updated to reflect its current priorities. "Our new marketing efforts will signal the shift we've been making over the past decade toward more community-centered conservation and our emphasis on collaboration and partnerships statewide."

Stookey's previous jobs enabled her to bring business savvy to the nonprofit.

After graduating from Brown University with a degree in international relations in 1993, she worked at several advertising and marketing firms and then became marketing manager for The History Channel. She moved to the nonprofit sector, working as a program manager in Azerbaijan for an international development agency. She also served for a decade as the Chief of Public Affairs and Community Partnerships at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. She further sharpened her business acumen by earning a certificate in strategic leadership at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and a graduate certificate in organizational behavior from Harvard University's Extension School.

Her career took her around the nation and even around the world. But wherever she was living at the time, Stookey would always tell people that she was from Maine. Coming back to her home state has been such a joy. "I don't think I realized how long I'd been holding my breath."

18 PRIs

TOTALING \$5,955,000

Through its Social-Impact Investment program, the Foundation invests in for-profit companies with social missions that align with the Foundation's philanthropy.

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Dr. Destenie Nock

Chief Executive Officer, Peoples Energy Analytics







Dr. Jay Chhablani

President of Netramind Innovations and Director of Clinical Research at the UPMC Eye Center



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CTO of CorePower Magnetics

Entrepreneurs Driven to Generate Returns for Society as well as Themselves

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, the Richard King Mellon Foundation in 2024 held a Social-Impact Investment Pitch Competition. The Foundation received 66 submissions for the competition, from the founders of for-profit companies with social missions that complement the Foundation's philanthropic goals. The Foundation's Board of Trustees chose four winners, after recommendations from Foundation staff and a national panel of judges. The winners received a combined \$1.4 million in investments from the Foundation.

Unlike traditional investors, the goal of the Foundation's social-impact investments is to generate positive social returns for communities, rather than financial returns for investors. If the Foundation also receives a financial return on its social-impact investments, the principal is redeployed to other philanthropic ventures, generating further social good.

Here are the stories of the four winning companies from the 2024 Social-Impact Investment Pitch Competition: PEOPLES ENERGY ANALYTICS



FIRST PLACE Peoples Energy Analytics, \$500,000 (Health & Well-Being)

Destenie Nock was earning a doctorate in industrial engineering and studying energy systems—and yet she couldn't pay her own energy bills. The cruel irony of her situation hit her every time she left her warm office at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and stepped into a house so frigid she could see her breath.

It was the winter of 2018-2019, and she had moved with two roommates into a house that had oil heating, not realizing it would cost them about \$800 every six weeks. They didn't have the money, so they scrimped on food, but it wasn't enough. Their heat was cut off while there was snow on the ground. For most people, that experience might simply have become one of those college stories people love to tell later in life. But it left Dr. Nock with a new appreciation of what people endure when they are energy insecure—and a desire to do something about it. Three years later, after becoming a Carnegie Mellon University Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, she founded Peoples Energy Analytics, to help prevent others from losing their heat or air conditioning. She and her students developed an algorithm that can identify people who have problems paying their energy bills before they miss payments, so the utility company can offer energy assistance.



"I believe energy is the essential service that enables all other essential services," Dr. Nock said. "If your energy bills are making it really hard to be in your home and be productive, and you're worried about your pipes freezing, then it is really hard to live a good life." Extreme heat makes it equally hard to be productive and can lead to dehydration and death.

Her own experience made her believe that customers at risk of having their heat turned off were using less energy than other customers. Her premise countered the conventional wisdom that low-utilization customers were not facing dire financial straits, but rather were just more energy efficient.

A colleague at Carnegie Mellon told her, "Anecdotal evidence isn't real. Go prove it."

She and her students did just that. They discovered that low-income groups in Arizona waited until it was four to six degrees hotter to turn on their air conditioning than did higherincome groups.

The reverse was true in Chicago in winter—low-income customers turned on their

heat earlier in the winter due to poor insulation and older housing.

At the suggestion of a student, she used that research as the basis for her business. She knew from her own experience that "it's easier to be offered help than to ask for it." While she did eventually ask her father for assistance paying her bills in graduate school, others risk death from living in excessively cold or hot conditions, rather than ask for help.

Three utility companies have signed up for the service, including Peoples Natural Gas based in Pittsburgh. The algorithm leads to savings for the companies, too, since disconnecting a customer not only means lost revenue but also entails the expense of sending out a truck to disconnect and later reconnect the residence.

Dr. Nock's personal story also debunks victim-blaming from people who believe that anyone who can't pay their energy bills just isn't trying hard enough.

"I was getting my PhD in energy planning, and I had trouble paying my bills."

SECOND PLACE Marinus Analytics LLC, \$400,000 (Economic Mobility)

Marinus Analytics has been using Artificial Intelligence, or AI, to help law enforcement to recover and safeguard victims from the dark and hidden corners of human trafficking. The Pittsburgh-based company founded in 2014 operates Traffic Jam, an AI tool created at Carnegie Mellon. Traffic Jam analyzes images and text in online advertisements for sexual services such as escorting. The tool quickly analyzes reams of data to discover human trafficking rings, child abuse and cyber fraud in a timely manner.

Now, Cara Jones, Chief Executive Officer of Marinus, is developing a new AI search tool to go one step further, to zero in on youth in the childwelfare system, who are disproportionately at risk of being commercially sexually exploited. For instance, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported one in six of the 25,000 runaway children in 2021 were likely to be victims of human trafficking. The 2023 Trafficking in Persons Report recommends that any child who passes through the juvenile-justice or child-welfare systems be screened for indicators of human trafficking.

Marinus has leveraged its existing counter-trafficking tool, Traffic Jam, to develop a new platform, Missing Persons Watch, or MPWatch, to support child-welfare agencies with technology-enabled screenings at-scale. Marinus will pilot the program with child-welfare agencies in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, as well as one or two state agencies.

THIRD PLACE Troutwood LLC, \$300,000 (Economic Development)

For years, Gene Natali, Chief Executive Officer of Troutwood, has been addressing the primary source of stress in America—money. Natali has given talks about financial literacy to more than 1,000 unique classrooms and conferences and written two award-winning Personal Finance books (*The Missing Semester*). With 84 percent of Americans reporting financial stress, it is a timely but often overlooked topic.

Troutwood, founded in 2019 out of Carnegie Mellon University's Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship, has developed an app that combines an easy-to-use interface with institutional-level planning tools. Troutwood Basic offers financial planning and budgeting tools to help its customers to build plans for their financial future and to make more informed financial decisions. Troutwood PRO helps guide users to important financial goals. Both platforms are supported at the organizational level, by an employer, school, or financial institution.

The Foundation's investment will enable Troutwood to offer its app-based financial literacy platform to some 2,500 students in 30 K-12 schools in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties.

FOURTH PLACE

Korion Health, Inc., \$200,000 (Health & Well-Being)

When Anna Li was a second-year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh, she came up with the idea for a medical device that would help prevent heart disease, the leading cause of death worldwide.

She assembled a team to create an electronic stethoscope. Heart disease is preventable with early screenings, but many people can't make it to a clinic to be screened, because of cost, distance, childcare and other barriers. The at-home device would allow people to screen for heart and lung disease from the convenience of their homes.

Li not only created the electronic stethoscope, she launched Korion Health Inc. to develop and deploy it. The Foundation's investment will enable Korion Health to conduct clinical research for its electronic stethoscope. Korion Health also will report its findings and distribute them to relevant parties in the scientific community. Li ultimately hopes to produce a suite of medical devices that patients can use at home.

Korion Health also in 2024 won the \$1 million Hult Prize, a prestigious social entrepreneurship competition in London.

Preventing Blindness ... While Shopping

Dr. Jay Chhablani and Netramind Innovations have a vision for protecting vision

NETRAMIND INNOVATIONS

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OR YEARS, DR. JAY CHHABLANI HAS BEEN PREDICTING THAT someday people would be able to find out if they are at risk of macular degeneration, a

leading cause of blindness, while visiting their local pharmacy. Some people in the medical establishment scoffed at him.

But Chhablani's idea is moving closer to becoming reality. The company he heads, Netramind Innovations, has developed software called AEye360 that can be incorporated into an imaging device, where it synthesizes information with the help of artificial intelligence. The goal is to deploy imaging devices at retailers and grocery stores, to enable people to obtain inexpensive scans of their eyes while shopping, to find out if they are at risk.

The Richard King Mellon Foundation invested \$250,000 in Netramind, for the development and testing of AEye360 and to optimize its algorithm.

"People didn't believe me, but now it's coming true," said Chhablani, President of Netramind Innovations and Director of Clinical Research at the UPMC Eye Center.

"When you pick up your prescription, you pay \$20, get a quick eye scan, and the report lets you know that you have macular degeneration and need to see a retina specialist," he said.

Macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss in adults 55 and older, affecting some 20 million adults in the United States at a cost of about \$4.5 billion a year, he said.

And the problem is expected to become even more widespread. By 2050, an estimated 10 million patients worldwide will suffer from macular degeneration, he said.

The problem is particularly acute in lowincome communities around the world where access to care is limited and a visit to an eye doctor can be financially prohibitive. In such areas, "There are no treatments available and no facilities to see the patients. Or the doctors are overwhelmed," Chhablani said.

While eye injections can improve someone's vision, about 40 percent of macular degeneration patients don't respond with available treatment, because the disease is too far advanced at presentation. Early detection is crucial to preventing blindness, he said. The Foundation's investment is focused on helping Netramind to benefit people in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties. But "Our big vision is to serve low-resource communities, not just in the United States, but beyond to different countries," Chhablani said. "Our tools are going to help a lot of people."

While an eye scan can tell whether someone has eye swelling and other biomarkers of macular degeneration, a person's health history can provide other predictive information. A customer of the imaging device with AEye360 software will be asked to answer health questions, to unearth any family history of blindness, their smoking history and their incidence of cardiac disease.

Within seconds, the AI-powered software can synthesize all that information with the eye scan and may recommend that a customer visit a retina specialist. "What we did was put the whole thing into a single tool, and each of them is going to add to the predictive value."

