

CSG 2025 PROPOSED GRANTEES

Total Funding: \$200,000

Special Project Grants (\$20,000)

Entity	Organization's Mission	Funding Requested for	Funding
Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer	Brem champions early detection of breast cancer to improve health outcomes for all through innovation, education, equitable access, and targeted advocacy. Brem's vision is that women are screened properly – on time, every time. This way, more breast cancers are detected early, when they are most treatable and survival rates are highest. Brem has educated 16,000 people through in-person education, paid for more than 3,100 diagnostic tests, provided over 3,600 cost-free rides, and trained 34 breast-imaging radiologists through the Brem fellowship. Brem created educational PSAs in English and Spanish, viewed by over six million people.	The Special Project Grant will fund the growth of two access programs, two access programs, the B-Fund and Wheels for Women, both of which seek to close gaps in breast care and improve health outcomes for medically and financially underserved women, most of whom are women of color. The B-Fund covers the cost of screening and diagnostic breast exams, and Wheels provides free rides to women for their breast screening and diagnostic exams when transportation is a barrier to care. Detecting breast cancer early, when it is most treatable and survival rates are highest, is simply not possible if women are unable to access quality screening services.	\$20,000
Everyone Home DC	Everyone Home DC (EHDC) supports the holistic needs of thousands of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Housing is our starting point; seeing people thrive is our finish line. We envision a thriving and diverse community in which all people can obtain and keep safe, affordable, and comfortable homes. We approach our services with a whole person, whole family, and whole community mindset. EHDC provides a range of housing solutions and supportive services to ensure all individuals and families in our community have what they need to thrive.	The Special Project Grant will support the replacement of the HVAC unit in EHDC's Drop-in Day Center building, which offers nearly 1,000 unhoused neighbors in DC a location to spend their days off the street and access to support services like meals, showers, laundry, mail services, and social services referrals annually. Daily use, combined with old age results in unanticipated repairs each year. By replacing the HVAC for the Day Center, we can ensure we can continue to provide a safe, welcoming, space for our unhoused neighbors.	\$20,000
Food Rescue US - DC	Food Rescue US is dedicated to eliminating hunger and food waste in America. Through our proprietary app, we engage volunteers and food donors to directly transfer nutritious excess food to social service agencies serving the food insecure. In doing this, we change lives and critically address climate change by keeping food out of landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	The Special Project Grant will facilitate Food Rescue US - DC to establish a new project: co-hosting free food distributions in southeast DC. Building upon our extensive history in these communities, Good Neighbors Market will expand our ability to increase the accessibility of healthy food while minimizing the environmental impact of food waste.	\$20,000
The Salvation Army	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	The Special Project Grant will allow The Salvation Army to purchase a new canteen vehicle for the Grate Patrol program.	\$20,000

	necessities, and hope to people experiencing homelessness on the streets of DC every night for 40 years.		
TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING			\$80,000

Community Service Grants (\$1,000 - 5,000)

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An Open Book Foundation	An Open Book (AOB)'s 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.	CSG funds will enable AOB to donate approximately 375 books to students, classroom collections and school libraries, and staff five author or illustrator visits in Title 1 DC schools. Each child attending the author's or illustrator's presentation will receive a signed book to expand their personal collection. In addition, AOB will donate approximately 40 signed books to school libraries and classroom collections for countless students to enjoy long after the event.	\$5,000
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)	CARECEN offers a range of citizenship services to immigrants in the DC area to support their journey to US citizenship. This includes assistance with naturalization applications, citizenship classes, document translation, and post-naturalization support, like voter registration and passport applications. Through an integrated approach, CARECEN ensures that low-income, low-literacy individuals have the support they need to navigate the complex process of naturalization and all related benefits.	CSG funds will supplement CARECEN's long-standing citizenship program, providing educational resources for 100 students. These materials will help participants prepare for the naturalization exam and interview by reinforcing key topics, such as US history, government, and civics.	\$5,000
Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School	Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School's (CBOBS) mission is to change lives through challenge and discovery. They provide one-day outdoor teambuilding programs and five-day wilderness expeditions for secondary students from historically under-resourced communities in Baltimore and DC. Through a research-backed educational model, our students participate in challenges that build social and emotional learning skills.	CSG funds will fund critical items for the CBOBS DC campus and enable hundreds of DC youths to participate in outdoor education programs. CBOBS reaches kids through partnerships with schools. Over half of their DC program students live on the eastern side of DC and face systemic barriers. Schools pay a fraction of true cost, and students pay nothing—for programs and required gear.	\$5,000
Christ House	Christ House is a medical respite facility providing 24/7 care for unhoused men with acute medical needs in Washington, DC. Since opening in 1985, we have welcomed over 10,000 patient admissions. Our holistic approach promotes healing and stability through clinical care, case management, substance use support, and permanent	CSG funds will allow Christ House to upgrade living room furniture for our Kairos permanent supportive housing program, nearly doubling our seating capacity. Specialized, sturdy seating is essential for Members with mobility challenges, ensuring they can sit and stand comfortably. As	\$5,000

