

## CSG 2023 PROPOSED GRANTEES

### Community Service Grants

Entity	Organization's Mission	Funding Requested for	Funding
<b>An Open Book Foundation</b>	Its mission is to connect Washington, DC-area students with authors, illustrators, and their books to build equitable access and nurture a lifelong love of reading. AOB's programming offers a mix of literacy opportunities to students from preK-high school.	A Rotary grant of \$5,000 will enable AOB to donate approximately 375 books to students, classroom collections, and school libraries in conjunction with five author or illustrator visits in DC schools where approximately 85% of the students are eligible for FARM, the federal free and reduced meals program. Each child attending the author's or illustrator's presentation will receive a signed book to expand their home library. In addition, AOB will donate approximately 25 signed books to school and classroom libraries for countless students to enjoy long after the event.	\$5,000
<b>Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS)</b>	The mission of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is to protect and restore the Anacostia River by bringing partners and communities together to achieve a clean and safe Anacostia River for the benefit of all living in its watershed and for future generations. Our ultimate goal is to make the Anacostia River swimmable and fishable for the health and enjoyment of all community members.	The Community Service grant from the DC Rotary Foundation would support the Anacostia River Bioblitz that will take place this fall. The four-day Bioblitz is like a "census of the natural world" where community members serve as citizen scientists and document as many species as possible in a short period of time. AWS's Bioblitz will engage hundreds of local residents. The grant will enable AWS to purchase new supplies to engage more people and contract a bus company to bring students to one of the project sites to participate.	\$5,000
<b>Christ House</b>	Christ House is a residential medical facility for men experiencing homelessness with acute medical needs in Washington, DC. It provides 24/7 nursing care in a safe environment that promotes healing and hope and serves 3 nutritious meals each day, provides patients with transportation to and from appointments, other case management and substance use support services, and also operates a permanent supportive housing program for former patients.	The CSG grant would be used to replace windows in the sun room, which provides a comfortable seating area for patients and is the designated spot for relaxing. The main windows are original to the renovation and are foggy due to a broken seal. This has made the area less than ideal for patients. There are no other spaces with natural light, making the sun room essential for healing and general well-being.	\$5,000

<b>City Blossoms</b>	City Blossoms' mission is to cultivate the wellbeing of its communities through creative programming in kid-driven gardens. Since 2008, City Blossoms has designed and developed hundreds of gardens and implemented farm-to-school programming for hundreds of schools throughout the Washington D.C. area and nationwide. Its target population is under-resourced Latino, Black, and immigrant children and youth.	The CSG would be used to expand the School Garden Partners (SGP) program to design and incorporate garden-based education at two new DCPS schools: McKinley Tech High School and Kramer Middle School, both of which serve a high population of at-risk students. The grant covers both staffing and supply costs for the SGP program at these schools.	\$5,000
<b>DC Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP)</b>	DCYOP's mission is to empower young people to transform their lives through music and community. It believes that all young people should have access to the transformative power of music education; excellence is fostered through diversity, inclusion, and community; students are supported in their personal journey by meeting them where they are; and youth orchestras can model change and shape the future of the orchestral music world. DCYOP serves nearly 500 students ages 4 to 18 annually, from beginner classes to paths toward becoming a professional musician or musician-citizen.	This \$5,000 grant will cover the purchase of musical instruments to be loaned to qualifying students in need. Quality instruments are crucial to students' musical growth; they aid healthy instrumental technique and boost enjoyment while playing, furthering DCYOP's commitment to providing equitable and empowering musical opportunities for any interested students in the DC metropolitan area.	\$5000
<b>District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)</b>	DASH helps survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families in its emergency unit to meet their goals for safety. DASH provides a continuum of emergency-to-transitional and permanent safe housing programs, emergency financial assistance, and holistic services to empower survivors to rebuild their lives on their own terms. Since survivors seeking crisis-housing sometimes flee with nothing but the clothes on their back, flexible assistance is a crucial strategy for meeting survivors where they are helping them begin to rebuild their lives.	The \$5,000 grant will be used by DASH's Safe Nights Fund, which directly benefits survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse who receive same-day assistance, and those who need to be placed in hotels to await longer term placement have an average stay of five days. A quick transition to a hotel stay— and transportation if necessary— typically occurs within hours but has been negotiated in a matter of minutes in high-lethality situations, including gun violence.	\$5000
<b>Free Minds Book Club &amp; Writing Workshop</b>	Free Minds' mission is to prepare incarcerated and formerly incarcerated DC youth and adults for successful reentry through workforce development, peer support, the literary arts, trauma healing, member-led advocacy, and peacebuilding. Free Minds provides long-term wraparound services through books and creative writing.	Grant funds will be used to supplement Free Minds' Peer Support Training Program, which equips formerly incarcerated members with the skills and resources needed to support their fellow members coming home from incarceration. Graduates of the program, Peer Supporters, are paired with members just home, and apply their new skills through check-ins with their partners.	\$5,000