Based on the report, doctors can prioritize seeing patients who exhibit the most advanced stages of macular degeneration.

Dr. Chhablani grew up in a small town in India and attended Pt. JNM Medical College in Raipur, India. He later chose to specialize in ophthalmology. "The best part?" he said, "Ophthalmology is relevant to everyone—it touches every life you see around you."

He was recruited to UPMC in 2019 by Dr. José Alain Sahel, Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, a world-renowned retina specialist and visionary. Dr. Chhablani and Dr. Sahel cofounded Netramind innovations along with their machine learning colleagues, Dr. Kiran Vupparaboina and Dr. Sandeep Bollepalli, Assistant Professors of Ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Chhablani named the company Netramind because "netra" means eye in Sanskrit. The company has grown to six parttime employees.

Before the imaging device with AEye360 software can be installed on imaging devices at retailers, it first will have to be tested in clinical trials. Chhablani predicts that it may be available to the public within a few years.

"We wanted to go beyond publications, beyond research. We really wanted to bring it to the people."

New, Cleaner "Steel Mill" to Make **EVs More Efficient**

Dr. Paul Ohodnicki and Dr. Sam Kernion hope to employ up to 1,000 people, prioritizing hiring from lower-income communities



Dr. Sam Kernion and Dr. Paul Ohodnicki

COREPOWER

R. PAUL OHODNICKI AND DR. SAM KERNION GREW UP IN Pittsburgh decades after the days of smokestacks and sootdarkened skies. Now, the Chief Technology Officer and Chief Executive Officer, respectively, of CorePower Magnetics, they plan to bring a new, cleaner kind of "steel mill" to the city once defined by them—one that will help grid and electric vehicles (EVs)

improve efficiency. The Pittsburgh-based company has created magnetic steel alloys that are more efficient than those currently used in EV motors. CorePower's patented new alloys also will integrate with the grid more efficiently, improving the performance of transformers used at every electrical "intersection," an increasingly important need as the grid becomes more complex and distributed with the growth of renewables, data centers, and EVs.

The company, a spinoff of Carnegie Mellon University and the National Energy Technology Laboratory, plans to open a new steel-manufacturing facility in Pittsburgh. A \$500,000 investment from the Richard King Mellon Foundation will help with site selection and enable the company to develop a curriculum to train the first 50 employees. The employees will be trained in a 10,000-square foot facility above CorePower's current offices in the Energy Innovation Center in Pittsburgh, in preparation for the opening of the manufacturing plant in the next few years.

Regardless of where electricity comes from or how it's used, every electron passes through multiple magnetic components. Magnetic components make up a substantial portion of EV drivetrains, including the motors that propel the car forward as well as transformers and inductors that condition the power. But the materials are not as efficient as they might be, losing electricity and adding weight and bulk to these components.

In 2012, Dr. Kernion was a doctoral student in materials sciences and engineering at Carnegie Mellon University when he started collaborating with Dr. Ohodnicki, a researcher at the National Energy Technology Lab who had recently graduated from the same group at Carnegie Mellon, to create a new alloy using nanocrystalline technology. Before they could turn their alloy into a commercial product, they had to refine their concept, obtain patents and gain business experience. Dr. Kernion went to Reading, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, to work at Carpenter Technology Corporation. Dr. Ohodnicki continued his research at the National Energy Technology Laboratory before co-founding CorePower Magnetics in 2020, becoming Chief Technology Officer. A year later, the founding team, including Ohodnicki, Kevin Byerly, Leah Ohodnicki, and Mike McHenry, tapped Dr. Kernion to lead the company.

Instead of the fiery spectacle of traditional steel making, the CorePower Magnetics facility will create ribbon-thin sheets of steel directly from molten metal using a rotating wheel that cools the material at around 1 million degrees per second. Dr. Kernion said the process results in minimal emissions. "It is a relatively clean process."

The lighter alloy will make for a more efficient EV, said Dr. Ohodnicki. "Current designs estimate improvements in EV drivecycle weighted efficiency as much as five to 10 percent as compared to traditional motors, which directly impacts the range of an EV. For example, EVs could drive five to 10 percent longer before charging, or the batteries could be five to 10 percent smaller. This can all be done without the need for rare earth metals, alleviating supply chain concerns."

The new steel magnetics also can be used to reduce the needs for thermal management of data centers and to alleviate supply-chain constraints for transformers for housing developments. "There is a distribution transformer shortage going on right now in the U.S., and that's impacting housing prices," Dr. Kernion said.

Dr. Kernion said potential customers already have expressed interest in their product. Initially, he plans to have 80 employees and then hundreds, possibly as many as 1,000. And the company will prioritize hiring from lower-income communities.

"We really see untapped potential here in the region to get more people involved. We have a strong legacy here, obviously, of steel making, but it has gone away quite a bit. This is a different kind of steel making."

Bringing Grantees Together to Accelerate Positive Impact

The Foundation hosted seven grantee convenings at its new office in 2024



RANTMAKING ALWAYS WILL BE THE CENTERPIECE OF THE Foundation's philanthropic work. But grants and programrelated investments are not the

only tools the Foundation utilizes to advance its mission. Another important tool is hosting grantee convenings. And the Foundation's new Pittsburgh office enables the Foundation to deploy this tool more robustly than ever before.

The Foundation hosted seven convenings in 2024, and this story includes photos from three of the larger ones: On Oct. 1, the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, a partner in the Foundation's Conservation program, held its first-ever national convening at the Foundation's office; on Oct. 16, the Foundation hosted a convening for companies funded through its Social-Impact Investment program, to announce the winners of the 2024 Pitch Competition; and, later in October, the Foundation hosted a two-day convening for select Economic Mobility grantees.

The Foundation hosts convenings to bring together people from a subject-matter area who might not otherwise have the opportunity to interact in person. Such interactions can be a powerful accelerant to their shared endeavors.

This note from Jessica Turner, CEO of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable, was emblematic of the positive grantee response to the convenings:

"Thank you for providing your support, hospitality, and expertise to our National Leadership Forum on Rural Development earlier this month. We have received great feedback about the networking, conversations and topics covered last week, so thank you again for sponsoring this successful first-ever convening. It was a privilege for us to host an exceptional group of 70 rural development leaders in Pittsburgh."

The Foundation's new Pittsburgh office, called The Auction House, is in the city's historic Strip District. The Foundation moved to the new space in April 2024.

The Foundation chose The Auction House as its new home due to the property's Downtown proximity; its easy accessibility for grantees; the opportunities it offers for large-group convenings; and the historic role of the building in Pittsburgh's economy. Like the Foundation, The Auction House played a pivotal role in Pittsburgh's 20th century economic development.





(Above) Baratunde Thurston, host of *America Outdoors*, speaks at the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable convening

(Below) Economic Mobility grantees convened at the Foundation's new office in October 2024





(Above) The entrance to The Auction House

(Below) Company founders gather for a convening to celebrate the winners of the 2024 Social-Impact Pitch Competition.



A breakout session at the Economic Mobility convening

By the early 20th century, Pittsburgh had grown to become one of the principal auction markets in the United States. And the Strip District's terminal building, with its ready access to freight rail, was poised to become a regional center for wholesale produce distribution. To better manage the burgeoning commerce, in 1929, a two-story auction house, the Pennsylvania Railroad Fruit Auction & Sales Building, was constructed at the terminal's easternmost end.

The terminal building functioned as the economic heart of the Strip District for more than 40 years. But the produce market evolved in the late 20th Century, and fruit wholesaling diminished. In 2019, McCaffery Inc., a national real-estate developer, was awarded a 99-year lease to repurpose the sprawling property. McCaffery transformed the terminal building into The Terminal, a quarter-mile long array of restaurants and retail establishments. And the Pennsylvania Railroad Fruit Auction & Sales Building was renamed The Auction House and converted to office space.

The Foundation signed a long-term lease for the second floor of The Auction House in September 2022, and its build-out commenced in September 2023. The new space includes private offices, conference rooms and a wide range of open meeting spaces—the latter an homage to Richard King Mellon's leadership of the former Mellon Bank. A 1967 article in *Fortune* magazine related how Richard King Mellon kept a desk in the open, on the bank's main floor, so that he easily could meet with entrepreneurs.

Reflective of the Foundation's longtime focus on environmental conservation, the Foundation managed construction to achieve LEED Silver status, through the utilization of sustainable lighting and water systems; amenities that enable employees to bike to the office; and by prioritizing sustainable materials in the construction process. The office further highlights the Foundation's focus on environmental conservation with its ample natural light, its green color scheme and the preserved 16-foot tree in its lobby area. Surrounding the preserved tree is a bench divided into four quadrants, reflecting the four branches of Richard King Mellon's family tree. The Foundation today is led by Richard King Mellon's grandchildren, representing all four family branches.

The new office also is designed to be a celebration of the Foundation's grantees. Nearly 2,000 organizations have received funding from the Foundation since it was formed in 1947, and each organization is named on the inside wall of the Richard King Mellon convening room. The exterior of the room is adorned with a timeline of the Foundation's past and present—with additonal perimeter space reserved to memorialize the positive achievements of future grantees.

Convenings are one of four tools in the Foundation's 2021-2030 Strategic Plan. The other three are grantmaking; partnershipbuilding; and communication.

Making a Positive Difference through Film

THE RICHARD KING MELLON FOUNDATION helped to fund four films in 2024—part of an ongoing Foundation effort to reach national audiences with important public information in compelling and resonant ways.

Two of the films were funded through the Foundation's Conservation program, and two through its Health & Well-Being program.

The two Health & Well-Being films both were funded through separate \$500,000 grants to the Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association. They are:

Ken Burns Presents Hiding in Plain Sight: Adult Mental Illness

Burns, the internationally acclaimed documentary filmmaker, and other partner filmmakers are working to shine a light on the growing mental-health crisis in the United States. The film aspires to help reduce stigmas surrounding mental illness; to identify healthcare system improvements necessary to meet the nation's mental-health challenge; and to highlight innovative mental-health solutions. The film is to be completed in 2026, with national screenings, including one in Pittsburgh, in 2027.