	supportive housing. Patients receive a safe environment, nutritious meals, and transportation services to aid recovery. Beyond medical care, we help individuals address critical challenges to break the cycle of homelessness, empowering them to regain independence and hope.	part of our trauma-informed care approach, providing accessible, supportive furniture fosters dignity, inclusion, and community engagement.	
City Blossoms	City Blossoms' mission is to cultivate the well-being of our communities through creative programming in kid-driven gardens. Using green space, our six programs connect children and youth to environmental education, food, community, and art. To date, we have built hundreds of gardens and implemented farm-to-school programming for hundreds of schools throughout DC and nationwide. Our gardens reflect the communities they are situated in and are created through a collaborative youth-centered process. Recognizing that green space is not equitably distributed in DC, we focus our work on youth, schools, and communities who do not otherwise have access to this critical resource.	City Blossoms' School Garden Partners program works with Title 1 K-12 schools in Washington, DC to design and build unique school gardens, and incorporate garden-based education into the school's programming over 5 years. The partnership model supports partner schools' autonomy: by year 5, partners are equipped with the tools and training to independently run their own unique garden program. Funding from this grant will expand this program to Johnson Middle School in Ward 8, 100% of whose students qualify for free and reduced lunch.	\$5,000
CitySwing Foundation	CitySwing Foundation aims to unlock the life-changing benefits of golf for underrepresented groups by sparking interest, ensuring access, and building community. They envision a world where all people can be on par with their potential.	CSG funds will be used to pilot a golf program for youth with special needs, providing an inclusive and supportive introduction to golf using indoor golf facilities and adaptive technology. This program will offer specialized instruction, modified equipment, and the use of simulators and other assistive technologies to ensure accessibility for all participants.	\$5,000
DC Youth Orchestra Program	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.	CSG funds will enable DCYOP to purchase a professional bass trombone that will be used in rehearsals and performances by students in its two most advanced orchestras. DCYOP trombonists have their own tenor trombones, but none of them have costly bass trombones. By adding a bass trombone to its instrument collection, both DCYOP orchestras will be able to perform some of the most challenging and inspiring works in the symphonic repertoire, greatly enhancing the learning and performance experience for 175 hardworking young musicians and preparing them for college music studies.	\$5,000
Dumbarton Arts & Education	Dumbarton Arts & Education's Inspired Child's mission is to ensure that children in underserved Washington, DC neighborhoods have access to high-quality early childhood education during the incredibly formative first five years. They work in Title I schools and	CSG funds will provide 8 weeks of enriching workshops to about 32 infants, professional development and coaching for 10 teachers in the Dancing With Babies program, which is the only program focused on infant brain	\$5,000

