

2026 Grant Cycle - Awarded Projects				
Organization	Project	Type of Project	Description of Project	Approved Funding
INITIATIVE FOCUSED PROJECTS				
Children's Coalition for NELA	Signs of Suicide	suicide prevention and intervention	Continue to expand this evidence-based program and add elementary schools to the training focus; expand into Lincoln and Franklin Parishes and reinforce existing presence in other parishes and schools, including Monroe City Schools.	\$120,000
Ouachita Council on Aging	Alzheimer's Initiatives Training & Education	senior mental health	Purchase an additional van for transport services.	\$17,000
ULM - School of Allied Health	Dementia Compassion Project Part 4	dementia programming and support - professional components	Continue the dementia/Alzheimers education and simulation work with clinicians & medical residents at SFMC & Ochsner LSU Monroe & with Glenwood and VCOM. Expand to include first responders training for the region. This is phase 4 of the initiative began with an educational expert for the region.	\$25,000
HOSPITAL/MEDICAL SETTING				
Citizens Medical Center	Fortifying IV Safety	medical equipment	Purchase IV infusion pumps as next phase after a state grant; add GPS enabled tags for tracking; eliminate leasing contracts of outdated pumps.	\$65,000
Morehouse General Hospital	Rural Acute Care Stabilization & Patient Safety Initiative	medical/clinical education; support programs	Launch a patient safety improvement program; clinical workforce education; reduce complications; improve nursing care; early identification of clinical deterioration; implement electronic medical record; use evidence based program EWS (early warning score) system; improve quality monitoring; purchase needed equipment to support clinical care.	\$45,000
Pinnacle Family Health	EMDR Training	clinical mental health education	Online training/certification for 2 behavioral health clinicians; expand access to evidence-based trauma care; strengthen clinical quality thru education; serve more patients in the behavioral health program.	\$5,000
Union General Hospital	Adult Memory Care Program	mental health senior services	Enhance existing therapy space for dementia patient care.	\$10,000
OTHER MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH				
Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN)	Regional Fall Prevention Initiative	healthcare clinical personnel education; first responders education	Collaborate with area healthcare settings in an initiative to assess fall risk, target education & intervention, and prevent falls and injury. Work with Franklin Parish Hospital PTs, VCOM, NELA Ambulance, ULM Schools of Pharmacy and OT, Jackson Parish EMS, Ochsner LSU Monroe trauma team, and SFMC trauma team.	\$14,405
Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center	Closing the Gap: Rural Cervical Cancer Early Detection	cancer screening	Pilot a cervical cancer screening program in NELA thru mobile access; community education and awareness.	\$7,500
Responders Experiencing Support, Empowerment, & Therapy (RESET) Foundation	RESET Foundation Service Expansion	mental health services for first responders	Continue the support structure established in 2025 grant for access to mental health services for police/fire/EMS/other first responders in an anonymous safe environment. The model used is based on the highly successful LA State Police program; first year included train-the-trainers, sessions, and formation of this non profit foundation. This 2nd phase will expand that coverage, provide a national speaker conference for first responders with LWF as the sponsor, and respond to the growing demand for services, as well as certification for trainers.	\$33,600
First-time applicants within this category:				
Friends of Chennault Aviation & Military Museum of LA	Warrior Wellness	veterans mental health support	Expand mental health services between Ruston & Monroe for veterans using licensed professional counselors & evidence based programming; provide support for the therapist to travel to sites.	\$8,712
Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District	CARE360	preventative health and safety education by first responders	JPASD is a governmental entity as an ambulance district. This is a first time request, using an evidence based program for health and safety education for youth, teens, seniors, special populations, maternal/newborn, and community needs. Purchase program supplies, teaching materials, kits, fall prevention tools, and outreach materials.	\$50,000
Lazarus Health Services	Mobile Unit Expansion	mobile medical services to underserved populations	Provide supportive clinical services to under-served populations who can't pay copays thru other services. Modify a donated mobile unit to expand capacity.	\$22,500
LA Cancer Foundation of Research & Education	Healthy Futures Cancer Screening	cancer screenings	Expand access to free cancer screenings for uninsured by increasing numbers and types of screens; expand outreach for awareness; follow up for additional diagnostic services; partner with LSU mobile services, Ochsner/LSU for follow ups, LabCorp.	\$23,000
FOOD INSECURITY/COMMUNITY SHELTERS				
Food Bank of NELA	Produce on the Geaux	food insecurity solutions	Purchase produce. Funding was cut from the Federal government in 2025, eliminating the access to essential nutrition components of food distribution. Food Bank must now purchase all produce and have networks for discounted arrangements.	\$25,000
Salvation Army	Pathways to Wellness and Stability Project	sheltering and food insecurity solutions	Expand community food access; offer career and workforce education; replace mattresses; facility upgrades.	\$45,000
Zion Helping Hands, Inc.	Food Access Initiative	food insecurity solutions	Expand food distribution; outfit an additional modular building; support a School Backpack program; purchase additional food outside of what the Food Bank provides.	\$17,500
First-time applicants within this category:				
5 Loaves: 2 Fish Ministry	Feed the Hungry	food insecurity solutions	Add more meals and 8 more distribution times. Assist to fund a modified van for meal distribution; this organization collaborates extensively with Lincoln Parish entities with good support from the area.	\$17,000