Caregiving

Movie star Bradley Cooper, a Pennsylvania native, cared for his late father, Charles J. Cooper, during his dad's battle with lung cancer. The experience inspired Cooper to produce the story of the 53 million other Americans who put their own life priorities on hold to care for loved ones. The result is the PBS documentary, *Caregiving*, which will debut nationally, and in Pittsburgh, in June 2025. The film seeks to highlight the indispensable societal role played by caregivers, and the often-overwhelming challenges of their work.



Bradley Cooper and his late father Charles J. Cooper, in Caregiving

The two Conservation films both are IMAX films, a medium uniquely well suited to bring the sights and sounds of nature to life. They are:

Vanishing Lands

This film will focus on the loss of Gulf Coast wetland ecosystems and the resulting impacts on fish, wildlife and people. Slated for release in 2027, the film will be accompanied by the production of educational curricula for up to 10,000 school districts, an initiative that aims to reach 7 million students per year with the film's important conservation information. The Foundation awarded \$1 million to the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation to support production of this film.

American Amazon

This film seeks to tell the story of the the natural beauty of the American South, where the last stands of old-growth cypress, tupelo, strap ferns, pitcher plants and epiphytes create an ecosystem that Pulitzer Prize-winning author and pioneering biodiversity scientist E.O. Wilson called the "American Amazon." The film will tell the story of this biodiversity hotspot, one that rivals any other on Earth, but that never before has been documented in film. The Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to the International League of Conservation Photographers to support production of this conservation film.



Ken Burns Presents Hiding in Plain Sight: Adult Mental Illness

Those four 2024 productions build on the success of other high-quality film and television productions the Foundation has supported in recent years.

In 2022, the Foundation sponsored the premier of Wings Over Water, an IMAX film that brought to life the environmental challenges in the Great Plains and its "Prairie Pothole Region." The Prairie Pothole Region is an essential "flyway" network of wetland rest stops for migratory birds. The ecosystem is under duress from human development, with significant implications for birds, for ecosystems and for humans. The film, narrated by acclaimed movie star and Pittsburgh native Michael Keaton, was produced by the same filmmakers who now are making Vanishing Lands. The Foundation's funding supported a premier of the film at the IMAX theater in Pittsburgh's Carnegie Science Center.

Also in 2022, the Foundation supported *America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston*, a PBS television series. One of the goals of *America Outdoors* is to broaden the conservation movement in the United States, which is one of the Foundation's Conservation priorities. Thurston does so by traveling to cherished U.S. ecosystems and bringing their marvels, and their societal value, to life. As part of the Foundation's sponsorship, Thurston came to Pittsburgh in April 2024 for an event hosted by local public television station WQED, to highlight the series. Thurston came back to Pittsburgh in October 2024, also with Foundation support, to speak at the national conference of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (see story, page 14).

That same year, the Foundation also helped to fund *Medical Marvels*, an IMAX film that enhances viewers' understanding of life-changing breakthroughs in medicine and scientific research, and to enhance appreciation for the import of the STEMrelated careers that will drive future medical and scientific breakthroughs. Through the Foundation's funding, the film, like *Wings over Water* before it, was premiered at the Carnegie Science Center.

And in 2021, as part of its multi-year, \$20 million effort to reduce infant mortality, the Foundation funded filmmaker Emmai Alaquiva to make a documentary film that focused on disproportionately high infant-mortality rates in communities of color. The film, *The Ebony Canal*, follows the child-birthing journeys of four mothers and is narrated by acclaimed actress Viola Davis. *The Ebony Canal* first premiered in July 2024 at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center—which served as fiscal sponsor for the project—and since has gone on to win national awards.

The Importance of Holiday-Season Giving

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HE HOLIDAYS ARE A PIVOTAL SEASON FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS. The people they serve often are in greater need in December. And the season also is critically

important for nonprofits themselves, as they look to raise essential funds as the calendar year draws to a close.

To shine a light on the importance of holiday giving to nonprofits, the Foundation in 2024 awarded \$10,000 supplemental grants to 16 local nonprofits. The grants were awarded outside of the Foundation's usual application process.

"So many people in Southwestern Pennsylvania know of nonprofits whose missions they regard to be important, and whose work they judge to be effective," said Foundation Director Sam Reiman. "For those who are able to do so, the holiday season is a particularly important time to demonstrate that support with a charitable gift."

Reiman said the Foundation awarded

the 16 supplemental grants to underscore the importance of holiday-season giving.

Jennifer Miller, CEO of the Westmoreland Food Bank, one of the holiday-grant recipients, said, "We see more families who need our help during this time, people who have never had to ask for a hand up before. It is hard for them to come to us; [holiday-season] support makes it easier for us to help ease their minds and their wallets."

"This time of year is often the most difficult for individuals experiencing homelessness and hardship," said Jerrel T. Gilliam, Executive Director of Light of Life Rescue Mission, another holiday-grant recipient. "The holiday season brings colder weather, increasing the need for our services such as shelter, warm clothing, and nourishing meals. Donations and volunteer support enable organizations like Light of Life to serve holiday meals, distribute essential items like coats and blankets, and provide meaningful community experiences that uplift the spirit."



The \$10,000 holiday grants were awarded on Oct. 30, 2024 to the following nonprofits in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties:

HOLIDAY GRANTEES

Best of the Batch Foundation	to support the Batch A Toys annual holiday drive
Bible Center Church	to support a holiday clothing drive for families in Homewood
Café Momentum Pittsburgh	to support youth employees during the holidays
Cameron Heyward Foundation, Inc.	to support the Suiting Up for Success program
CASA of Westmoreland, Inc.	to support the CASA Holiday Toy Drive
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh	to support the Basic Needs Assistance program
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	to provide food for people in need over the holiday season
Homewood Children's Village	to support a holiday clothing drive for Homewood children
Light of Life Ministries, Inc.	to support holiday meal services
Neighborhood Resilience Project	to help individuals during the holidays through its Community Support programs
Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership	to support the Holiday Market
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy	to support activation of Mellon Square during the holidays
Tree of Life Congregation	to support the Hanukkah Display Project
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	to green and beautify Downtown Pittsburgh for the holiday season
Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc.	to provide food for individuals in need during the holiday season
Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc.	to support the Christmas for Kids program

2024 GRANT AND PRI RECIPIENTS

Conservation \$55,779,005

Allegheny College \$934,877 MEADVILLE, PA

To engage in strategic conservation initiatives to conserve and sustain the land, water and cultural resources of the upper Allegheny River basin

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay Inc. \$250,000 ANNAPOLIS, MD

To expand technical assistance capacity and buffer maintenance

To improve and accelerate best management practices in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

American Prairie Foundation \$4,500,000

BOZEMAN, MT

To acquire multiple properties to assemble a short grass prairie ecosystem reserve in northcentral Montana

American Recreation Coalition \$20,000 WASHINGTON, DC

For costs associated with a keynote speaker for the National Leadership Forum on Rural Economic Development

American Recreation Coalition \$340,000 WASHINGTON, DC

To implement projects which advance the growth of the outdoor recreation

American Rivers, Inc. \$250,000

WASHINGTON, DC

economy

To improve aquatic habitat connectivity via engagement, partnerships, and dam removal implementation in Western Pennsylvania

Appalachian Trail Conservancy \$200,000

HARPERS FERRY, WV

To scale community conservation partnership models along the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania Aspinwall Riverfront Park, Inc. \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To activate a new expanded park space and upgrade current park facilities

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers \$340,000 MISSOULA, MT

To strengthen community engagement in urban areas, habitat stewardship programming, and outreach strategies through increased staff alignment

Bosland Growth, LLC \$500,000

BOULDER, CO

As a program-related investment to restore mine lands by reestablishing forests to generate carbon credit sales in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky

Carnegie Institute \$248,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To undertake an integrated data analysis that advances ecological research and supports the development of educational resources at Powdermill Nature Reserve Carnegie Mellon University \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To map tree of heaven using different aerial sensing modalities, offering a resource to foresters

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc. \$400,000 ANNAPOLIS, MD

To support watershed restoration and best management practices to improve habitat and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To redesign the museum's backyard exhibit and to plan for a new outdoor campus experience

The ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

\$100,000 STATE COLLEGE, PA

To increase outdoor accessibility while creating a healthier community that values conservation

Commons, Inc. \$60,090 WASHINGTON, DC

To manage, measure, and track the impact of ecological restoration and conservation investments

The Conservation Fund A Nonprofit Corporation \$11,000,000 ARLINGTON, VA

A program-related investment to conserve 20,505 acres of temperate coastal forest in support of habitat and rural economies

The Conservation Fund A Nonprofit Corporation \$7,000,000 ARLINGTON, VA

A program-related investment to acquire property located in the Florida Wildlife Corridor

The Conservation Fund A Nonprofit Corporation \$7,000,000 ARLINGTON, VA

A program-related investment to conserve land in Maine's Appalachian High Peaks to support wildlife habitat, water quality, and timber and maple sugaringrelated jobs

The Conservation Fund A Nonprofit Corporation \$500,000

ARLINGTON, VA

To develop and implement regional strategies for investing in conservation and the well-being of Appalachian communities

Davis & Elkins College \$150,000 ELKINS, WV

Toward construction and activation of 3.1 miles of natural surface trail as part of the EAST Trail Master Plan

Delta Waterfowl Foundation \$250,000 BISMARCK, ND

To support the University Hunting Program

Derry Area School District Foundation, Inc. \$163,000 DERRY, PA

To renovate an existing greenhouse and enhance high school agricultural and horticultural programs

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. \$250,000

MEMPHIS, TN

To strengthen and diversify the collegiate hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation program

Environmental Policy Innovation Center

\$200,000 COLLEGE PARK, MD

To evaluate evolving opportunities for private investment in nature, biodiversity, water quality, and similar environmental outcomes

Erie Bird Observatory

\$150,000 ERIE, PA

To promote birding and provide events and services for visiting birders

Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania \$750,000

CALIFORNIA, PA

To protect habitats, restore populations of species of concern and improve water quality

Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds \$750,000 STATE COLLEGE, PA

To accelerate watershed restoration and remediate the impacts of abandoned mine lands

Franklin & Marshall College \$937,500 LANCASTER, PA

To improve water quality and ecosystem health in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Friends of Blackwater, Inc. \$100,000

THOMAS, WV To create a plan for a new

National Historic Trail and to install a new observation platform at Douglas Falls in Blackwater Falls State Park

Friends of the

Cheat, Inc. \$100,000 KINGWOOD, WV

To develop plans for improved Cheat River access and coordinate community outdoor programs

Friends of the

Riverfront, Inc. \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Georgia Audubon, Inc. \$83,000

ATLANTA, GA

To eradicate five non-native invasive plant species impacting migratory birds

Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy \$150,000

HOMESTEAD, PA

To create an implementation plan to achieve longterm infrastructural improvements along the Great Allegheny Passage, and a strategic plan to drive the Conservancy's future accomplishments

Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Inc.

