



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Washington
County
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

I have a confession to make. When I was approached the summer of 2017 about becoming a Washington County Community Foundation board member, I knew nothing about it. I had maybe seen the name of the foundation in the newspaper a few times but I had no connection to it. I had no way of knowing that two years later, I would be board chair and would come to believe that this foundation has the potential to transform Washington County.

As you read through the pages of this annual report, you will learn what I have learned. You can see how our county foundation has grown since its founding in 2009. You can see how the different communities across the county have benefited. Maybe you will be surprised at the number of funds that are held within the foundation and at the dollars that have been entrusted to us. Hopefully you will be inspired to be involved with the foundation in some way in the future.

I want to give thanks to our past board members and credit to our current board members. I have to say that I am genuinely excited about the upcoming year for our foundation.

At this time, ten years from the beginning of WCCF, we have expanded our board numbers to have representation from every one of the towns that make up our county. This is great news! It is one small change that we have made, as a board, to help the foundation be aware of and to respond to the unique needs of every community. We have begun circulating our meeting places around the county giving us the chance to see first-hand how the different grants awarded through the years have impacted each place.

Our website is continually updated with information and pictures about the work of the foundation. I encourage you to take time to visit it. Take a moment to find our listing of current board members on the back cover and feel free to reach out to them if you are inspired to learn more about our work.

While I still have a lot to learn, the one thing that I do know is that we all care about this county and want it to continue to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family. We want each of our individual communities to thrive and not just survive. I know that WCCF will continue to be an important part of making that happen.

Clarice Ohlde
2019-2020 Board Chairman



OUR **MISSION**

is to build permanent endowment funds
and meet charitable community needs.

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ABOUT **THE FOUNDATION**

The Washington County Community Foundation was founded in 2009 to benefit the communities of Washington County. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both the current and future needs of our county.

The Washington County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORK?



IT STARTS WITH PEOPLE



WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

TO CREATE



Community
Grant Funds

The **Washington County Opportunity Fund** is an unrestricted community grant fund. Gifts to this fund offer the most flexibility for meeting charitable community needs, both today and in the future.

BIG IMPACT!

Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable
Organizations



Scholarships
for Students



It Starts With **People**

Founding Donors

**Our founders inspired the creation and growth of the foundation.
We are forever grateful for the support of these generous donors!**

Individuals & Families

Dr. Roger & Diane Baskerville
Russell & Diane Behrends
Valeria Mueller Converse
& LTC (R) M. Wayne Converse
Norman & Janet L. Elliott
Chad Hiltgen
& Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen
Charles, Lori, Jesse & Orin Huber
Dale & Lila Keesecker
Brice E. Leonard
Tim & Jan Matlack
Charles & Grace Mueller
Steve & Denise Pierson
Calvin & Merry Roop

Jim Scheetz
James H. Smart, DVM
& Billie Jo Smart
Mary Tate- TATE, LLC
Dennis & Sally von Waaden
In Memory of Harold
& Shirley Wiemers

Business Entities

Bruna Implement Company
First National Bank of Washington
J & N Elliott Construction, Inc.
Landoll Corporation
United Bank & Trust
Linn & Washington

Sustaining Donors

**Sustainers made a significant financial commitment to the
operations of the community foundation.**

Individuals & Families

Norman & Janet Elliott

Contact us to learn more!

E-mail washington@gscf.org
or call 785-823-1800.

Become a Sustaining Donor

Sustainers pledge gifts between \$10,000-\$50,000. At least 50% of the total donation must go to the Washington County Opportunity Fund or Washington County Administrative Fund (or both). The remainder can go to an existing fund or to create a new fund.

Who Love Their **Community**



The children of Buckshot and Christine Buchanan started a fund at the community foundation to honor their parents and give back to the community they loved.

It was Christmas time in the 1960s. A young couple loaded up their family of five small children and went to buy groceries. Their son Bruce Buchanan recalls what happened next, which perfectly illustrates the way his parents, Tom "Buckshot" and Christine Buchanan, lived their lives.

"We'd put the groceries into paper bags and leave them on the doorsteps of people who Mom and Dad knew didn't have anything," he said. "They never told anybody who it was from. That's the kind of legacy we're all trying to live up to."

