

CSG 2024 PROPOSED GRANTEES

Total Funding: \$195,000

Special Project Grants (\$20,000)

Entity	Organization's Mission	Funding Requested for	Funding
Becky Lee Women's Support Fund	<p>Becky's Fund strives to address domestic violence in all sectors of our community, establish prevention-based educational programs to counter domestic violence, and collaborate with others in the community to find ways to change the behavior and thinking behind issues that cause domestic violence. Becky's Fund's mission is to end and prevent domestic violence through education, advocacy, and direct services.</p>	<p>The Rotary Special Project Grant would be used to improve and expand the AI-based, mobile phone platform ENDOVI, which is a tool to empower survivors of domestic violence to leave their abusive environment safely, quietly, and permanently. ENDOVI uses data elements without involving Personally Identifiable Information (PII) to help create a personal safety plan for the user. Its reliance on AI will be increased to provide additional support to survivors.</p>	\$20,000
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)	<p>CARECEN's mission is to foster the comprehensive development of the Latino population by providing direct services while promoting grassroots empowerment, civic engagement, and human rights advocacy. CARECEN currently provides immigration legal services, housing counseling (foreclosure prevention, communication with landlords regarding housing code violations), tenant association organizing, and citizenship courses that prepare candidates for the citizenship exam and was instrumental in supporting the immigrants bused to DC from Texas and Florida.</p>	<p>CARECEN's building, called La Escuelita (the Little School), is in need of repair. It was last refurbished in 2005. The Special Projects Grant from the Rotary Foundation would be used to update the facilities to make the schoolhouse a safer, cleaner, and more modern environment. This would include repairing the roof, remodeling the bathroom, repairing broken windows, and tuckpointing the outside mortar in order to reinforce the brick structure.</p>	\$20,000
Christ House	<p>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.</p>	<p>Christ House would use the Special Projects Grant to purchase a new van to transport patients to specialist and social services appointments throughout the DMV area. Providing transportation for Christ House patients ensures that they arrive safely, in a timely manner, and without the additional stressor of navigating transportation logistics that are often complex and cumbersome for Christ House residents. Christ House's</p>	\$20,000

		current vehicle is over five years old and has recently had multiple mechanical issues.	
Kingman Boys & Girls Club	The mission of the Kingman Boys & Girls Club is to provide young people between 5 and 18 in the D.C. Metropolitan area with educational, cultural, athletic, recreational, and employment opportunities to help them become successful and socially responsible adults. Kingman provides childcare, academic enrichment programs, and day camps for children aged 5 to 12. It also offers transportation services to and from our facility on school days and to educational and recreational field trips and special events.	The Special Project Grant will be used to refurbish Kingman’s playground and outdoor play area. A portion of the grant would also be used to address some identified issues within the building, such as replacing the building’s exit door and 4 heating vents that are over 30 years old and not functioning correctly. Any funds left over would be used for supplies and materials.	\$20,000
Light The Way Foundation	The mission of the Light the Way Foundation (LTW) 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 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.	The Rotary Special Projects Grant will fully fund the total cost of LTW’s film summer camp training and the red carpet premiere of the documentary the students will create. Film Summer camp is for 20 students, between the ages of 9 and 12 years old. Each student will be provided a scholarship to participate in the five-day camp. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided to the students daily. 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.	\$20,000
Smith Center for Healing and the Arts	Smith Center for Healing and the Arts (Smith Center) develops and promotes healing practices that explore physical, emotional, and mental wellness and lead to life-affirming changes. Smith Center’s work is based on a profound idea: that everyone harbors the innate ability to heal, even in the face of life’s most serious challenges. Smith Center provides comprehensive cancer support services through three services areas: (1) Health and Wellness; (2) Cancer Programs; and (3) Art and Healing.	The Rotary Special Project Grant will support the Individual Therapy Pilot Project. This program will provide free therapy services to 70 cancer patients in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. In this program, therapy services will be provided by four Smith Center therapists, including licensed clinicians and pre- licensed advanced clinical therapy students.	\$20,000
TOTAL FUNDING			\$120,000

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

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An Open Book Foundation	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 390 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 25 signed books to school libraries and classroom collections for countless students to enjoy long after the event.	\$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.	DCYOP would use the CSG to purchase two timpani and a concert glockenspiel. These additions allow our students to play on quality instruments, which are crucial to their musical journey; they aid healthy instrumental technique and boost enjoyment while playing. The timpani are over ten years old. Funds may also be used towards uniforms for members of the orchestra.	\$5,000
Food Justice DMV	Food Justice DMV (FJDMV) is an all-volunteer collective that delivers food to undocumented and asylum-seeking families. FJDMV provides three weekly distributions of culturally-responsive food: beans, rice, oil, maseca and produce. It also provides diapers, wipes and formula to the DC and VA families and diapers to our largest MD distribution.	FJDMV requests a CSG to purchase and deliver culturally-appropriate food to primarily Latin undocumented/asylum-seeking Immigrant families in Washington DC, who are barred from work by law. The food reminds those families of home and addresses the psychological trauma of not knowing where the next meal will come from. Funds will also be used to address infant and maternal health disparities by providing diapers, formula, wipes, and sanitary pads.	\$5,000
GALA	GALA's mission is to develop, produce, and present works that explore the breadth of Latino performing	GALA seeks a CSG to support Paso Nuevo, a year-round after-school program providing free, bilingual,	\$5,000