\$150,000 BOZEMAN, MT

To implement grizzly bear conflict prevention projects and improve management practices

Green Building Alliance \$200,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Green Forests Work, Inc.

\$160,000

LEXINGTON, KY

Toward support of operations for mine land restoration in Pennsylvania and the central Appalachians

Grow Pittsburgh

\$150,000

operations

PITTSBURGH, PA Toward support of Headwaters Charitable Trust \$500,000 CURWENSVILLE, PA

To complete 19 state highway road crossings in Clarion, Forest, Elk and McKean counties

Heart of the Rockies Initiative \$550,000 MISSOULA, MT

connecting habitat

To scale durable conservation of private lands in the Central Rocky Mountain region while

Hempfield Township Parks & Recreation Friends of Hempfield Pa \$250,000 GREENSBURG, PA

Toward development of

Weatherwood Community Park in Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County

Hollow Oak Land Trust, Inc. \$220,000 CORAOPOLIS, PA

To protect habitat, water quality, and ecosystem health while promoting healthy outdoor recreational opportunities in Allegheny and Beaver counties

Inland Woods Trails \$190,000

BETHEL, ME

Toward support of operations and equipment to advance the activation of conserved lands and the outdoor recreation economy in western Maine

International League of Conservation Photographers, Inc. \$500,000

ARLINGTON, VA

Toward production of an IMAX film that inspires audiences to engage in conservation of the American South

International Mountain Bicycling Association

\$283,000 BOULDER, CO

To advance the planning, design, and/or construction of select trail projects in geographic areas of mutual interest to further activate outdoor recreation

Lancaster County Conservancy \$150,000 LANCASTER, PA To improve infrastructure at Climbers Run Nature Center

Latrobe Foundation, Inc. \$200,000 LATROBE, PA

To improve access to Legion Keener Park and Creekside Trail

Leechburg Area Community Development Corporation \$100,000

LEECHBURG, PA

To build a riverfront trail, enhance park amenities, and connect to the Armstrong Trail system

Local Government Academy \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To identify and evaluate sustainable capital projects for a prototype municipal lending program for local governments

Loyalhanna Watershed Association, Inc. \$95,000 LIGONIER, PA

Toward support of operations and project initiatives that restore water quality in the Loyalhanna Watershed

Maine Coast Heritage Trust \$410,000 TOPSHAM, ME

To develop branding and content to increase public engagement

Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation \$1,000,000 DUNDEE, IL

To support the production of an IMAX film and educational outreach to instill conservation values among children and adults with emphasis on the Louisiana coastline, marshes, water, and birds

Mountain Watershed Association, Inc.

\$165,000 MELCROFT, PA

Toward operating support for ecological restoration of the Youghiogheny River Watershed Mountain Watershed Association, Inc. \$115,000 MELCROFT, PA

Toward the acquisition of 69.2 acres of land in the Indian Creek Valley

Multiplier

\$70,000 SAN FRANCISCO, CA

To launch a large-scale green infrastructure initiative in Pittsburgh using vacant lots to reduce flooding and improve water quality

Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association \$50,000 NANTUCKET, MA

Toward support of the Marine Science Discovery Center

National Audubon Society, Inc.

\$250,000 NEW YORK, NY

To reverse bird declines and preserve the integrity of ecosystems through forest management programs

National Deer Association \$150,000 BOGART, GA

To address critical issues related to overabundant deer populations and the impact on environment, public health, agriculture, disease, and human communities

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \$550,000 WASHINGTON, DC

To restore aquatic and forest habitat in central Appalachia

National Interscholastic Cycling Association \$207,700 ORINDA, CA

To build staffing capacity in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania

National Wildlife Federation \$165,000 RESTON, VA

To establish a network of partners to restore water quality in the Ohio River Basin

The Nature Conservancy \$250,000

ARLINGTON, VA

To build the capacity of the Bureau of State Parks and Allegheny National Forest to use prescribed fire for land management

New England Forestry Foundation, Inc.

\$150,000

LITTLETON, MA

To design and capitalize an incentive program for Maine's forest landowners that supports better forest management

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Inc. \$175,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward operations to develop stormwater management projects and partnerships in the Pittsburgh region

Northern Forest Center, Inc. \$300,000 CONCORD, NH

To accelerate outdoor recreation-based activation in Maine's Moosehead and Katahdin regions

Outdoor Foundation

\$200,000 BOULDER, CO

Region

To expand the Thrive Outside Initiative to the Pittsburgh region

Outdoor Sport Institute, Inc. \$100,000 CARIBOU, ME To build trail development capacity in Maine's Katahdin

PA Cleanways of Allegheny County, Inc. \$75,000 ETNA, PA

For a feasibility study to analyze trash trapping systems to clean Pittsburgh's rivers

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission \$250,000

HARRISBURG, PA

To implement boating experiences to foster aquatic conservation and outdoor recreation

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission \$86,000

HARRISBURG, PA

To expand efforts to propagate freshwater mussels in Western Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers

\$60,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To facilitate technical support for watershed partners

Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc. \$80,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To develop a Center for Hard-to-Recycle materials in Allegheny County

The Pennsylvania State University \$12,500 UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

To assist attendees at a statewide conference for forest landowners and stakeholders

Pennsylvania Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, Inc. \$188,000 KANE, PA

To support commerce platforms and business development in the Pennsylvania Wilds

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Inc. \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To develop and implement a variety of environmental

education programs

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation \$65,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To report on conservation and sustainability efforts in Western Pennsylvania, for radio and digital media, to bring about a more informed citizenry

Pittsburgh Conservation Corps \$250,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To develop a wood reuse program for fallen street trees

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To advance activation efforts and ecosystem health of Hays Woods Park

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support to activate Mellon Square during the holidays

Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia \$125,000

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

To develop a framework which advances investment into projects that integrate nature into the urban environment

Rodale Institute

\$1,029,000 KUTZTOWN, PA

To advance regenerative organic agriculture research

Student Conservation Association, Inc.

\$150,000

ARLINGTON, VA

To engage youth in handson conservation projects to improve public land in Allegheny County

Susquehanna University \$592,000

SELINSGROVE, PA

Toward support of the Freshwater Research Institute

Sustainable Pittsburgh \$200,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To support operations and further sustainability practices in the Pittsburgh region

Texas A&M University— Kingsville \$540,000

KINGSVILLE, TX

To create a wildlife health reporting pipeline to facilitate spatial epidemiological analyses of chronic wasting disease for better informed management strategies

This Is My Quest Inc. \$48,000

WELLSBORO, PA

To support conservation programs, classroom improvements, environmental restoration, and community engagement

Trout Unlimited, Inc. \$300,000

ARLINGTON, VA

To reconnect and restore coldwater habitat in the Pennsylvania segments of the Susquehanna and Allegheny rivers as well as priority waters in the Laurel Highlands

Trout Unlimited, Inc. \$250,000

ARLINGTON, VA

To reconnect and restore coldwater habitat for native trout and salmon in the priority waters of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine

Trust for Public Land \$171,000

LOS ANGELES, CA

To enhance, update, and maintain planning, prioritization, and decision support tools to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation investments

Trust for Public Land \$1,000,000 LOS ANGELES, CA

As a program-related investment to acquire ecologically and culturally significant land in Oregon

Venture Outdoors, Inc.

\$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Vermont Huts Association, Ltd. \$300,000 STOWE, VT

To support development of a system of huts along the Velomont Trail

WeConservePA

\$15,000

HARRISBURG, PA

To provide scholarships to small and medium sized conservation organizations in Western Pennsylvania to attend the 2025 Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference

West Virginia University Foundation, Inc.