	child development centers in high-poverty communities to ensure equitable access to arts-based education. Inspired Child supports the cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development of early learners so they enter kindergarten fully prepared to succeed and thrive.	growth. It was created by a neuroscientist and consists of structured sequences integrating sound, movement, and rhythm that support babies' development and bonding with caregivers.	
First Tee - Greater Washington DC	FTDC's mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Founded in 1999, we operate in DC, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD and Northern Virginia. We offer a safe and positive environment at public golf courses and U.S. military installations during non-school hours where young people are engaged by caring adults, volunteers and coaches. In addition to learning golf fundamentals, our character education and life skills programs help young people prepare for success in high school, college, and beyond.	Programming support for the Golf Program at Rock Creek Park serving youth ages 7-18 from DC. Programs occur over 4 sessions throughout the year, Spring I, Spring II, Summer, and Fall. This Grant for Rock Creek Park would assist in covering costs for DC residents ages 7-18 who register for our Golf Program. This grant would help expand program offerings to reach more youth in Washington, DC (50 kids would receive scholarship tuition for one session) and surrounding neighborhoods. This program focuses on youth in the Columbia Heights and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods.	\$5,000
Food Justice DMV	Food Justice DMV is an all-volunteer collective that supports more than 13,000 Black and Brown undocumented and asylum-seeking migrant families in the DMV who are least likely to benefit from the public safety net. Following a "food as medicine" model, FJDMV recently passed the milestone of making one million deliveries of culturally-responsive food, produce (reclaimed and regular), diapers, formula, and sanitary pads (reusable and regular). Resource coaches collaborate with local partners to provide systemic supports that serve the whole person, including access to rent, legal, medical and mental health information.	With CSG funds, FJDMV will purchase and deliver culturally-appropriate food to primarily Latin undocumented/asylum-seeking immigrant families in Washington DC, barred from work by law. We provide food that reminds them of home and addresses the psychological trauma of not knowing where your next meal will come from. We address infant and maternal health disparities by providing diapers, formula and wipes; we combat period poverty with sanitary pads. With the current threat of mass deportations, the end of pandemic financial support, and increasing food prices, our role has become even more critical.	\$5,000
Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop	Free Minds fosters personal growth and systems change for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youth and adults through the literary arts, workforce development, trauma healing, peace-building, and advocacy. Programming includes: 1) Jail Book Club in Washington, DC 2) Prison Book Club serving members in 110 federal prisons, and 3) Reentry Book Club for members released. Through personalized reentry coaching, members receive digital support, assistance with job applications, and connections to job, vocational, and educational opportunities. In 2024, 97% of	The Free Minds Job Readiness and Personal Skill Building Apprenticeship integrates Free Minds' successful reading and writing model that builds a crucial peer network to launch formerly incarcerated individuals into career success. Attendees practice essential job skills including public speaking, computer literacy, driving license exam preparation, professional writing, and building social capital. Each apprentice develops a resume and applies for jobs, learns budgeting basics, and completes an action plan with steps towards achieving career/education	\$5,000

	members home are employed, in school, or in vocational training programs; only 8% recidivated.	goals. Fellow Free Minds members provide career advice and insight from their career experiences since being home to the apprentices.	
Liberty's Promise	Liberty's Promise supports young immigrants in need while encouraging them to be active and conscientious American citizens. Its programs aim to make the immigrant experience an affirmative one for young newcomers while instilling in them a sense of pride and support for American ideals of democracy and freedom. In its program, newcomer youth learn about and become active in their communities through field trips, meeting community leaders, and performing service learning activities. Along the way, they also learn what they need to do to access higher education and the job skills to apply for gainful employment. All this is done in a fun, interactive, hands-on environment where students can be comfortable learning about their new home as well as the cultures of their fellow immigrant students. By doing so, Liberty's Promise seeks to reaffirm fundamental egalitarian and democratic traditions for future generations.	CSG funds will provide funding for food and transportation for our after-school programs. Providing free field trips and meals to participants is an important recruiting tactic to get students involved in the program. It also allows us to provide invaluable experiences like college visits, a tour of the Capitol, or a day at the National Zoo that youth would otherwise not experience. This summer, one of our participants who has lived here for seven years was excited to visit the zoo for the very first time, illustrating the importance of these trips in making youth feel at home in D.C.	\$5,000
Mary House, Inc	Mary House partners with extremely low-income immigrants and refugees in Washington, DC, offering a network of support and providing transitional housing, case- management, advocacy, and educational services. Currently operating 55 housing units and seeking to add a further 12 units this year, Mary House provides a stable and nurturing environment for over 230 individuals who would otherwise face homelessness and creates customized support programs aimed at building each family's independence, self- sufficiency and well-being. In our 43-year history, more than 700 Mary House families have transitioned to independent housing.	Responding to heightened food insecurity in the community, Mary House seeks support to expand our Food Pantry for Mary House families and other community members. In 2024 our food pantry supported over 100 families and 40 seniors, distributing 15,000 pounds of food. We also offer laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, dental products, women's hygiene products, and fresh fruits and vegetables, items which very few food pantries offer. The food pantry serves as an entryway for us to meet community members, understand their needs, and offer additional resources including housing, medical care, legal services, employment and educational resources.	\$5,000
Multicultural Career Intern Program (MCIP)	MCIP's mission is to close the opportunity gap for CHEC students by dismantling inequitable systems. Our programs foster academic excellence, diversity, equity, and inclusion, including Mentoring CHEC, the Teen Parent and Child Development Center, High Impact Tutoring, the Scholarship Awards Gala, Family Strengthening services, Diversionary Programming, a Community Garden, and Study Abroad/Exchange opportunities. Each initiative transforms	MCIP's Mentoring CHEC initiative is a high-impact program that provides high-potential, underserved youth at Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC) with life-changing college exposure, academic guidance, and structured mentorship. By forging purposeful mentor-mentee connections, the program ensures that each participant is equipped to navigate admissions	\$5,000

