

# Dozens of nonprofits receive grant funding

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More than 60 nonprofits in Cambria and Somerset counties will be receiving \$126,070 in grant funding through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, allowing a bevy of community projects to move forward. The foundation announced its biannual Unrestricted Grantmaking Funds awards Monday.

"Twice a year we make small grants based on applications that are submitted by area organizations," foundation President Mike Kane stated in a news release.

"Due to state and federal budget cuts for many municipalities and service agencies, these grant cycles have become very competitive."

According to the foundation, 100 applications were received, with more than half a million dollars in overall grant funds requested, leaving the foundation's Distribution Committee to determine which organization will be awarded.

Foundation representatives could not be reached for comment Monday.

The dozens of local nonprofits listed as grant recipients in the release are categorized by their mission. These three sectors are getting the largest awards:

■ \$38,920 will go toward 14 health and human services organizations, including Arbutus Park Manor, Catholic Charities Inc., Greater Johnstown

Community YMCA, The Learning Lamp Inc. and Johnstown Free Medical Clinic.

■ \$31,000 will go toward 16 community development organizations, including Johnstown Area Heritage Association, Alternative Community Resource Program Inc., Cambria City Mission Inc., Portage Area Summerfest and the Somerset County Foundation.

■ \$21,950 will go toward 10 arts and culture organizations, including the Johnstown Concert Ballet, Kids on Stage, The Mountain Playhouse, Laurel Arts and Pitt-Johnstown.

As the release states, the committee favors local projects that that address the greatest community needs or fit the interests of the nine Unrestricted Grantmaking Funds donors that contributed to this round of awards, including: the Alan L. and Lana J. Miller Family Fund, Benjamin Bosler Fund, FPL Energy Meyersdale Wind Power Fund, Penelec Fund for the Future of Greater Johnstown, Robert Waters Charitable Trust, Laurel Highlands Cancer Fund, Portage Area Endowment Fund, Portage 10,000 Names Board Fund and the Earl and Jeanne Berkey Fund.

The application deadline for the next round of Unrestricted Grantmaking funding is Aug. 29.

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