\$272,250 MORGANTOWN, WV

To establish a regional institute to empower organizations, professionals, and the workforce to advance outdoor recreation and conservation

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations for watershed stewardship

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations for habitat conservation

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$255,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of improving community environmental quality

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$209,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To acquire ecologically important property in Susquehanna Township, Cambria County

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$14,750 PITTSBURGH, PA

To protect permanently ecologically important land in the Laurel Highlands region

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$154,338 PITTSBURGH, PA

To protect property through fee simple acquisition, expanding Bear Run Nature Reserve in the Laurel Highlands

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To green and beautify downtown Pittsburgh for the holiday season

Woodlands Community Lenders \$500,000 ELKINS, WV

As a program-related investment to support new and growing small businesses engaged in the outdoor recreation economy in the Monongahela National Forest region

Woodlands Community Lenders \$75,000 ELKINS, WV

To support new and growing small businesses engaged in the outdoor recreation economy in the Monongahela National Forest region

WQED Multimedia \$10,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To host an event with Baratunde Thurston

Economic Development \$27,141,090

Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute \$300,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To provide rapid training opportunities to attract and upskill individuals for careers in advanced manufacturing and robotics

African American Cultural Center

\$1,550,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

African American Cultural Center

\$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Allegheny College \$1,000,000

MEADVILLE, PA

To launch start-up and redevelopment activities of the Meadville Community Revitalization Corporation

Allegheny Conference on Community Development \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To engage a design firm to develop a vision for downtown Pittsburgh

Allegheny Conference on Community Development \$506,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward continued support for business investment and job creation

ALMONO, LP \$2,080,691 PITTSBURGH, PA

A program-related investment toward operating and capital expenses for Hazelwood Green

ALMONO, LP

\$160,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

A program-related investment toward costs associated with the Roundhouse at Hazelwood Green

ALMONO, LP \$3,116,699 PITTSBURGH, PA

A program-related investment toward capital projects at Hazelwood Green

Alumni Theater Company \$50,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations in memory of Dr. Jared Cohon

Better Block Foundation

\$500,000 DALLAS, TX

To complete four creative placemaking projects in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties

Carnegie Institute

\$5,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

In memory of Edith "Toto" Fisher

Catalyst Connection \$675,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To create a sectorbased partnership with the Manufacturing Apprenticeship Collaborative

Center of Life

\$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To assist in the completion of pre-development activities for a capital project

Civic Light Opera Association \$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To attract arts patrons to downtown Pittsburgh for its summer series

The Clemente Collection at Engine House 25 \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Community College of Allegheny County Education Foundation \$680,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward the Reinventing Community Approaches Advanced Manufacturing pilot program

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown \$10,000 JOHNSTOWN, PA

To support grant writing and consulting capacity for federal grantseeking

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown \$50,000 JOHNSTOWN, PA

To promote economic and downtown revitalization in small cities anchored by higher education in Western Pennsylvania

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown \$46,000 JOHNSTOWN, PA

To facilitate a convening of rural college town revitalization grantees

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown \$977,000

JOHNSTOWN, PA

To support the economic revitalization of downtown Johnstown

Community Foundation of Greater Johnstown \$10,500

JOHNSTOWN, PA

To bolster downtown revitalization in selected Western Pennsylvania communities

Creating Pittsburgh Tomorrow, Inc.

\$500,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To attract, retain and engage young leaders in Pittsburgh

Dress for Success Pittsburgh \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations for mobile delivery services

Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland \$250,000

GREENSBURG, PA Toward support of operations

Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland

\$300,000 GREENSBURG, PA

To conduct an evaluation of the emerging industries RFP grantees portfolio

Film Pittsburgh \$100,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To develop a plan to market current programming, attract film viewing audiences to Downtown Pittsburgh, and launch a new film competition

Fort Ligonier Association \$250,000 LIGONIER, PA

To name Fort Ligonier's Art Gallery, acquire art and artifacts, and expand programming

Fort Ligonier Association \$250,000 LIGONIER, PA

Toward support of operations

Fort Ligonier Association \$50,000 LIGONIER, PA

To research, preserve, and protect George Washington's Friendly Fire Incident Site

Frick Art & Historical Center, Inc. \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To expand audiences and forge and strengthen regional partnerships

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania \$375,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To offer digital skills training to equip jobseekers with the knowledge and credentials necessary to strengthen employability and earning potential

Greater Pittsburgh Office of Promotion

\$370,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To offer workforce training to support the local entertainment industry talent pipeline

Handmade Arcade \$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support and grow the businesses of makers and craft-based artists

Harvard University \$575,000 BOSTON, MA Toward support of Project Argyle

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA Toward support of operations

LaunchBio, Inc. \$165,000 SAN DIEGO, CA

To assess the feasibility of a co-working wet lab space in Pittsburgh for life science startups

Ligonier Borough \$651,000 LIGONIER, PA

To update and enhance the Town Hall

Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association \$20,000 LIGONIER, PA For roof repair

or roor repair

The Mattress Factory \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

National Center for Urban Solutions, TEC \$250,000 COLUMBUS, OH

To provide career readiness in advanced manufacturing

New Century Careers \$365,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To convert its advanced manufacturing curriculum to a digital format and expand services

The Pennsylvania State University— New Kensington \$750,000 NEW KENSINGTON, PA

Toward support of operations for the Digital Foundry

The Pennsylvania State University— New Kensington

\$175,000 NEW KENSINGTON, PA

To design and pilot a sector-based partnership in advanced manufacturing

The Pennsylvania State University

\$181,000 UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

To create a clean energy sector-based partnership to build a talent pipeline connecting industry needs with student discovery, training, and education

The Pennsylvania State University \$392,000 UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

To develop and pilot STEM virtual, augmented, and mixed reality training programs with residents in the Mon Valley

The Pennsylvania State University

\$368,000 UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

To pilot a micro-credential initiative in 21st century skills, hybrid additive manufacturing, and

Pennsylvania Women Work \$250,000

manufacturing robotics

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Per Scholas, Inc. \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To prepare adults traditionally underrepresented in technology for high-growth careers in the industry

Per Scholas, Inc.

\$375,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To pilot a satellite classroom for un- and under-employed adults in the Mon Valley Region

Pittsburgh Ballet

Theatre, Inc. \$350,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of the Holiday Market

Pittsburgh Glass Center, Inc. \$1,000,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations and to expand apprentice housing

Pittsburgh Minority Business Accelerator \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To provide coaching and support to minority-owned businesses in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Opera, Inc. \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

The Pittsburgh Public Theater Corporation

\$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

The Pittsburgh Public Theater Corporation \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Pittsburgh Symphony, Inc. \$350,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations and strategic plan implementation

Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish \$10,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of the general fund in memory of Bob Butter

Saint Vincent College

\$215,000 LATROBE, PA

To support the revitalization of Latrobe's downtown business corridor

Salem Township Volunteer Fire Company #2 \$582,000 FORBES ROAD, PA

To improve training for volunteer fire fighters in Westmoreland County

Seton Hill University

\$150,000

GREENSBURG, PA

To develop a plan for supporting entrepreneurial and housing needs to grow economic development in Greensburg

Westmoreland Museum of Art \$500,000

GREENSBURG, PA

Toward support of operations

WonderSeed Foundation \$745,200 LOS ANGELES, CA

To partner with Freedom House 2.0 to develop four AI coaching scenarios for practicing conflict resolution and job interviewing skills within virtual reality for the workplace

WQED Multimedia

\$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support the AFRICANA Initiative, focused on culturally specific art and education platforms

Zoological Society of Pittsburgh \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Economic Mobility \$20,350,125

25 Carrick Ave Project \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To design and implement educational and workforce development programs that build skills and career pathways in entertainment production

A+ Schools: Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education \$500,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To increase student attendance and improve students' academic outcomes

Advancing Youth Initiative \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support curriculum development and industry engagement

Allegheny Intermediate Unit \$100,000

HOMESTEAD, PA

To host a national convening of education leaders to prototype innovations for the future of learning

Allegheny Intermediate Unit \$3,900 HOMESTEAD, PA

Toward support of the 2024 Personalized Learning Summit Allegheny Intermediate Unit \$330,000 HOMESTEAD, PA

For the Trauma Education and Response program

Alumni Theater Company \$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA Toward support of operations

Best of the Batch Foundation

\$10,000 MUNHALL, PA

Toward support for the Batch A Toys annual holiday drive

Bible Center Church, Inc. \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

For child and youth-serving programs

Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations and programs

Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania

\$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward planning and activations for teen programming in downtown Pittsburgh

Brashear Association Incorporated \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To create a safe, healthy, educational and recreational space Café Momentum Pittsburgh \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Café Momentum Pittsburgh \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support youth employees during the holidays

Cambiar Education \$350,000 SAN DIEGO, CA

To pilot research-based reading instruction to increase reading fluency

Cameron Heyward Foundation, Inc. \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of the Suiting Up for Success Program

Carlow University \$70,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To pilot new and updated business process controls for higher education institutions in Western Pennsylvania

Carnegie Mellon University \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To expand the provision of math tutoring for middle school students in Allegheny County CASA of Allegheny County \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To provide a volunteer advocate/community counselor for vulnerable children in the Allegheny County Family Court

CASA of Westmoreland, Inc. \$10,000 GREENSBURG, PA

Toward support for the CASA Holiday Toy Drive

Center of Life \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

The Citizen Science Lab \$2,000,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To expand operations with the creation of the state-ofthe-art Center for Scientific Excellence at the historic MLK Reading and Cultural Center in the Hill District

Community College of Allegheny County Education Foundation \$50,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support for a Skilled Trades Academy

Consortium for Public Education \$234,000 MCKEESPORT, PA

To convene nonprofit leaders in the economic mobility program

Consortium for Public Education

\$173,000 MCKEESPORT, PA

To build partnerships to create access to learning opportunities

Crossroads Foundation \$175,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward services that increase students' academic achievement

Empirical Resolution, Inc. \$200,000 NEW YORK, NY

To deliver and assess the effects of an AI-literacy curriculum provided collaboratively with STEM Coding Lab

Greensburg Salem School District \$170,000 GREENSBURG, PA

To develop a program to teach mental fitness and resiliency skills to middle school students

Gwen's Girls, Inc. \$350,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To strengthen programming and evaluation

Heritage Community Initiatives \$250,000 BRADDOCK, PA

To strengthen education programs

Homeless Children's Education Fund \$50,000 PITTSBURGH, PA Toward support of operations Homewood Children's Village \$1,000,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Imani Christian Academy \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA Toward support of operations

Jeremiah's Place— Pittsburgh Relief Nursery \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA To pilot a collaborative

project to engage families in early learning opportunities

Jeremiah's Place— Pittsburgh Relief Nursery \$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

The Jerome Bettis Bus Stops Here Foundation \$250,000 MCKEES ROCKS, PA

Toward a mobile classroom equipped with computers and internet access

KidsVoice

\$500,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To remove roadblocks to employment, housing, and health for foster youth to transition successfully to independent living LEADing to Movement, Inc. \$325,000 PORT SAINT JOE, FL

To develop publicprivate partnerships that support early childhood education in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties

Ligonier Valley Library Association \$231,000 LIGONIER, PA

Toward support of operations

Ligonier Valley Young Men's Christian Association of Pennsylvania \$450,000 LIGONIER, PA Toward roof repairs

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc. \$50,000 ALEXANDRIA, VA To support the 2024 Steel

City Campaign and Marine Scholars in Pennsylvania

Melting Pot Ministries \$200,000

BETHEL PARK, PA

Toward support for enrichment programs for young people

Micro-Society, Inc.