The Renewal Center of NELA	Securing a Better Future for the Homeless, Addicted, and Unemployed	sheltering and food insecurity solutions	Fence in the new area; remove trees from the property so they can enclose serving spaces.	\$20,000

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OTHER NON-PROFIT AGENCY				
After-school programming for children/youth:				
Boys and Girls Club of North LA	Capacity Building, Strategic Expansion, and Strengthening of Youth Service Sites	after school programming	Add a NELA club development director.	\$20,000
Broaden Horizons	Broaden Horizons East Ouachita	after school programming	Expand to two new school sites in Monroe City system. Provide staff, supplies, and other resources needed to do startups.	\$30,000
NELA Youth, Inc.	Community Wellness & Youth Stabilization Expansion	after school programming	Provide mentoring and activities with at-risk children. Provide funds for food/snacks, sports equipment, games, fees to outings.	\$5,000
Other programming within this category:				
Children's Coalition for NELA	The Pretend Play Project	childcare center play programming	Train childcare teachers; provide play kits; encourage creativity and learn life skills; adhere to state requirements as academically approved childcare centers.	\$10,000
Children's Coalition for NELA	Stronger Together: A Truancy Reduction Program	youth education and support	Implement training series with families; work with schools and teachers for family engagement; work with court-ordered programs.	\$20,000
The NELA Children's Museum	Teacher Professional Development and Student STEM Programming in NELA	youth education and support	Provide free STEM education per the recently enacted legislation requiring computer science education in K-12 public schools; go onsite to schools/communities to provide education; partner with local agencies for delivery of services; train teachers and others in STEM education.	\$10,000
Southern Center for Children & Families dba The Center for Children and Families, Inc.	Training & Education	childrens mental, physical, and emotional health	Develop a new division focused on state designated needs of child trauma intervention and care; increase access and capacity for services; train professionals in areas related to child trauma; teach children to recognize unsafe situations; use social media safely and responsibly.	\$50,000
The Arc of Ouachita (ARCO)	Supporting Healthy Independence for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	special population nursing care	Continue the RN clinical support for the 84 adults with developmental disabilities served by ARCO; minimum of 40 hours/week expected for coverage.	\$35,000
First-time applicants within this category:				
Latinas Unidas	Strong Families, Strong Future: Familias Fuertes, Futuros Fuertes	community activities/education focused to Latino populations	Programming to focus on education, health, and leadership advancement; address disparities affecting growing Latino population; assist to overcome language barriers; support literacy, education, common tasks within community to ensure success; work within school systems to bridge barriers; support all children/youth for advancement; offer workshops for community growth.	\$15,000
Turning Pages NELA	Adventure into Reading	literacy improvement for children/youth	New program by existing educators to enhance literacy; use an evidence based program, Reading Partners, for 7 workshops in underserved areas; educate caregivers and families; summer tutoring program for elementary students in one-on-one literacy instruction; recruit tutoring team of university education majors; improve literacy.	\$37,800
EDUCATION SETTING				
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)	Resilient Power, Security Upgrades, & Initial Maintenance for MMU's & Disaster Response Facility	Equipment & support for new building for mobile units & disaster response	Upgrades and outfitting of the new mobile medical unit facility at their new community medical clinic; assist to install 3-phase generator for uninterrupted power.	\$47,000
LA Tech University - Dept of Curriculum, Instruction, & Leadership	Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) for Families & Educators: Building Community Capacity	training for educators regarding children & youth trauma	Build capacity to support children through education in TBRI for teachers and professionals as well as families; implement education and community settings for training; offer workshop for K-12 teachers; offer camp for caregivers and children.	\$17,500
LA Tech University - Department of Kinesiology	Health Coaching Internship	training for health coaches in community settings	Promote healthy lifestyle behaviors as a public health priority through an emerging health profession, health coaching; manage chronic diseases thru self-sufficiency and education; increase access and outreach for health coaching; expand on the recently certified program at LA Tech.	\$20,000
West Monroe High School	Emergency Medical Aid Vehicle for Events	mobile cart equipped with medical and rescue equipment	Ensure safety and emergency response for large school campus; allow personnel to respond quickly for all campus events; provide needed medical equipment.	\$16,500
GOVERNMENT AGENCY - NOT EDUCATION SETTING				
City of WM Fire Department	Extraction Equipment & Electric Powered PPV Fan	public fire safety and rescue	Update extraction equipment; improve rescue times and lower risks for victims/responders; address increased I-20 accident and injury risks; upgrade tools for rescue.	\$44,932
Ouachita Outreach	Senior Connection, Conversation, & Wellness	support services and food distribution for seniors within Riverbend area	Expand services for those 55+ in the economically disadvantaged area of south WM; combat loneliness, learn about resources, and maintain health in an engagement hub at the WM Community Center; offer social interaction, cognitive stimulation, nutrition, fitness, and access to food. This grant will assist to provide exercise classes by a professional instructor.	\$7,200
				\$957,149
PREVIOUS FUNDING WITHIN THIS GRANT CYCLE				
Food Bank of NELA	Special Project Funding 2026	disaster response & recovery	special funding - (Jan 2026 ice storm)	\$10,000
Salvation Army of Monroe	Special Project Funding 2026	disaster response & recovery	special funding - (Jan 2026 ice storm)	\$10,000
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