	<p>arts, making this work accessible to the broadest possible audience, and using theater as a vehicle for social change. Since 1976 GALA has produced over 300 acclaimed bilingual productions of Hispanic plays and musicals; commissioned work by emerging and established Latinx artists; partnered with community organizations on social justice performances; and educated Latinx youth in dramatic arts.</p>	<p>theater training, performance, and youth development opportunities for D.C. youth ages 13 through 18. Students receive bilingual training in performing arts and technical theater, study works by Hispanic authors, write plays and songs based on their personal experiences, and get training in technical theater production. Paso Nuevo is offered Monday through Thursdays during the school year, and in a 6-week summer intensive program conducted Monday through Fridays. It serves 50-75 Latinx and multicultural teens experiencing material poverty, as well as about 750 family and community members who attend performances.</p>	
<p>Georgetown Ministry Center</p>	<p>Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC) guides service-resistant, chronically homeless individuals towards stability through provision of a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is treated with respect. GMC has three flagship programs - Drop-in Center, Street Outreach, and Winter Program. The Drop-in Center serves as a place for people experiencing homelessness to take a shower, do their laundry, and use the bathroom. They also have computers, telephone, and a mailing address they can use. Drop-in Center staff provide light case management.</p>	<p>GMC seeks funds to support a second drop-in center that it opened in response to social distancing requirements from COVID-19. This additional space has allowed GMC to augment their core services like having access to laundry and bathroom facilities, but since the space is more than twice the size of the Drop-in Center, it offers a place to conduct mental health related services like yoga, mindfulness classes, art and poetry therapy. The Pop-up location is now an essential part of GMC's service offerings and the funds would be used in support of this location.</p>	<p>\$5000</p>
<p>Girls on the Run DC</p>	<p>Girls on the Run DC's (GOTR-DC's) mission is to transform the lives of girls by helping them discover and activate their limitless potential and pursue their dreams. GOTR is a high-quality, after-school program consisting of two integrated components: an evidence-based character education curriculum addressing social-emotional skills that build confidence, emotional intelligence, and resilience and instruction in fitness/running technique that engages the girls in physical activity, working toward the goal of completing a 5K running event held in May and</p>	<p>A Rotary CSG would be used to provide 20 scholarships for participants in either the Girls on the Run curriculum (for girls in grades 3-5) or the Heart & Sole curriculum (for girls in grades 6-8). All beneficiaries would come from economically disadvantaged and under-resourced communities, mostly in Wards 7 and 8.</p>	<p>\$5000</p>

	November.		
Next Level Tennis And Education	The mission of Next Level Tennis and Education (NLTE) is to drive student-athletes into academic circles, where they can obtain college scholarships for tennis and education. NLTE conducts after-school initiatives and summer programming. NLTE holds after-school programming for beginner-level students in four schools on school property and provides private lessons and clinics for intermediate and advanced students at the East Potomac Tennis Center and at Fort Lincoln Park.	A CSG from the Rotary Foundation will be used to continue to expand NLTE's programming at additional elementary schools in Washington DC. NLTE's Elementary After-School initiative is an introductory tennis program for students ages 6-10, that provides a pathway into higher-level programs. The funds will assist in paying for students who may not be able to afford NLTE's Elementary After-School Program, to buy appropriate tennis equipment, and to pay for coaches at the schools.	\$5,000
Richard Wright PCS	The mission of Richard Wright Schools is to transform students in grades 8 through 12 into well-versed media contributors by providing a student-centered approach that connects students to the classics and modern languages and a curriculum focused on strong writing skills and vocabulary.	Richard Wright seeks a CSG to strengthen and expand its arts program by offering more musical lessons, instrumental and composition, and master dance classes in out- of-school time. Funds will also be used to purchase uniforms for an increased number of performances and for additional students.	\$5,000
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 necessities, and hope to people experiencing homelessness on the streets of DC every night for 40 years.	A CSG would help with unexpected costs of the Grate Patrol after its food truck (canteen) was stolen from a locked parking lot in December 2023. The truck was ransacked and its ability to serve hot food was destroyed.	\$5,000
Studio Acting Conservatory	Studio Acting Conservatory's (SAC's) mission is to offer quality actor training to anyone, regardless of identity, background, ability or socioeconomic status, and it is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive and accessible environment for all.	SAC would use the CSG to expand the curriculum of its Young Actors Program to include a class introducing young actors to the works of William Shakespeare. This would be a new class within the existing Young Actors Program, which accepts students ages 10-17 and aims to nurture their creativity, develop their physical and vocal skills, and foster their ability to work together as part of an ensemble.	\$5,000
Suited for Change	Suited for Change's (SFC's) mission is to equip women in need on their path to financial independence by	The CSG would support further expansion of the Professional Readiness Program workshops.	\$5,000