In everything they did, the Buchanans left their mark.

Both Buckshot and Christine came from humble beginnings, growing up on farms in rural Kansas. They both earned degrees from Sterling College, where they met, then married in 1951. Over the next four years, the couple welcomed four of their five children. Their youngest daughter came along in 1963.

The Buchanans chose to raise their family in Washington, Kansas, after purchasing the Washington County News in 1959. "Mom and Dad were very involved in the community and loved it there," said Bruce.

Buckshot and Christine gave time to their church, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, among other organizations.

After only a couple years in Washington, Buckshot and other younger men in the community decided the city government needed fresh faces. Buckshot was elected mayor, a position he held for four years. "Part of the legacy they left for us was the need to be involved and continue learning," said Bruce. "That's what we always admired about them."

That same spirit carried over into the Buchanan's journalism careers. Over the years, Buckshot served as president of the Kansas Press Association, Christine was president of the Kansas Press Women, and they each received countless professional awards. The Buchanans operated the Washington newspaper until 1981, when Buckshot retired. Christine continued to work as an extension publications editor for Kansas State University and taught high school English and journalism classes until 1995. "They were both great writers and had a wonderful sense of humor," said Bruce.

Bruce said his father was nicknamed Buckshot years ago, which he liked, so it stuck. The name carried over into his weekly outdoors column, "Old Buckshot,"

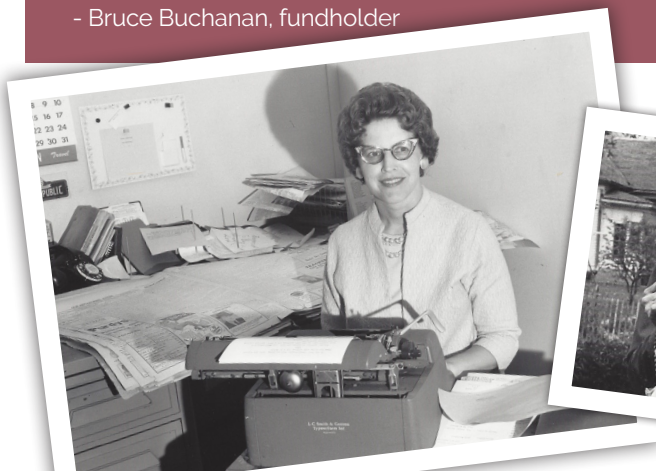
which he continued to write until the week of his death in 2003. "Dad loved to fish and always talked about being able to leave the office and have his bait in the water 10 minutes later."

When Christine died in 2013, her children agreed that setting up a fund at the Washington County Community Foundation was the perfect way to honor their parents. With the help of community members and family friends, the Buchanan children established the Buckshot and Christine Buchanan Fund, which supports projects and programs in Washington County. "We all grew up in Washington and have very fond memories of the community and what it did for us," said Bruce. "We try to do things in different communities within the county, because every one of them was important to our folks."

The fund allows the Buchanan children to give their parents the recognition they deserved throughout their lives. "They were very modest about their accomplishments," he said. "They were incredibly hardworking, dedicated and caring. They were just terrific people."

"Part of the legacy they left for us was the need to be involved and continue learning,"

- Bruce Buchanan, fundholder



Who Share **Their Gifts**

washington county community foundation



MATCH MADNESS

Match Madness Success

The Washington County Community Foundation hosted a Match Madness giving day on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Donors contributed a total of \$9,035 to the foundation funds of their choice. These tax-deductible donations were matched at 28% from a pool of \$2,500. Including the matching funds, the event raised a record-breaking total of \$11,496.40. Match Madness is designed to generate new gifts to endowed funds held at the community foundation. Endowed funds are permanently invested to produce a steady stream of income to provide ongoing support for charitable needs in the county.

2019 Total Raised:

\$9,035

2019 Total Matched:

\$2,500

2019 Total Benefit:

\$11,496

Thank you for supporting
Match Madness!

To Create **Big Impact**

Apollo Ultraviolet Purification System



The community foundation awarded the Linn Community Nursing Home a grant to purchase a new bathing system. The Apollo Ultraviolet water purification system promotes health and healing for the Linn residents by purifying the water during the bathing cycle to prevent infection.