	students' academic journeys by combining rigor, high expectations, and consistent support. As a result, MCIP continues to elevate college acceptance rates (88%), scholarship awards (\$3.8M), and success stories, ensuring that every student is empowered to thrive in higher education and beyond.	processes, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. The \$5,000 Community Service Grant will specifically fund campus visits, virtual workshops, and college prep materials, bridging the information gap often limiting college options for low-income families. Mentoring CHEC not only expands educational horizons but also fosters a robust support network, paving the way to success for all CHEC students.	
Open Goal Project	Open Goal Project was founded in 2015 after noticing a lack of growth opportunities for youth soccer players from low-income families in Washington, DC. After working to support several children from low-income families to access higher-level opportunities, we began to understand the obstacles that were preventing these kids, with such great potential, from participating in the first place. Our mission is to use soccer as a vehicle for youth from marginalized communities to access higher education, upward social mobility, and improved long-term health outcomes. We have developed our 100% free soccer and enrichment programs to empower our community to thrive.	Funding for this project would support shirts and snacks for all youth attending our 2025 Summer Skills Camp, which takes place between June and August. The program consists of six weeks of 100% free summer camp for local youth from marginalized communities. The program offers our youth five days a week of high-level soccer training, fitness and nutritional guidance, guest speakers to inspire and workshops on topics like college access, financial literacy, workforce development. Approximately 200 youth participated in our 2024 Summer Skills Camp, and we expect our 2025 Summer Skills Camp to be our biggest yet.	\$5,000
Peace of Mind Inc.	Peace of Mind educates students about mindfulness, brain science, conflict resolution and social justice, helping them develop skills to manage their emotions, build healthy relationships and become peacemakers. Evidence-based and educator-created, Peace of Mind is taught weekly by teachers and school mental health professionals in 35+ Washington DC area schools, 60% of which receive Title I funding.	Many children had fewer opportunities to engage with peers during the pandemic, impacting their social skills such as sharing, cooperation, and conflict resolution. Even now, young children's challenges remain, not only with these skills but with levels of anxiety that shock experienced teachers. Early childhood educators regularly come to us in search of new, effective resources to support the mental health and well-being of their 2-5 year olds. We are seeking to leverage our expertise to build on existing program materials to create and share an updated, responsive new curriculum for Prek-K classrooms and programs enrolling underserved students in DC.	\$5,000
Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan	Mission: Improve and preserve sight and quality of life through service and education. To promote healthy vision and innovation in the DC area. Glasses4Scholars Program: Free screening, exams, and glasses for underserved students.	Funding will sustain our expanded children's program which has served kids since 1936. We typically reach 400 DC students annually. In 2024 the program expanded to 20,000 students. Our goal is to ensure that all DC students needing glasses have a pair, all at no cost to families.	\$5,000