\$377,000 PHILADELPHIA, PA

To implement the Micro-Society model in two Pittsburgh schools

The Neighborhood Academy \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Foundation

\$322,000 HARRISBURG, PA

To partner with Niche. com to provide qualified high school seniors direct admission to Pennsylvania Western University

Pittsburgh Area Community Schools, Inc. \$400,000

PITTSBURGH, PA To continue attendance

improvement initiatives in Westmoreland County

Pittsburgh Scholar House, Inc.

\$1,000,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To build affordable housing in Downtown Pittsburgh

Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc.

\$250,000

GREENSBURG, PA

To implement the Sprout parent-education hybrid program with caregivers of preschool-age children in Westmoreland County

Reading & Math, Inc. \$225,000 MINNEAPOLIS, MN

To explore the need for Reading Corps services in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties

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Schools That Can \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To provide proven inputs for students, teachers, and schools to realize activities that support needed career readiness

SLB Radio Productions, Inc. \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

South Hills Interfaith Ministries \$250,000 BETHEL PARK, PA

Toward youth programs that enable comprehensive development in children ages three to 18 years old

Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc.

\$224,000 CHARLEROI, PA

For an evidence-based program to help students develop self-awareness and classroom competencies

Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. \$143,225 CHARLEROI, PA

Toward support of the Monessen Beyond Grad Program Strada Collaborative, LLC d/b/a Roadtrip Nation \$325,000 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

To build social capital and improve economic mobility for low-income youth through storytelling and experiential learning

Three Rivers Communities, Inc.

\$1,250,000 MCKEES ROCKS, PA

To build affordable housing

University of Pittsburgh \$120,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To teach computational thinking and computer programming to middle school students

University of Pittsburgh Greensburg \$200,000 GREENSBURG, PA

To increase partnerships with low-income schools for students to develop college-ready, career-related, financial literacy, and leadership skills

UPchieve, Inc. \$225,000 BROOKLYN, NY

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To conduct an opportunity assessment and pilot various models of service delivery in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties Valley School of Ligonier \$1,000,000 LIGONIER, PA

To provide financial aid, employ expert faculty, and maintain the school's buildings and grounds

Waypoint Youth and Community Center

\$277,000 WEST NEWTON, PA

For a workforce development program for underserved teens and young adults in West Newton

West View Hub

\$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. \$10,000

GREENSBURG, PA

Toward support for the Christmas for Kids program

Westmoreland Human Opportunities, Inc. \$200,000 GREENSBURG, PA

For early childhood education programs

Will Allen Foundation \$125,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To provide training in STEM through robotics, financial literacy, health and wellness, and other life skills, enabling pathways to future education and career success Winchester-Thurston School \$75,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To plan and pilot a summer program for high school students

Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations
Health & Well-Being \$13,238,894

Bethlen Home of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America \$400,000 LIGONIER, PA

To upgrade room furniture and flooring

Beverly's Birthdays \$85,000 NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA

To support the Greater Pittsburgh Infant Formula Bank

Bible Center Church, Inc. \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of a holiday clothing drive for families in Homewood

Brother's Brother Foundation \$500,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To assist those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Carnegie Mellon University \$63,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To analyze the quality of life in downtown Pittsburgh, benchmarking with comparable cities

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc. \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of the Basic Needs Assistance program

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation \$2,100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To conduct research in infection biology and childhood asthma at UPMC Children's Hospital and retain outstanding scientists in Pittsburgh

The Chuck Noll Foundation for Brain Injury Research \$750,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To help support research on brain injuries and toward the Brain Injury Research Symposium

County of Allegheny, Department of Human Services \$1,000,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of programs and services designed to help people move to more permanent housing

Cradle Society

\$50,000 EVANSTON, IL

Toward support of operations

DeliverFund \$325,000 WHITEFISH, MT

To support the Pennsylvania United Against Human

Eradicate Hate Global Summit \$200,000 PITTSBURGH, PA To host the 2024 Er

Trafficking project

To host the 2024 Eradicate Hate Global Summit in Pittsburgh

Foundation for Christian Counseling \$104,500 greensburg, pa

To increase access to addiction and behavioral health treatment for individuals

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank \$10,000

DUQUESNE, PA To provide food for individuals in need over the holiday season

Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc. \$500,000 ARLINGTON, VA

To support the Caregivers documentary film

Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc. \$500,000

ARLINGTON, VA

Toward production of the documentary, Ken Burns Presents Hiding in Plain Sight: Adult Mental Illness

Homewood Children's Village \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of a holiday clothing drive for children in Homewood

Humane Animal Rescue \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To partner with Allegheny Health Network to provide a continuum of accessible healthcare and support services to people and animals in Allegheny County

Light of Life Ministries, Inc.

\$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of holiday meal services

Lloydsville Volunteer Fire Department & Relief Association \$25,000 LATROBE, PA

To provide mental health support for first responders

Mary and Alexander Laughlin Children's Center \$75,000 SEWICKLEY, PA

Toward support of operations

Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc.

\$1,000,000 GREENSBURG, PA

Toward the purchase of ambulances to enhance quality of care

Neighborhood Allies, Inc. \$250,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To create an asset map for mental health services

Neighborhood Resilience Project \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To help individuals during the holidays through its Community Support Programs

North Side Christian Health Center \$367,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of a growth strategy to serve more patients

One Mind

\$570,000 RUTHERFORD, CA

To support an employer-led coalition in Southwestern Pennsylvania that will collaborate to improve the mental health of the local workforce and broader community

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence \$300,000

HARRISBURG, PA

For domestic violence programs serving Allegheny and Westmoreland counties to work together to maximize housing stability for survivors with children

Pennsylvania

Organization for Women in Early Recovery \$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Phoebe Foundation, Inc. \$2,000,000 ALBANY, GA

Toward construction of a new medical tower to house a Level II trauma center, neonatal intensive care unit, and intensive care facility

Redevelopment Authority of the County of Westmoreland

\$2,000 GREENSBURG, PA

To bring local, regional, and national speakers to Westmoreland County to share best practices in dealing with blight

Reimagine Reentry, Inc. \$310,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of operations

Ryan Shazier Fund for Spinal Rehabilitation \$220,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To pilot The Spinal Cord Injury Resource Connector

Tree of Life Congregation \$10,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

Toward support of the Hanukkah Display Project

Union Mission of Latrobe, Inc. \$350,000 LATROBE, PA Toward support of operations

UPMC for You, Inc. \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

For Freedom House 2.0's Emergency Medical Technician training and apprenticeship programs

Westmoreland County Food Bank, Inc. \$10,000

DELMONT, PA

To provide food for individuals in need over the holiday season

Westmoreland Hospital Foundation \$312,394

GREENSBURG, PA

To validate and optimize predictive and causal inference models identifying risk and interventions to reduce infant mortality in Westmoreland County

Organizational Effectiveness

\$3,218,599

African American Chamber Foundation of Western Pennsylvania \$100,000 PITTSBURGH, PA To build leadership capacity

African American Cultural Center \$375,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support the BUILD Residency

Allegheny Land Trust \$50,000 SEWICKLEY, PA

To retain an executive search firm to identify, vet, interview and evaluate high quality CEO candidates

American Forest Foundation

\$250,000 WASHINGTON, DC

To engage a third-party

consultant to evaluate financial and business models to ensure success of the Family Forest Carbon Program

Armstrong Trails, Inc. \$34,000 KITTANNING, PA

To develop and implement comprehensive fundraising strategies

Bible Center Church, Inc. \$75,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To plan and test a training program to equip staff to provide effective academic and social supports for outof-school-time students

Café Momentum Pittsburgh

\$48,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To implement a marketing strategy to build the brand and visibility of Café Momentum Pittsburgh's restaurant and catering services

Carnegie Mellon University \$39,800

PITTSBURGH, PA To explore sustainable alternative organizational

forms for the PLUS project Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

\$112,900 PITTSBURGH, PA

To access human resource research

Fort Ligonier Association

\$35,000 LIGONIER, PA

To engage donors and develop new funding sources Friends of the Riverfront, Inc. \$50,000 PITTSBURGH, PA To invest in staff, fiscal

management, and leadership to ensure a sustainable organization that can develop and maintain a regional trail network

Homewood Children's Village

\$221,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To improve technology and streamline operating processes

Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation \$13,099 LATROBE, PA

For professional services pertaining to review of bylaws

Maine Coast Heritage Trust \$90,000 TOPSHAM, ME

To assess workflow for efficiency and impact and build new channels to improve communication

Montour Trail Council

\$20,000 BRIDGEVILLE, PA To develop a strategic plan

Mutual Aid Ambulance Service, Inc. \$250,000 greensburg, pa

To increase earned revenue through various programs

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation \$100,000 CAMP HILL, PA

To hire a consultant to market and elevate the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps brand to build engagement

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy \$125,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To hire a fundraising professional

Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources

\$180,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To partner with Carnegie Mellon University's School of Drama to pilot Behind the Scenes

Pittsburgh Trust for Cultural Resources \$75,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To conduct a feasibility study for a temporary performing arts venue in Pittsburgh

Poise Foundation \$150,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To develop a new strategic plan

Quantum Theatre \$200.000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To implement a strategy to secure Quantum's next era

Trying Together \$184,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To improve organizational design, internal communications, and data visualization

University of Pittsburgh \$150,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

To build organizational capacity of area nonprofits and develop the next generation of nonprofit leaders

University of Pittsburgh, Institute of Politics \$130,800 PITTSBURGH, PA

To support programming for the Dick Thornburgh Forum

Westmoreland Museum of Art \$105,000 greensburg, pa

To conduct market research and strategic and major gift planning

Will Allen Foundation \$55,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

To embark upon a brand enhancement project

Social Impact Investments \$5,955,000

Conduction, Inc. \$265,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to center Pittsburgh as an arttechnology mecca by building and testing software in the community, then rolling out globally

Contamination Source Identification, Inc.