"We enjoy and use this room and bathing system every day. We are thankful for the technology that allows us to reduce the occurrence of infections in our elders," said grantee Janell Wohler. "Many thanks!"

Morrowville Rural Fire Department Gear

The Morrowville Rural Fire Department was awarded grant dollars to purchase two refurbished air packs for volunteer firefighters. The packs are used when going into a structural fire or another high-smoke situation to keep fresh air flowing to the fighters and protect against smoke inhalation.

Previously, some department volunteers were not equipped with any firefighting gear. The funding from the grant helped to solve this issue. "Firefighter safety is our number one goal, and we are very appreciative of the grant assistance to help us accomplish that goal," said grantee John Durst. Having the means



for equipment allows the department to have enough people to fight a fire safely and efficiently.

Grant **Spotlight**



With added funding from a community foundation grant, the City of Hanover and the Hanover Park PRIDE committee were able to add a new recreational area for the community.

The City of Hanover and the Community Foundation Collaborate to Fund New Park

The City of Hanover and the Hanover Park PRIDE committee have been working hard to make the Hanover Park Project a reality. The community of Hanover came together to raise over \$50,000 for new park equipment, and with the collaboration from the community foundation the committee was able to finish their project and purchase the needed mulch and edging materials with grant dollars.

The goal of this project was to build a recreational area for the community

to be proud of, and one that is safe and inviting to children and families of all ages. "We hope children will play long and hard at this new and inviting park. We also hope to encourage and promote not only family bonding, but as we have witnessed, a sense of community bonding as well," said grantee Chandra Heiman.

With the generous donations, grant dollars and local volunteer efforts, Hanover Vet's Park is now a place for people of all ages to enjoy. "Since the park opened to the public, it has seen

multiple visitors a day," said Heiman. The park's location is a perfect spot for children and families, but also individuals who come to town for ball games and tournaments.

Since the updates, Vet's park has hosted multiple parties and barbecues, and all were able to

utilize the new park equipment. "Our objective to build a great recreational area was met 100%," said Heiman.

"I visited the park multiple times throughout the summer and hardly ever went when no one was there. It has certainly kept busy!"

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- Chandra Heiman, grantee





Updates to Haddam City Hall

Haddam City Hall is a historic structure in the community which is used as a large gathering place for events, large groups and functions. The Haddam Community Club's goal is to maintain the hall and make it an inviting place to host community events while keeping the historic integrity of the building.

The 1912 building had not been painted or repaired in nearly 30 years. Thanks to a community foundation grant from the

Opportunity Fund, the club was able to afford the cost of labor and paint for the hall.

"Several generations of the community were involved in donations of time, money and skills to have a community center to enjoy," said grantee Tahra Zenger. "After hearing about this project, more people in our community have helped to make it a reality."



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- Tahra Zenger, grantee



Flooring for the Hometown Café

With funding from the community foundation, The Hometown Café in downtown Barnes was able to hire a local company to strip and refinish the

tile flooring. The café is a gathering place, not only for the rural community, but also neighboring towns, who come to enjoy the made-from-scratch meals in a friendly atmosphere.

"The community was very pleased with the results, complimenting the board on the grant project, which created a clean and safe place to dine," said grantee Gloria Moore. The public joined in to help with fundraisers, painting projects and moving furniture to make way for the floor resurfacing. All in all, this has been a community-wide effort. "Thank you to those who were involved. This grant was very much appreciated by the Barnes Community Development Corporation," said Moore.

Snacking Smart from the Start

USD 108 received a grant from the community foundation to help educate students about healthy eating habits. Grant dollars were used to purchase a small refrigerator for the classroom and nutritious snacks from the local grocery store. The objective of this project was to introduce students to more nutrient-dense snacks and educate them on the different food groups and where food comes from.

"I could have never offered them such an experience without this money," said grantee Annie Yungeberg. The students were able to try new items, ranging from hummus and pita chips to mixed nuts and kiwi. With the weekly newsletter, Yungeberg was also able to share with parents the new foods that were being introduced to help foster conversation at



home and offer healthier at-home ideas. Having the refrigerator allows for parents to bring in healthy snacks for the parent-provided snack instead of only shelf-stable treats. "This addition of a fresh and healthy snack will help them feel better during class time, perform better and learn to make healthier choices outside the classroom," said Yungeberg.