	<p>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.</p>	<p>It would fund workshop materials, local travel to host agencies, participant evaluation, volunteer recruitment, and staff time spent preparing for and delivering workshops.</p>	
Theatre Lab	<p>The Theatre Lab's (TTL) mission is to transform lives through theatre education. TTL uses theatre arts to expand minds, create access to high-quality theatre arts education, cultivate talent and creative expression, and support at-risk youth and underserved populations in envisioning a brighter future. TTL conducts Life Stories programs in which people from historically underrepresented populations create and perform original works based on their lived experience. Building upon our partnership with Making a Difference/Strong Azz Mothers, TTL aims to engage more parents (all genders) in the community whose families have been shattered by gun violence.</p>	<p>TTL intends to use a CSG to expand upon its successful pilot which introduced Life Stories programs for The Strong Azz Mothers (SAM), a group of DC mothers who have lost children to gun violence. TTL is facilitating the creation of a revised theatre piece with the SAM that will tour to different venues throughout the region, used as a tool for advocacy, education, and healing. Initial performances will take place at Atlas Performing Arts Center, which can accommodate an audience 4x the size of last year's presentation. TTL is also creating a new Life Stories cohort for parents of all genders who have lost children to gun violence.</p>	\$5,000
Woodley House	<p>Woodley House provides an alternative to institutionalization for adults with mental health disorders. Its philosophy is that with therapeutic housing, residents could live with their illnesses, set goals, reintegrate into the community, and work toward recovery. Woodley House helps adults whose illnesses such as depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder make it difficult to work, keep a stable home, and function with healthy life skills. Support services include a Food Pantry, which serves supported independent living residents and Woodley House's DC neighbors. The Food Pantry is open to any DC resident in need, and is one of the only food pantries west of Rock Creek Park.</p>	<p>In light of drastic increases in both demand for the Food Pantry's services and costs to keep it operational, Woodley House seeks a CSG to supplement and expand the services of the Food Pantry, increasing the amount of food distributed.</p>	\$5,000
New Futures	<p>New Futures' mission is to create educational opportunities for rewarding careers. It seeks to support systematically excluded young people as they leverage the opportunities of shorter-term postsecondary credentials (usually associate degrees)</p>	<p>New Futures seeks a partial CSG to support its networking workshop, a component of its Scholars Program. The grant would support staff, equipment, supply, and honorarium costs associated with the workshop—held in conjunction with First</p>	\$4,000

	<p>to pursue lasting careers and financial stability, with the goal of closing the gaps in resources, privilege, and education that perpetuate generational inequity. New Futures conducts a Scholars Program, which provides flexible scholarships, highly personalized one-on-one academic and career case management, an array of skill-building workshops, and access to networking events and opportunities in their career field.</p>	<p>Generation College Student Celebration Day.</p> <p><i>Note: Organization only requested \$4000 in application</i></p>	
Everybody Wins DC	<p>Everybody Wins DC uses reading to help children build the skills needed to succeed in the classroom and in life. But it isn't just the children who benefit. When we come together over a book, whole communities develop and thrive. When children read, everybody wins. EWDC now delivers three programs to thousands across the DC area. Power Readers connects students with caring volunteers to read together for one hour a week. StoryTime is a group reading activity that models positive literacy behavior and uses books to reinforce social-emotional learning. The Book Project distributes free books to children with an emphasis on books that elevate diverse and marginalized voices.</p>	<p>EWDC seeks a partial CSG to replace some of the school-based computers (many of which are over 6 years old) that are used by the EWDC Program Coordinators to work in the schools and manage daily operations.</p> <p><i>Note: Organization only requested \$2500 in application</i></p>	\$2,500
Liberty's Promise	<p>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</p>	<p>A CSG will be used to supplement Liberty's Promise's existing programs at Roosevelt High School and E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, while also supporting its new program at Jackson Reed High School, which began in January, 2024. Specifically the funds would be used to provide meals, buy program materials such as pens, posters, markers, etc., and fund transportation for field trips downtown, to a local college, or for excursions into the local community.</p>	\$2,000

	seeks to reaffirm fundamental egalitarian and democratic traditions for future generations.		
Common Good City Farm	Common Good City Farm is an urban farm in Washington, DC's LeDroit Park neighborhood. Its mission is to sustain and support a more equitable community through growing, learning, cooking, and sharing fresh food together. Common Good combats food insecurity and nurtures the health and well-being of our community with a two-fold approach: addressing immediate needs and addressing systemic injustices. Immediate needs are met by its weekly Pay-What-You-Can Farm Stand, Community Fridge and Pantry, and free Senior Veggie Delivery. Systemic injustices that contribute to food insecurity are addressed with education and events.	The Rotary CSG will support Common Good's Teen Education Program which was piloted last year. The curriculum will be fleshed out with more opportunities for the youth to build skills and have mentoring experiences, a 6-week summer camp will be added, youth employment opportunities will be provided, and twice as many youth will be engaged.	\$1,500
TOTAL FUNDING			\$75,000