

Special Grant Cycle 2022

Grants Awarded

Organization	Project	Description of Project	Parishes to be Served	Amount Approved
Bright Star Ranch, Inc.	Freedom to Flourish	Construction/renovation of space, some equipment/supplies, and personnel offset, in equine therapy program. Funds used specifically to provide a meeting room, a program director, and supplies/equipment. Focused to foster and adopted children. To be offered to 25 participants in 10 weeks sessions, 1 hour course weekly, serving 5 each week.	NELA	\$5,000
Children's Coalition of NELA	Signs of Suicide	Goal of providing Signs of Suicide sessions for 300 screenings in rural parishes.	Ouachita	\$5,000
Delhi Community Health Center, Richland Parish Hospital	Healthy Kids Zone: Mental Health Wellness Expansion Program	Request for \$19,765, of \$107,491 for total project, as matching funds for SBHC mental health expansion. Specialized training for all mental health staff, startup costs for mental health program at a new SBHC in Mangham (their fourth SBHC in Richland Parish), as well as promotional campaign for mental health awareness for students/parents/faculty. They serve over 2,100 students in 4 SBHCs.	Richland	\$19,765
Franklin Parish HSD #1 dba Franklin Medical Center	Regional Training and Simulation Center	Outfitting of the newly constructed enhanced training and simulation facility, in collaboration with LDCC. They have already purchased and are using the HAL S3201 Simulation Robot to allow for clinical scenarios for nursing trainees to ensure better trained staff, especially new grads. The goals are to increase retention of nursing graduates because of higher level of training available, increase scope of practice, and decrease orientation and supervision time to assist in management of work loads.	Franklin and surrounding parishes	\$25,000
Kiroli Foundation	Highland Parish Wetland Trails Wellness Initiative	Outdoor fitness equipment for the new trailhead area of the Highland Park Wetland Trails. The overall city plan is to have an outdoor activity and health promotion community by utilizing the Kiroli Park to Highland Park to Lazarre Point connectors. There is an overall focus to outdoor recreation and wellness opportunities for residents as well as an inviting community for visitors.	Ouachita	\$15,000
Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center	Increasing Health Equity for the Medically Underserved through Mobile Cancer Screenings	Free screenings in rural NELA for breast and colon cancer screening. BCBSLA Foundation and Foundation 56 funded this project at \$162,700 specifically for NELA screenings. MBPCC will use funds for supplies, flyers, and partial funding of the diagnostic screening expense.	NELA	\$19,516
Mercy Medical Health Center	Mercy Dental's Bright Smiles	Purchase up-to-date dental equipment for the Ruston clinic, began in 2021. They are an FQHC in Jackson Parish since 2017 and have the full-service dental clinic for the under-served population and those without coverage in Lincoln Parish and surrounding areas. During the timeframe Dec 1, 2021, to May 31, 2022, they have serviced 1,325 patients with 1,999 total visits in those 6 months.	Lincoln	\$35,000
NELA Children's Museum	Support for Healthcare/Medical Gallery	Educational, hands-on, interactive, and informational exhibits will be utilized within their programming to reach all kids, but especially under-served kids, as well as school groups who visit. These programs can also be taken out to schools and settings within the rural parishes for access by those not typically able to attend the center. Kitty Degree Foundation has committed to \$400,000 in funding, and BCBSLA Foundation is also committed. The project is predicted to be 2-years in development/construction.	NELA	\$20,000
Town of Farmerville	Boys and Girls Clubs of North Louisiana - Farmerville Expansion	Computer lab and multipurpose art room within a newly designated space in Farmerville to bring Boys and Girls Clubs programming through Club Blue to the town. Farmerville recently received a donated building from a local economic development group, partially funded by Glenn Post Foundation, and 6.95 acres to develop more outreach programming for their youth and families, especially the Spanish speaking population. They hired a Community Outreach Director and revamped several areas of the town services to focus towards these collaborative efforts. LDCC is also looking to place an expanded program within the community through the support and collaboration going on with businesses and groups.	Union	\$20,000
Union General Hospital	Rural Health Clinic Construction and Equipment	New rural health care clinic for patients to replace the existing clinic. Currently they have 3 nurse practitioners and will add another nurse practitioner and a physician in the new space. They will extend hours and add weekend hours once open, and they will expand telehealth services. Proposed space is for 8,000 square feet and 12 exam rooms. They receive tax monies dedicated to rural health clinics, and the HSD has approved \$650,000 a year for 4 years to build this project. They have applied for \$1,000,000 from Federal funds allocated to hospitals recovery.	Union	\$30,000
University of Louisiana at Monroe - Kitty Degree School of Nursing	Mobile Bridge to Health	Provide services to the homeless in the area at shelters. St. Francis Medical Center will send their mobile unit that assists in the services. ULM also wants to host an awareness event on campus, and replace equipment/supplies they need for the project. LWF previously funded this project in 2019 and the nursing school, along with other departments, have found the program to be of great benefit for their students as well as the homeless population.	Ouachita	\$4,400
Wellspring Alliance for Families	Wellspring Psychiatric Services	Expenses for contracted psychiatric services in order to expand services by offering medication management services and to offer telehealth platforms where needed. Services will include homeless, shelter, and existing clients of Wellspring. Once established, Medicaid billing will sustain the program.	Ouachita	\$38,400
Zion Helping Hands, Inc.	Food Pantry	Outfit the storage unit space for their food pantry. They serve 305 families currently, having grown from service to 40 within 5 years. LSU Ag Services is providing equipment for the unit, including the large storage unit itself. Project includes \$4,000 for concrete walkways, electrical work \$6,000, and \$3,000 for HVAC units. Entergy has matched \$1,500 for total cost of \$13,000 for the outfitting expenses.	Morehouse	\$11,500
			Total	\$248,581