

Spring 2020 Grantees by Program Area

The Longwood Foundation grantees are working to create lasting impact for the residents, environment, and culture of the state of Delaware and southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. We are excited to announce the 15 spring 2020 grantees.

We also want to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the dozens of organizations who withdrew their applications in March & April in response to the coronavirus crisis. The world around us changed dramatically between March 1st (the deadline for this cycle) and when the coronavirus pandemic took hold of our region a few weeks later. All applicants were offered the opportunity to reevaluate their proposals. The immediacy, significance, and unknowns of the crisis had both created a higher bar for routine grant requests and changed the relevancy and urgency of some proposals. We are grateful for the thoughtfulness all applicants displayed in considering the needs of our community & region when making that decision.

ARTS

Delaware Arts Alliance

\$105,000 in operating support to further arts advocacy in Delaware.

Delaware Botanic Gardens

\$105,000 to hire a Director of Development for their public garden in southern Delaware.

Kennett Symphony Orchestra

\$25,000 in operating support.

Lewes Historical Society

\$100,000 for capital improvements and preservation of the Ryves Holt House (circa 1665), which is the oldest surviving house on its original foundation in the State of Delaware.

CIVIC

Salesianum School

\$150,000 towards the Abessinio Stadium project on the site of the former Baynard Stadium.

Tech Impact

\$200,000 to support the purchase of the former B&O building on the Wilmington Riverfront to co-locate their staff and programs, which addresses their classroom needs for their ITWorks training program for young adults as well as accommodating their growing staff and programming.

EDUCATION

Delaware College Scholars

\$160,000 in operating support for employee and technology capacity towards their programs to recruit and prepare high-achieving low-income students, academically and socially, to graduate from competitive four-year colleges and universities.

Great Oaks Charter School

\$317,950 in operating support.

Primeros Pasos Early Learning Center

\$200,000 to complete the renovation of their third and final classroom building which will be used to expand enrollment in their program in Georgetown.

Sussex Montessori Charter School

\$750,000 to support the construction and repurposing of an 8.5-acre farm in Seaford into a charter elementary school that will open in fall 2020.

TeenSHARP

\$300,000 in operating support for their initiatives which prepare African American and Latino students to attend and thrive at top-tier colleges.

HOUSING

Ministry of Caring

\$800,000 towards phase I of the Villa Maria, a 65-unit affordable housing apartment community for seniors in Wilmington's Old Brandywine Village neighborhood.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Cancer Care Connection

\$50,500 to support the one-time costs of their formal combination with Jewish Family Services (as a subsidiary).

Home of the Brave Foundation

\$12,500 to provide professional development for its staff and board members to enable the creation of a fundraising and sustainability plan.

Lori's Hands

\$150,000 for staffing to expand and strengthen their program that connects individuals with chronic illnesses who are living independently with student volunteers who visit weekly to provide companionship and assist with daily living activities.

Note that annual grant payments made to Longwood Gardens and the Community Education Building are not represented here.