<b>Hope and a Home (HH)</b>	Hope and a Home provides wrap-around services to support DC families as they move from homelessness to independent lives, contributing to the vibrancy of the DC community. HH owns and maintains 19 transitional housing units in DC, where families participate in HH's robust, multi-phased programs, including the Grace Dickerson Higher Education (GDHE), which provides educational support to families helping Pre-K through the post-secondary level students.	The Rotary CSG will support its ongoing GDHE education program for homeless families at a time when inflation and other factors have further stressed those communities. The program's two-generation approach encourages academic achievement and long-term financial independence. Its services reinforce a pipeline toward post-secondary degrees and/or credentialing.	\$5,000
<b>Light the Way Foundation (LTW)</b>	LTW mission is to help youth build confidence, social and technical skills, and self-pride. They empower youth with limited resources by providing funding for enrichment programs that expose youth to new environments and skills. LTW's signature program is a film summer camp, for youth between the ages of 9 and 12 years old. The camp provides behind the camera training, where youth learn about the film industry, technical skills, and create a documentary that has a red carpet premiere.	The Rotary CSG will provide scholarships for youth to participate in LTW's five (5) day film summer camp. Students will learn skills to use a camera, sound equipment (boom\microphone), scripting, editing, and basic knowledge of industry standard language. Students will create a documentary, which will be featured at their red carpet premiere, when they will have a round table discussion with the audience to share what they learned during the program.	\$5,000
<b>Prevention of Blindness Society (POB)</b>	POB has the mission of improving and preserving sight and quality of life by providing services, and education, and championing healthy vision and innovation to everyone in the Greater DC area. They provide all services at no cost to families; insurance coverage is not required to participate.	The CSG will support POB's Children's Vision Health Program of vision screening, eye exams, and provision of eyeglasses for DC children. CVHP will ensure 2,300 DC kids have the vision necessary to succeed in and out of the classroom.	\$5,000
<b>Resources to Inspire Students and Educators (RISE)</b>	RISE's mission is to provide high-quality educational resources to underserved youth in DC. Under their College Prep Plus program, RISE is currently supporting 25 students in the pursuit of higher education. Students, from high school juniors to sophomores in college, are beneficiaries of quality tutoring and college guidance.	The Rotary CSG funding will be utilized to support RISE's existing College Prep Plus program and will allow RISE to expand its college tour portion of the program - experience and exposure is important for the development of our youth.	\$5,000
<b>Right Beginnings, Inc.</b>	Offers programs and services for DC residents who are female victims of domestic violence, including emergency and transitional shelter, workforce development, and assistance in qualifying for, locating, and securing self-sustaining employment with the goal of enabling participants to achieve financial stability while rebuilding their lives.	Jobs for Women Program provides a range of trauma-informed opportunities for workforce development based on clients' individual circumstances, skills, interests, and educational levels. Rotary grant funds will directly fund additional expenses (website development, computer(s) to place in each of the participating facilities of the expanded online program, online services) related to an expanded online Program.	\$2,547