\$315,000 HUNTINGDON, PA

As a program-related investment to enhance access to care by providing rapid, accurate infection diagnostics

CorePower Magnetics \$500,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to transition from Pilot Plant to full scale manufacturing operations

Doors Unhinged, LLC

\$265,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to scale up operation to reclaim more doors and implement a refinishing process to sell to a larger market

FarmFan LLC \$450,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to provide the marketing and logistics layer of the local food economy, which contributes to the well-being and sustainability of small producers

Korion Health Inc \$200,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to create an electronic stethoscope with guided interface that empowers anyone to get heart and lung sound screenings from the comfort and convenience of home

Leaficient, Inc \$250,000

EVANS CITY, PA

As a program-related investment to increase the efficiency of lighting for indoor farming in order to increase the long-term viability of indoor food production

LoanBYE LLC

\$300,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to offer student debt payment software to childcare-focused employers

Marinus Analytics LLC \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to scale a newly created tool for improving reaction speed for monitoring missing juveniles who may be trafficked

MoneyStack, Inc. \$265,000

ALLISON PARK, PA

As a program-related investment to provide financial training and software to therapists to improve mental health and well-being for clients experiencing harms from gambling addiction

Netramind Innovations, Inc.

\$250,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment for an AI-based tool for early diagnosis of eye disease

Peoples Energy Analytics, LLC \$500,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to develop a platform that helps at-risk households find and sign up for energy bill assistance, which reduces financial stress and improves health

Plexision

\$365,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to expand operations to lower risk of life-threatening complications in more immunocompromised and transplant patients

Reach Neuro, Inc. \$350,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to develop advanced neurotechnologies to restore directly motor function to people with chronic disability caused by stroke

Rezq Bio, Inc. \$400,000 PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to advance therapies in early onset Type 1 Diabetes and other localized autoimmune chronic diseases

SBS Healthcare, Inc. \$315,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to provide AI-powered triage-aides to doctors and other providers, improving access to orthopedic care, ultimately enhancing healthcare efficiency

Sigma Games LLC \$265,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to develop transformational games

Troutwood, LLC

\$300,000

PITTSBURGH, PA

As a program-related investment to provide individuals with a personalized financial plan and the tools to implement, evaluate and achieve important financial goals

APPROPRIATIONS 2024Grants and PRIs paid

BY PROGRAM PRIORITY	NUMBER OF GRANTS & PRIs	APPROVED GRANTS & PRIs
Conservation	104	\$ 55,779,005
Economic Development	66	27,141,090
Economic Mobility	67	20,350,125
Health & Well-Being	37	13,238,894
Organizational Effectivene	ss 27	3,218,599
Social-Impact Investments	s 18	5,955,000
Totals	319	\$125,682,713

NET INVESTMENT INCOME	
1947 through 2023	\$1,983,729,143
2024	69,568,323
Total	\$2,053,297,466

GRANTS PAID & PROGRAM-RELATED INVESTMENTS	
1947 through 2023	\$3,405,489,275
2024	154,982,713
Total	\$3,560,471,988



Number of new grantees per year



Number of applications per year



Statements of Financial Position	Statements	of	Financial	Position
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December 31,	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 170,623	\$ 1,760,130
Other current assets	6,867,398	6,692,812
Investments:		
Equities	1,551,834,413	1,465,656,073
Fixed income	543,413,561	559,507,869
Temporary investments	98,777,883	91,016,359
Alternative investments	1,000,410,527	979,770,505
Subtotal	3,194,436,384	3,095,950,806
Payable from unsettled securities purchases, net	(2,048,222)	(2,957,963)
Total investments	3,192,388,162	3,092,992,843
Program-related assets	261,743,255	234,866,829
Total assets	\$3,461,169,438	\$3,336,312,614
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Grants payable	\$ 138,000,000	\$ 167,300,000
Deferred federal excise taxes	11,049,640	10,251,274
Appropriations for program-related assets	261,743,255	234,866,829
Total liabilities	410,792,895	412,418,103
Net assets without restrictions	3,050,376,543	2,923,894,511
Total liabilities and net assets	\$3,461,169,438	\$3,336,312,614

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31,	2024	2023
INCOME		
Investment income	\$ 97,805,356	\$ 82,508,440
Realized gains on investments	112,895,072	45,718,895
Unrealized gains on investments	57,436,391	160,636,774
Total income	268,136,819	288,864,109
Less: Investment management expenses	(9,049,444)	(9,143,047)
Net investment return	259,087,375	279,721,062
EXPENSES		
Grants approved, net of rescissions	113,417,755	112,236,615
Administrative and program	13,175,691	10,307,539
Provision for taxes	5,213,531	302,801
Provision for deferred taxes	798,366	2,232,851
Total expenses	132,605,343	125,079,806
Change in net assets without restrictions	126,482,032	154,641,256
NET ASSETS WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS		
Beginning of period	2,923,894,511	2,769,253,255
End of period	\$3,050,376,543	\$2,923,894,511

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31,	2024	2023
	2024	2025
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	
Change in net assets without restrictions	\$126,482,032	\$154,641,256
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets without restrictions to net cash used by operating activities:		
Accretion	(1,785,524)	(1,219,086)
Deferred federal excise taxes	798,366	2,232,851
Realized gains on investments	(112,895,072)	(45,718,895)
Unrealized gains on investments	(57,436,391)	(160,636,774)
Increase (decrease) in cash from changes in:		
Other current assets	(174,586)	797,764
Program-related assets	(26,876,426)	(17,084,295)
Grants payable	(29,300,000)	(42,800,000)
Appropriations for program-related assets	26,876,426	17,084,295
Net cash used by operating activities	(74,311,175)	(92,702,884)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of investments	(1,018,058,411)	(1,023,719,120)
Proceeds from sales of investments	1,090,780,079	1,118,046,091
Net cash provided by investing activities	72,721,668	94,326,971
Net change in cash	(1,589,507)	1,624,087
CASH		
Beginning of year	1,760,130	136,043
End of year	\$ 170,623	\$ 1,760,130

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

2024 Summary of Investments

	December 31, 20	24
	BOOK VALUE	FAIR VALUE
Equities	\$1,172,662,550	\$1,551,777,384
Fixed income	544,361,140	543,413,561
Temporary investments	98,809,525	98,777,883
Alternative investments	581,616,814	998,419,334
Total investments	\$2,397,450,029	\$3,192,388,162

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

2023 Summary of Investments

	December 31, 202	23
	BOOK VALUE	FAIR VALUE
Equities	\$1,124,463,359	\$1,465,694,282
Fixed income	577,136,970	557,464,040
Temporary investments	90,999,482	91,016,359
Alternative investments	562,891,290	978,818,162
Total investments	\$2,355,491,101	\$3,092,992,843

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Richard King Mellon Foundation (Foundation) are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Nature of Operations

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide funding to organizations to advance Economic Development, Economic Mobility, Health & Well-Being, Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness and Social-Impact Investments, primarily in the Southwestern Pennsylvania region. The Foundation also provides funding nationally to advance Conservation.

Cash

Cash includes operating accounts plus domestic income cash held in bank custody accounts.

Investments

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosures under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the Foundation discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP are as follows:

LEVEL I Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Foundation has the ability to access at the measurement date.

LEVEL 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

LEVEL 3 Inputs that are unobservable.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, liquidity statistics, interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, default rates, and other factors. A financial instrument's level, within the fair value hierarchy, is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation considers observable data to be that market data which is readily available and

reliable and provided by independent sources. The categorization of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is therefore based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Foundation's perceived risk of that instrument.

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified as Level 1 and include active listed equities and certain short-term fixed income investments. The Foundation does not adjust the quoted price for such instruments, even in situations where the Foundation holds a large position and a sale of all its holdings could reasonably impact the quoted price.

Investments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active, but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources, are classified as Level 2. These include certain U.S. government and sovereign obligations, government agency obligations, investment grade corporate bonds and less liquid equity securities.

Investments classified as Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently or not at all. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstance and may require significant management judgment. Certain of the Foundation's investments in stocks, equity positions in private companies, and long-term debt instruments are classified as Level 3 because they do not have an active market.

The fair value of the Foundation's alternative investments are measured using the net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent, as a practical expedient. The practical expedient is an acceptable method under GAAP to determine the fair value of certain NAV investments that (a) do not have a readily determinable fair value predicated upon a public market and (b) either have the attributes of an investment company or prepare their financial statements consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company under GAAP. These investments are primarily made under agreements to participate in limited partnerships and are generally subject to certain withdrawal restrictions. Values for these partnerships, which may include investments in both nonmarketable and market-traded securities, are provided by the general partner and may be based on recent transactions, cash flow forecasts, appraisals and other factors. Market values may be discounted for concentration of ownership. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuing the investments in such partnerships and certain of the underlying investments held by the partnerships, the Foundation's estimate of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed. The financial statements of the limited partnerships are audited annually by independent auditing firms. Investments in these partnerships may be illiquid, and thus there can be no assurance that the Foundation will be able to realize the value of such investments in a timely manner. The Foundation believes that the use of the practical expedient for its alternative investments is a reasonable estimate of fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Foundation's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that significant changes in risks in the near term may materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Realized gain (loss) from dispositions of investments is determined by specific cost identification. Unrealized gain (loss) of investments represents the change in the difference between fair value quotations and the total book value of investments held at the beginning and end of the year.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Grants

Grants approved, net of rescissions are recognized at the time of approval provided the grant is not subject to significant future conditions.

Program-Related Assets

The Foundation makes investments which advance its charitable mission and qualify as charitable distributions by the Internal Revenue Service. Such investments, which include loans made to various organizations and equity investments in limited partnerships, earn below risk-adjusted market rates of return. Management has reviewed the program-related assets and believes no allowance is necessary as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 2: Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Legislation was passed in 2019 that simplifies the private foundation excise tax on investment income by replacing the former two-tier system (1% and 2%) with a flat rate of 1.39%, effective January 1, 2020.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, deferred federal excise taxes are provided at 1.39% which is the rate expected to be paid on unrealized gains on investments.