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Shout Mouse Press	Since our founding in 2014, SMP has published 59 titles representing the work of 539 youth authors. Authors include Black, Muslim, Latinx, AAPI, queer, incarcerated, immigrant, teen parent, and otherwise marginalized youth. Over 90% come from low-income families. There are 145,000+ SMP books in circulation, including in most DC public schools and libraries; 30 local nonprofits; bookstores, libraries, and homes across the country; and 27 countries.	Shout Mouse Press will engage new readers and writers in DC public and charter schools through author talks, writing workshops, and classroom sets of Bright Before Us, Like a Flame—a new anthology celebrating 10 years of youth writing. Created in response to educator requests, the book pairs youth writing with prompts and discussion tools to amplify marginalized voices and foster student storytelling, offering opportunities for young authors to share their work publicly with their peers.	\$5,000
So What Else	So What Else’s mission is to improve the lives of children and families in underserved Baltimore-Washington Metro communities by providing food security, basic necessities, and high-quality out-of-school programs in literacy, athletics, and the arts, while inspiring volunteerism.	With CSG funds, So What Else will purchase a forklift to increase our ability to rescue fresh food and serve low-income communities in DC. The forklift will directly result in a 20% increase in free food provided to 1,000 DC households.	\$5,000
Comfort Cases, Inc.	The mission of Comfort Cases, Inc. is to inspire communities to bring dignity and hope to youth in foster care. The organization distributes backpacks (called Comfort Cases) customized by age and gender that include warm pajamas, a blanket, a bath towel, hygiene items, a book or coloring book and crayons, a stuffed animal, art/school supplies and a journal. The hygiene items encourage healthy self-care, the books and journals serve an educational purpose, and the backpack and comfort items support children’s self-esteem. Since the organization’s inception, it has served more than 250,000 children in foster care.	CSG funds will pay for 81 Comfort Cases (cost \$55 each) filled with educational, hygiene and comfort items to be distributed to children in foster care in Washington, DC in 2025. The organization will deliver the backpacks directly to the agencies requesting them.	\$4,500
YMCA of Metropolitan Washington	The mission of the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Washington, founded in 1852, is to foster the spiritual, mental, and physical development of individuals, families, and communities according to the ideas of inclusiveness, equality, and mutual respect for all. Anthony Bowen, the first YMCA founded by an African American, fosters youth development through programs promoting character, health, and academics. YAB supports healthy living with wellness programs, offering group exercise, cooking classes, and aqua aerobics. Committed to social responsibility, we provide scholarships, holiday aid, and food drives, while contributing to the local economy by prioritizing neighborhood hires.	The YMCA of Metropolitan Washington will provide approximately 50 youth (ages 6-16) from low-income households, many of whom are African American, with lifesaving swimming lessons through Y Swim, a collaboration with Education Plus 2’s summer enrichment program. Y Swim is focused on eliminating kid’s fear of water by building their skills and confidence by teaching water safety and basic swim skills. By promoting water safety awareness, this partnership empowers vulnerable youth and helps prevent drowning incidents. Instruction will take place at YMCA Anthony Bowen two weeks during the summer.	\$4,000