<b>Street Sense Media</b>	Street Sense Media’s mission is to end homelessness in the Washington, D.C. area by empowering people in need with the skills, tools, and confidence to succeed. They use a range of media platforms—including a street newspaper, podcasts, photography, and theater—to empower people experiencing homelessness or living in extreme poverty with new opportunities and raise awareness about homelessness in our community.	The partial CSG grant would be used to host a Street Sense Media 20th anniversary event to celebrate its 130 artist/vendors [participants] with a catered meal and soft drinks, and provide direct relief and critical support (clothing, toiletries, gift cards) to people who are experiencing housing insecurity, and working to end homelessness.	\$2,547
<b>Suited for Change (SFC)</b>	Suited for Change’s (SFC’s) mission is to equip women in need on their path to financial independence by providing them with professional attire, coaching, and skills training. The Professional Readiness Program workshops provide tailored skill-building workshops to women at different stages of their job search, now bringing our workshops directly to partner agencies across DC that rely on us to prepare their clients for the workforce.	The CSG would support expansion of the Professional Readiness Program workshops. Demand for these workshops has exploded (they delivered 9 in 2021 and increased to 40 in 2022, with more requested!). CSG funding will help SFC keep pace with client needs.	\$5,000
<b>Teens Run DC (TRDC)</b>	Teens Run DC’s mission is to empower underserved youth and work towards the achievement of personal goals through a community building, social-emotional learning, and distance running program. TRDC’s program integrates social support, goal-setting, and exercise to promote the physical and mental health of historically-marginalized youth.	Rotary’s CSG will support TRDC’s effort to engage approximately 550 middle- and high school aged youth during the 2023-24 school year in a way that best meets the needs of youth at each partner school through in school programming, after school practices, Saturday run clubs, and races throughout DC.	\$5,000
<b>The Family Place, Inc. (TFP)</b>	The Family Place (TFP) mission is to empower low-income families and to foster the optimal development of their young children through educational and support services. The major program service areas are Early Learning; Family Stability and Support; and Emergency Services. The Emergency Services program attempts to meet families' immediate survival needs, such as baby supplies, clothing, and food.	The CSG grant will be used for emergency services for immigrant families who are being bussed to DC. This action has overwhelmed current systems and capacity of immigrant-serving organizations and represents a new client group. The proposed project will provide the families with diapers, wipes, other baby supplies, and food, among other items.	\$5,000
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	The Salvation Army’s mission is to provide holistic services to support all those in need, breaking cycles of poverty, hunger, and homelessness for vulnerable people. Grate Patrol is a mobile canteen delivering dinner, case management, material necessities, and hope to people experiencing homelessness on the streets of DC every night for 40 years.	Rotary’s CSG grant would support the Salvation Army Grate Patrol Street Outreach Program with funding for food costs, canteen upgrades and expenses, a driver cell phone, and in-kind items like hygiene kits.	\$5,000

<b>WANADA Automobile Dealer Education Institute (ADEI)</b>	Non-profit apprenticeship program providing job-placement, mentorship and accredited classroom training for aspiring automotive technicians in DC. 90% of graduates are minorities, many from disadvantaged backgrounds. Apprentices earn a living wage by working at a franchised new car dealership while attending class on one of their days off.	Rotary CSG funds would go directly towards students' "tool allowance", through which students are able to purchase and own the tools they will use throughout their education and careers. Each student is provided a \$500 tool allowance and sponsored discounts, without which many students would not be able to embark on this career path.	\$5,000
<b>We Are Family Senior Outreach Network</b>	Through the use of a vast volunteer network, it builds bridges between its volunteers and seniors across boundaries that may usually keep us apart, such as age, race, class, religion, culture, language or sexual orientation. The result is a community where neighbors look out for each other and everyone feels like they matter.	We Are Family will use CSG funds to launch a new free legal services program for their seniors in the area of life/estate planning. Given how difficult it can be for seniors to access services, We Are Family brings services to them in their homes.	\$5,000
<b>Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Washington</b>	YMCA's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental and physical development of individuals, families and communities according to the ideals of inclusiveness, equality and mutual respect for all. The Education Plus 2 program reaches families living below the poverty line.	CSG funds will support the enrollment of 50 children from Education Plus 2 in the YMCA of the USDA's Safety Around Water program during 2023 summer day camps in June, July and August at YMCA Anthony Bowen. <i>Note: application specifically requested \$4,906.</i>	\$4,906
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>\$95,000</b>