Outdoor Equipment for Barnes Preschool

Barnes TLEC Preschool was awarded grant dollars from the community foundation to purchase outdoor play

equipment to promote the physical well-being of young children. USD 223 is an early childhood special education preschool. The children work on social, emotional, cognitive, functional and physical skills daily. The new equipment helps to encourage healthy habits, such as playing outdoors while being physically active with the hope children will grow to be healthy, active adults.

The outdoor play equipment was put to good use, keeping the students' interest while engaging in physical activity. "The children thoroughly enjoyed the new equipment this summer, and we know the children will continue to enjoy it for many years," said grantee Rachel McVean.

New Chairs for the Fair Association

Last spring, the community foundation granted the fair association funding to purchase new blow-molded chairs for events. "The fair superintendents appreciate having more comfortable chairs to sit on while working at the fair," said grantee Lori Huber.

The new chairs replaced the outdated, uncomfortable benches, which were made several decades ago by FFA members. Previously, if someone wanted to rent the facility and have nicer chairs, they would have to haul the chairs in from another location such as the firehouse or school. With the replacement chairs, patrons are able to have a better experience attending the fair, as well as those who use the fairground for events and fundraisers.



"The project would not have happened without the funding from the grant," said Huber. "Many people will use and appreciate the chairs during upcoming activities held at the fair."

2018-2019 Grants and Scholarships

The following organizations received either donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:



- ▶ City of Clifton
- ▶ City of Greenleaf
- ▶ City of Hanover
- ▶ Clifton Public Library
- ▶ Hanover Hospital
- ▶ KSDS, Inc.
- ▶ Morrowville Community Center
- ▶ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- ▶ St. John's School
- ▶ USD 108 Washington
- ▶ USD 223 Twin Lakes Educational Cooperative Preschool
- ▶ Washington County
- ▶ Washington County Fair Association

The following student received a scholarship through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program.



- ▶ **Malari L'Ecuyer, Washington**
Fort Hays State University

2019 Impact Numbers

23 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

\$17,358 Total Grants & Scholarships

20 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$14,837 Competitive Grants

2 Donor-Directed Grants Awarded

\$1,710 Donor-Directed Grants

1 Scholarships Awarded

\$811 Scholarships Awarded

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2019 are bolded.**

Donor-Directed Grant Funds: Established by someone to support their unique charitable wishes. The foundation board does not determine grants.

Donor Advised Funds

Enable donors to recommend grants to the charitable organizations or programs of their choice.

Buckshot & Christine Buchanan Fund

Larry R. Mueller Memorial Fund

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Washington County

Keenan Jellison-Knock Fine Arts Scholarship Fund

Organization Funds

Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.

Friends of Hollenberg Station Fund

KSDS Assistance Dogs Fund

Washington County Hospital Foundation Fund

Washington Library Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Washington County Administrative Fund

Foundation **Funds**

Competitive Grant Funds: Awarded through an application process; grants are made at the discretion of the community foundation board.

Community Fund

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Washington County Opportunity Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Enable donors to support a designated cause or geographic area. (e.g. the arts, a specific community, etc.)

Clifton Community Fund

Hanover Community Fund

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Washington County

Washington County Healthy Living Fund

Scholarship Funds

Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.

Columbus, Vera & Morris Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grow Your Gift

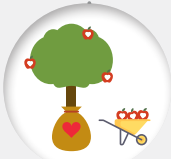
Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree!

Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide “fruit” for the community through grants and scholarships.



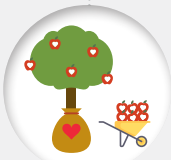
Today...

You decide to make a permanent gift of \$10,000.



After 15 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$15,000 and has given \$10,000 to charity.



After 25 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$18,600 and has given \$19,000 to charity.



After 50 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$51,000 and has given \$35,000 to charity.

**For demonstrative purposes only; these numbers were calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

Give **Now or Later**

Everyone has a gift!