The VIVA School of Dance	The VIVA School of Dance is a pioneering pre-professional dance training and leadership development school that cultivates students of color into the creative leaders of tomorrow. With a mission to diversify and increase representation in dance, we prepare students to be industry change-makers, from the stage to the boardroom. Admission is by audition only, and all accepted students receive full merit scholarships. To date, 100% of our graduates have achieved on-time high school graduation and college acceptance, including to the nation's top collegiate dance programs. Currently, 75 students ages 6-18 train at VIVA.	CSG funds will purchase costumes for VIVA's Annual Concert, which is the culminating performance for students in the Pre-Professional Dance and Leadership Development Program, showcasing a year of intensive training in contemporary, modern, ballet, pointe, hip hop, and African diasporic dance forms. Costuming is a vital element, enhancing the professional quality of the performance while deepening students' engagement in the creative process.	\$2,500
DowntownDC Foundation	The DowntownDC Foundation enhances the vibrancy of Washington, DC, by supporting public spaces, community engagement, and essential services. Key initiatives include the Downtown Day Services Center, which provides vital resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, and revitalizing parks and public spaces with creative programming like markets and live events. Recent accomplishments include expanding critical services for vulnerable populations and launching innovative infrastructure projects to improve public spaces. The Foundation remains committed to fostering a vibrant, equitable, and welcoming downtown community through impactful programs and strategic partnerships.	CSG funds will allow DowntownDC Foundation to provide 500 hygiene kits to individuals experiencing homelessness, this program delivers essential items to support dignity, health, and well-being in the DowntownDC community. Each kit includes body wash, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, lip balm, hand sanitizer, warming items, and healthy, shelf-stable snacks. These items address basic hygiene needs while offering comfort and care to individuals who lack consistent access to such essentials.	\$2,500
Light the Way Foundation	Our mission is to provide access to enrichment programs that helps build youth confidence, social and technical skills, and self-pride. Our motto is "opening doors to a brighter future." We believe it's our obligation to ensure youth, with limited resources, are exposed to new environments. Our signature program is a film summer camp that teaches youth, between the ages of 9 and 12, how to create a documentary, from behind the camera. We have quarterly youth empowerment programs, led by industry professionals who discuss finances, mental health, and college/life skill matters with high school students.	This grant will be used to host two youth empowerment symposiums for high school students in the DMV. The event will provide industry experts in the fields of mental health, finance, and college preparation and life skill guidance. The students will have the opportunity to learn and interact with the guest speakers, to promote their success. Free lunch will be provided for students and gift bags filled with items related to the program.	\$2,500
The PEN/Faulkner Foundation	PEN/Faulkner champions the breadth and power of fiction in America. Established in 1980 with the creation of the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, we have since developed public literary programs to encourage dialogue between writers and readers and education programs that foster students' love of reading. We have also expanded our awards with the PEN/Malamud Award for	Funding will support PEN/Faulkner's Writers in Schools (WinS) program during the 2025-26 school year, connecting more than 1,500 students in grades 3-12 at DC's Title I and Targeted Assistance schools with professional writers through classroom visits. Visits are offered to schools free of charge and occur during the school day. We prioritize working with BIPOC authors,	\$2,500

	Excellence in the Short Story and the PEN/Faulkner Literary Champion.	whose work is often underrepresented in traditional curriculum materials.	
The Theatre Lab (TTL)	The Theatre Lab's (TTL) mission is to transform lives through theatre education, guided by the vision that the arts are an essential aspect of life, education, and community. Founded in 1992, TTL addresses barriers to accessing high-quality dramatic arts instruction: Every TTL program is intentionally designed to engage an economically, socially, and racially diverse student body of all talent and experience levels. TTL educates 3,000 students annually through its programs, including award-winning camps and afterschool programs for children and teens; classes for adults; and Life Stories (LS) programs, in which participants create and perform original dramatic works based on lived experiences.	CSG funds will support two new LS programs: 1. Life Pieces To Masterpieces (LPTM): TTL will bring LS to a cohort of Black boys/young men, along with a cohort of parents, as part of LPTM's mission to prepare young Black men to be catalysts for positive community change. 2. N Street Village (NSV): TTL will bring LS to an intergenerational cohort of women experiencing homelessness (many of whom are in addiction recovery), and the daughters and mothers of these women, to envision new perspectives and reconnect families through exploration of shared narratives.	\$2,500
Washington DC Table Tennis Academy	The Washington DC table tennis academy is dedicated to using table tennis as a means to improve our community as a whole from young to old. Our youth programs are created to help at risk and underprivileged children develop in a sport that is low risk and high reward.	We plan to use funding to directly help with continuing to help at-risk youth learn the sport of table tennis. All money goes directly into the program through the purchase of equipment, food and drinks and coaches for our developmental program. We need to purchase tables, rackets, balls and ball collectors.	\$2,500
Aaliyah in Action	Aaliyah in Action provides compassionate support to families experiencing pregnancy and infant loss by offering tools for emotional healing and advocating for improved bereavement care.	Funding will be used to assemble and distribute care packages filled with grief resources, self-care items, and tools for healing. Our partner hospitals in underserved communities ensure that families receive immediate, compassionate support during their most vulnerable moments in part thanks to Aaliyah in Action.	\$1,500
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