The Foundation is subject to the authoritative guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes ssued under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This guidance establishes a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of positions taken in filing tax returns (including whether an entity is taxable in a particular jurisdiction) and requires certain expanded tax disclosures. The Foundation has recorded no uncertain tax liabilities pursuant to this guidance. The Foundation continually reviews its tax positions and such conclusions under the guidance based on factors including, but not limited to, ongoing analyses of tax laws and regulations.

NOTE 3: Commitments

The Foundation is a Limited Partner in limited partnerships for investment purposes. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had contractually committed to additional investments of \$401.1 million and \$416.2 million, respectively.

At December 31, 2024, the Foundation had outstanding trades to purchase investments with a settlement date in 2025 of \$2.0 million. There were no outstanding sales trades. At December 31, 2023, the Foundation had outstanding trades to purchase and sell investments with a settlement date in 2024 of \$3.1 million and \$0.1 million for a net payable of \$3.0 million. These transactions are reflected within the financial statements on a net basis.

The Foundation seeks to maintain enough liquidity to meet the cash needs for the following year's general expenditures. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation had \$2.2 billion and \$2.1 billion in financial assets available for use within one year to meet its cash needs, which included cash, other current assets, equities, fixed income and temporary investments.

NOTE 4: Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the investments carried on the Statements of Financial Position by level within the valuation hierarchy as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

INVESTMENTS	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	NAV	TOTAL
Equities	\$1,042,833,958	\$ 0	\$16,391,951	\$ 492,608,504	\$1,551,834,413
Fixed income	61,955,253	160,893,081	0	320,565,227	543,413,561
Temporary investments	98,777,883	0	0	0	98,777,883
Alternative investments	0	0	0	1,000,410,527	1,000,410,527
Total investments	\$1,203,567,094	\$160,893,081	\$16,391,951	\$1,813,584,258	\$3,194,436,384

Payables from unsettled securities purchases, net at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

RECEIVABLES (PAYABLES), NET	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	NAV	TOTAL
Equities	\$(57,029)	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ (57,029)
Alternative investments	0	0	0	(1,991,193)	(1,991,193)
Receivables (Payables), net	\$(57,029)	\$0	\$0	\$(1,991,193)	\$(2,048,222)

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

INVESTMENTS	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	NAV	TOTAL
Equities	\$ 990,496,123	\$ 0	\$15,241,850	\$ 459,918,100	\$1,465,656,073
Fixed income	96,071,745	151,734,979	0	311,701,145	559,507,869
Temporary investments	91,016,359	0	0	0	91,016,359
Alternative investments	0	0	0	979,770,505	979,770,505
Total investments	\$1,177,584,227	\$151,734,979	\$15,241,850	\$1,751,389,750	\$3,095,950,806

Payables from unsettled securities purchases, net at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

RECEIVABLES (PAYABLES), NET	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	NAV	TOTAL
Equities	\$38,209	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 38,209
Fixed income	0	(2,043,829)	0	0	(2,043,829)
Alternative investments	0	0	0	\$(952,343)	(952,343)
Receivables (Payables), net	\$38,209	\$(2,043,829)	\$0	\$(952,343)	\$(2,957,963)

All Level 3 investment activity is immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2024, and 2023, including transfers, purchases, sales, realized gain/(loss), and any change in unrealized gain/(loss).

The Foundation has certain investments that do not have readily determinable fair values but permit direct redemption or distributions at times specified under the governing documents. As a practical expedient, the Foundation relies on the net asset value (NAV) of these investments as their fair value. The net asset values that have been provided by the investees have been derived from the fair values of the underlying investments as of the reporting date. The following table summarizes the nature of these investments and any related liquidation restrictions or other factors which may impact the ultimate value realized.

CATEGORY OF INVESTMENT	Investment Strategy	Number of Funds	Fair Value Determined Using NAV	Unfunded Commitments (\$ millions)	Redemption Terms	Remaining Life
Equities	Domestic, international & emerging markets	5	\$ 492,608,504	\$ 0	(1)	n/a
Fixed income	Long-term debt, global & high yield	6	320,565,227	0	(2)	(3)
Alternative investments	Buyouts, distressed debt, energy, real estate & venture capital	271	1,000,410,527	401.1	(4)	(5)
Totals		282	\$1,813,584,258	\$401.1		

All percentages below based on percent (total fair value of the investments determined using NAV.

(1) All funds subject to 0–30 days prior notice, 60% subject to monthly redemptions, 20% subject to daily redemptions, & 20% subject to quarterly redemptions. (2) 66% subject to monthly redemptions with 3–30 days prior notice, 17% subject to quarterly redemptions & 17% not subject to redemption.

(3) 17% 2–5 years; 83% n/a.

(4) All redemptions, sales, or transfers subject to approval of general parter.

(5) 33% 1 year; 28% 2–5 years; 36% 6–10 years; 3% 11–15 years; all funds subject to extensions between 0–3 years.

NOTE 5: Grants and Program-Related Assets

The payment schedule for grants authorized but not paid is listed below:

DECEMBER 31, 2024	GRANTS PAYABLE
2025	\$ 26,000,000
2026	25,000,000
2027	25,000,000
2028	25,000,000
2029	23,500,000
Payable after 5 years	13,500,000
Total	\$138,000,000

The program-related assets are comprised of loan and equity assets. The scheduled loan repayment and equity recovery time frame are listed below:

DECEMBER 31, 2024	LOAN PROGRAM- RELATED ASSETS	EQUITY PROGRAM- RELATED ASSETS	TOTAL
Due within 1 year	\$ 20,048,932	\$ 0	\$ 20,048,932
Due after 1 year through 5 years	136,472,000	9,699,991	146,171,991
Due after 5 years through 10 years	42,055,000	3,000,000	45,055,000
Due after 10 years	31,867,234	18,600,098	50,467,332
Total	\$230,443,166	\$31,300,089	\$261,743,255

NOTE 6: Subsequent Events

The Foundation evaluated all activity through May 28, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosure in the Notes to Financial Statements.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the Trustees of the Richard King Mellon Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Richard King Mellon Foundation (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and of cash flows for the years then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary summary of investments is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements attements or to the financial statements themselves and other additional procedures, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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POLICY & GRANT GUIDELINES

The following grantmaking objectives and grant program priorities were approved by the Trustees in December 2020 for the ten-year period ending December 31, 2030.

Mission

The Foundation seeks to improve the competitive position of the region; strengthen the vitality of Southwestern Pennsylvania, particularly the City of Pittsburgh and its neighborhoods; and protect important habitats and natural amenities in Western Pennsylvania and other key landscapes.

Program Priorities: Southwestern Pennsylvania

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation seeks to create a region that is an engine for economic growth and vitality by investing in the ingenuity and creativity of its population, enhancing individuals' economic prosperity, and strengthening our sense of community. Priorities include:

Community Building

- Arts and Culture
- Innovation Districts
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Employment Opportunities

- Business and Job Creation
- Economic Independence
- Entrepreneurism

Talent Development

- 21st Century Skills
- Career Pathways
- Workforce Development Systems

ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The Foundation aims to provide all children and youth living in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties with access to their most promising future. We invest in pathways to opportunity for vulnerable children and youth to overcome the obstacles to achieving economic mobility. Priorities include:

Educational Attainment

- K-12 Academic Performance
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Post-Secondary Success

Future of Work

- Professional Skills & Awareness
- Work Experiences

Places of Opportunity

• Connected and Safe Communities

Supportive Living Environments

- Family and Caregiver Relationships
- Thriving at Home

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The Foundation's goal is to give residents of Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, particularly the most vulnerable, the opportunity to live a healthy life. Priorities include:

Advancing Science

- Applied Research and Evaluation
- Basic Research
- Identification and Response to Emerging Issues
- Research Translation and Dissemination

Healthy Communities

- Clean Environments
- Healthy Food
- Public Places and Open Spaces
- Safe and Stable Homes

Healthy People

- Chronic Conditions
- Maternal and Child Health
- Mental and Behavioral Health

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The Foundation will provide opportunities for partners to have the organizational strength and agility to pursue big ideas and take risks in service of accelerating achievement of the Foundation's strategic plan. Priorities include:

Communications

- Brand Strategy
- Contemporary Storytelling

Human Capital Management

- Competitive Nonprofit Career Paths
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Talent Acquisition and Retention

Leadership & Governance

- Attraction and Retention of Diverse, High-Performing Leaders
- Board Development and Engagement
- Collaboration and Access to Networks

Strategy & Learning

- Adaptive Strategy
- Culture of Learning
- Impact Measurement
- Resilient, Balanced Financial Structure

SOCIAL-IMPACT INVESTMENTS

The Foundation's social-impact investments will enable mission-driven companies to secure the risk capital, networks, and resources they need to develop products, deploy services, and address societal issues at the individual and community level. These investments will support the Foundation's four main program areas of Conservation, Economic Development, Economic Mobility, and Health & Well-Being. Program Priorities: Western Pennsylvania & National

CONSERVATION

The Foundation seeks to provide a region where wildlife flourishes and people thrive in those once-imperiled habitats, through strategic land protection, stewardship, and activation, and sustainable economic development that deploys renewable energy and new technologies that foster livable communities and healthy natural systems. Priorities include:

Activation

- Broadening Conservation
- Innovative Finance
- Science, Innovation and Planning
- Sustainable Development

Habitat Conservation

- Habitat Acquisition
- Science, Innovation and Planning

Stewardship

- Improved Management
- Partnerships
- Restoration
- Science, Innovation and Planning

Sustainable Communities

- Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Quality
- Green Infrastructure
- Outdoor Amenities
- Renewable Energy
- Science, Innovation and Planning

The Foundation gives priority to projects and programs that have clearly defined output, outcomes and an evaluation component, and has a preference for partnering with donors on initiatives. The Foundation accepts applications throughout the year.

The Foundation does not consider requests on behalf of individuals or from outside the United States.

Please visit the Foundation's website at www.rkmf.org for information on how to apply. For questions, please contact the Foundation's office at:

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