No matter what or how you give, you can make a difference. Everyone has different assets, and the community foundation can accept many types of gifts, including:



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure that future generations can say the same?

Do you have children or grandchildren who were born and raised in our community but have since left? Chances are, when you pass away, the money in your estate will leave this area forever.

Through your will, you can leave a gift that impacts our community far beyond your lifetime.

Every day, people just like you leave incredibly meaningful marks on our world through these types of gifts. By leaving just **5% of your estate** to our hometown needs, you could help provide **permanent funding** for our schools, hospital, parks, churches, charities, libraries and so much more. The process is simple and the impact of your generosity will live on for generations!



Your professional advisor will help you document your charitable wishes in your will.



The community foundation will take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.



Your favorite organizations will receive annual support from your gift, **forever**.

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact your professional advisor or the community foundation.

IRA Charitable Contributions

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can make an impact on your favorite charity by making a gift from your IRA to a fund at the community foundation. This is an easy and effective way to make a gift that helps satisfy your required minimum distribution, while also reducing your taxable income.



Who can take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover provision?

If you have an IRA and are 70½ or older, you and your spouse (each) can make a tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA.



Who can receive the gift?

The IRA must be gifted directly to a public charity. You can make a direct gift to the community foundation to benefit existing funds* or establish a new fund.



What is the maximum gift?

A gift of up to \$100,000 per year can be made from your IRAs.



What is the deadline?

Now through December 31.

STEP 1:

Ask your IRA service provider to make a charitable distribution directly to the community foundation.

STEP 2:

The community foundation receives your distribution and directs it to benefit your designated cause.

STEP 3:

You reduce the taxable value of your estate and current income tax, all while making a difference in your community!

Always consult with your tax advisor for advice on how this may affect your tax situation.

***Note:** IRA rollover gifts may not be made to donor advised funds.

2018-2019 Donors

Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

B & W Electric, Inc.
Bank of Palmer
Diane Baskerville
Derek & Colleen Bruna
Jerry Burger
Travis Caffee
Citizens State Bank
Murray & Jennifer Dague
Norman & Janet Elliott
Hanover Insurance Agency
Steve & Denise Pierson
Stephen & Brenda Hendrickson
Elizabeth Baskerville Hiltgen
Kimberly Hynek
J & J Family Trust
Katherine Jellison
Steven & Tiffany Jueneman
Limestone Valley Stock Farm, Inc.
Midwest Products
Dennis Minge
Pat Mueller
Ryan Mueller
Doris & Rustin Nanninga

Adriane Ohlde
Aubrie Ohlde
Jessica Ohlde
Royce & Clarice Ohlde
Jerry & Sharon Pierce
Kathy Richter
Ricky's Cafe
James Scheetz
Brian Schwartz
James & Billie Jo Smart
Leslie & Mary Spence
Larry Stoppel
Mary Tate
Wanda Uffman
Scott & Janece Vathauer
Cristi Voelker
Debbie Voelker
Steven & Connie Wieters
Leland & Janell Wohler

Memorials:

Milton R. Bledsoe
Calvin Wilgers

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash
\$10,971



Gifts of Grain
\$0



Other Gifts
\$0

Financial Information

Asset Growth

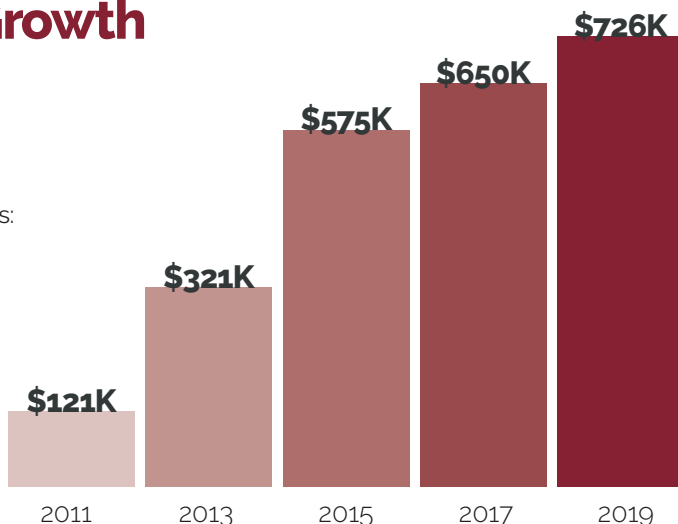
(cumulative)

Total Assets:

\$726,144

Number of Funds:

15



2019 # Donors:

46

2019 # Gifts:

48

2019 Total Gifts:

\$10,971

Grants Awarded

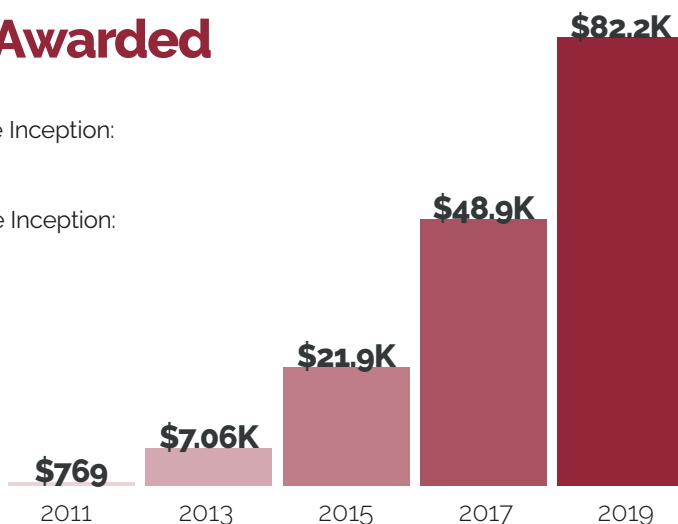
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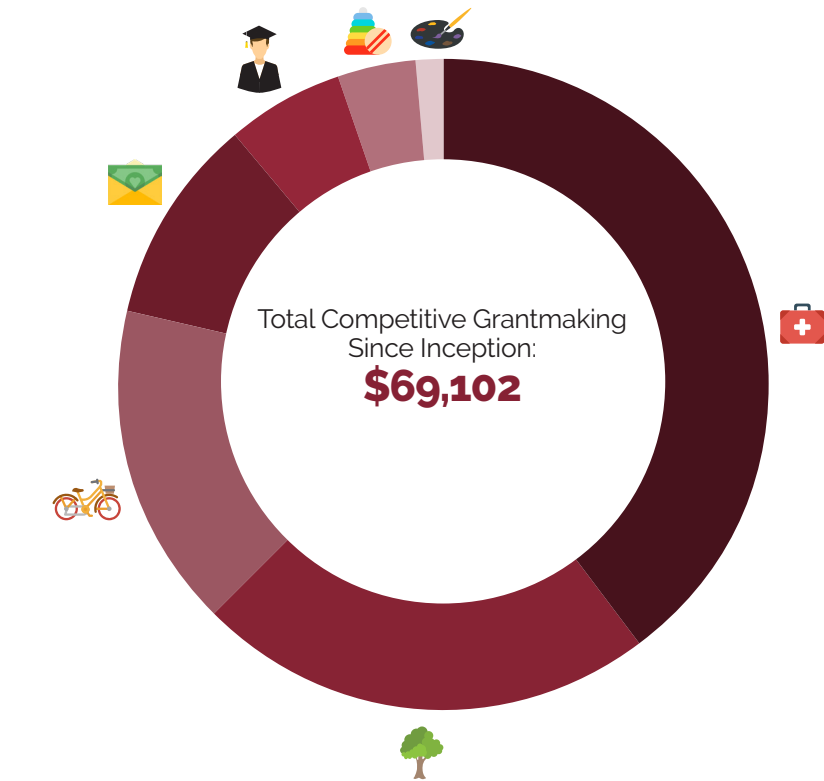
\$ Awarded Since Inception:

\$82,180

Awarded Since Inception:

125





 Health & Human Services
\$27,455 • 40%

 Education
\$4,161 • 6%

 Community Development
\$15,872 • 23%

 Youth Development
\$2,689 • 4%

 Parks & Recreation
\$11,171 • 16%

 Arts & Culture
\$800 • 1%

 Other Needs
\$6,955 • 10%

THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without people like you!
Your support makes a meaningful difference in
Washington County, both now and in the future.



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