

# 2026 Grant

## Reception

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# A Message from Our Board President

**Welcome to the 2026 Competitive Grant Cycle Reception! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you for the difference your work makes in the Dan River Region. We appreciate each of you, along with your staff and volunteers, who help us meet our mission of making differences, changing lives, and leaving a legacy. The Foundation is grateful to support the work you are doing to improve the quality of life in our communities. Your projects are deserving of the grants being awarded today because each one makes the Dan River Region a better place to live.**



**We are happy to be able to work together with our donors and the Danville Regional Foundation to deliver \$1,004,400 to 67 deserving organizations that serve our communities.**

**Congratulations on your award and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your goals for impact in 2026!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vince P. Kania, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "V" and "K".

**Vince P. Kania, Jr.  
Board President, Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

## **THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE DAN RIVER REGION**

**GRANT RECEPTION  
January 7, 2026**

**Welcome  
Grant Presentations  
Closing**

# **The Community Foundation's Competitive Grants are Awarded from the Community Impact Fund, Field of Interest Funds and Donor Advised Funds**

The Community Impact Fund is made up of the following undesignated funds: *James Russell Anderson and Zora Carter Anderson Endowed Fund, Buck-Wayland Fund, Faith Home Endowment Fund, Clarence L. Giles Fund, Harry Melton Hood Fund, Elizabeth (Betty) W. Jefferson Fund, D. Webster, Jr. and Elizabeth S. Marshall Fund, James A. and Anne V. Robertson Fund, Barbara H. Sater and Herbert W. Sater Memorial Fund, John C. Swanson, Jr. Fund, The Opportunity Fund, The Daniel Fund and the Change Maker Community Fund.*

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to specify an area of interest, such as youth, elderly, the arts, education, environment, or medical, to be supported by the fund. Field of Interest Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *The Free Clinic Fund, Stratford House Center Fund, Faye Carter Fund, W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund, Animal Welfare Fund, Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund, Ahmed Children's Fund and the Laurie S. Moran Rotary Service Fund.*

Donor Advised Funds are created when a donor starts an investment fund and names the organizations to benefit from the fund. Donor Advised Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *Gamewood Technology Fund, Helen and Webb Maddux Fund, Irvin H. and Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Fund, P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund, Philip and Frances Daly Fund, and Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr. Fund.*

**American Red Cross of Blue Ridge Virginia** (\$10,000) to cover the cost of two blood drives in Danville and Pittsylvania County. **(The Free Clinic Fund)**

**Animal Protection Society of Caswell County, Inc.** (\$5,400) to purchase a metal shipping container to serve as a pet food storage shed. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Danville Area** (\$10,000) to support career readiness through travel in Virginia. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Blair's Fire and Rescue** (\$23,600) to support the purchase of seven sets of turnout gear. **(Community Impact Fund, Free Clinic Fund)**

**Casville Volunteer Fire Department** (\$10,100) to purchase five 800MHz radios. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Caswell County Partnership for Children** (\$9,000) to provide summer learning kit to preschool children through the Raising-A-Reader Program. **(Community Impact Fund, Gamewood Technology Fund)**

**City of Danville Parks and Recreation** (\$7,000) to provide a cost-free fitness area to active adults at the Ballou Recreation Center. **(Stratford House Center Fund)**

**City of Danville Gang Prevention** (\$23,000) to support the purchase of a vehicle to provide program transportation. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**City of Danville Social Services** (\$30,000) to support the Combating Homelessness program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Community Improvement Council, Inc. Head Start** (\$20,200) to purchase age-appropriate digital learning tools and software for each classroom. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Communities in Schools of Virginia** (\$10,900) to support after-school enrichment and career-readiness programming at seven Danville public schools. **(Laurie S. Moran Rotary Service Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Compassion Health Care** (\$20,000) to provide financial support to cancer patients for medical needs and transportation. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Dan River Basin Association** (\$7,500) to support the public education of "wild lawns" and their impact on the environment. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Area Choral Arts Society** (\$5,000) to support a choral arts concert with community handbell choir and children's choir. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Concert Association** (\$6,000) to support the G. Thomas Allen Quintet performance. **(Stratford House Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Lifesaving and First Aid Crew** (\$14,800) to support the purchase of 18 Toughbooks. **(Helen and Webb Maddux Fund, Free Clinic Fund)**

**Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History** (\$13,000) to support the Sherman Watkins art exhibit. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association, Inc.** (\$19,200) to provide mileage reimbursement to cancer-related appointments. **(Free Clinic Fund)**

**Danville Pittsylvania Community Services** (\$3,200) to support a quarterly community book study that promotes trauma-informed awareness and practice. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity** (\$30,000) to support the next partner family's house located on Martin Avenue House-2. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Public Schools Education Foundation** (\$21,200) to support hotel stays for student families under the McKinney-Vento Act. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Science Center, Inc.** (\$13,000) to purchase films for the Digital Dome Theater. **(Faye Carter Fund)**

**Danville Symphony Orchestra** (\$7,300) to support a free, live orchestral performance. **(Stratford House Center Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Fairview Church** (\$13,500) to provide weekend food backpacks to children of Park Avenue Elementary School. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Fine Whines and Lickers** (\$15,000) to support the spay/neuter program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Good Hope Equestrian & Regenerative Farm, Inc.** (\$5,000) to provide support for a year-round organic food production greenhouse project. **(W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund)**

**Haven of the Dan River Region** (\$13,000) to provide financial support for a licensed counselor and meeting space rentals. **(Free Clinic Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**House of Hope** (\$13,400) to purchase and install a new heating/air unit in a newly renovated area of the shelter. **(Philip and Frances Daly Fund, P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund)**

**Institute for Advanced Learning and Research** (\$12,500) to provide funding for the Serve and Learn Camp. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Milton Preservation and Beautification Society, Inc.** (\$20,700) to support the continued restoration of The Claude Allen Plug Tobacco Factory. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Mount Hermon Volunteer Fire Department** (\$7,500) to replace aging airbags to remove trapped accident victims. **(Community Impact Fund, W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund, Stratford House Center Fund)**

**Providence Fire and Rescue, Inc.** (\$32,500) to purchase extrication equipment. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Reach Out and Read, Inc.** (\$10,800) to provide support for active programs in Caswell County, Halifax County and the City of Danville. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Semora Volunteer Fire Department** (\$9,700) to support repairs of the training room floor. **(Community Impact Fund)**

**Simply Said, Inc.** (\$12,500) to support Toys are Tools Toolboxes to families with children 0 - 3. **(Community Impact Fund, Faye Carter Fund, Ahmed Children's Fund)**

**Southern Area Agency on Aging** (\$23,000) to provide a safety net for low-income older adults having a financial emergency. **(Stratford House Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**SPCA of Pittsylvania County** (\$20,000) to support veterinary care for rescue animals in Danville/Pittsylvania County.  
**(Irving H. and Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Fund, Animal Welfare Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**The Doorways** (\$7,000) to support the Patient and Family Access Program for families who reside in the communities served by The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region and who lodge at The Doorways while accessing medical care in the Richmond area. **(Stratford House Center Fund)**

**Town of Chatham** (\$13,000) to paint a mural at the western entrance to Chatham via US Hwy 57. **(W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund)**

**Town of Yanceyville Volunteer Fire Department** (\$18,000) to support the purchase of new turnout gear.  
**(Community Impact Fund)**

**VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society** (\$4,100) to upgrade software and hardware with two new computers, a WiFi router and IT support. **(Community Impact Fund, Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund)**

**Westmoreland Neighborhood Organization** (\$15,000) to install lighting and electricity at Westmoreland Park.  
**(Community Impact Fund)**

## The Community Foundation's Prior Year Grant Funding In Action



**(Photo) Providers at Piedmont Access to Health Services at the Danville location showing gratitude for new books purchased by The Foundation's 2025 grant to support Reach Out and Read's implementation.**



**"Thank you for your generous support of the Reach Out and Read program. Your funding helps us provide books and literacy resources to children and families, fostering early childhood development and a lifelong love of reading. We deeply appreciate your commitment to promoting literacy and making a positive impact on our community."**

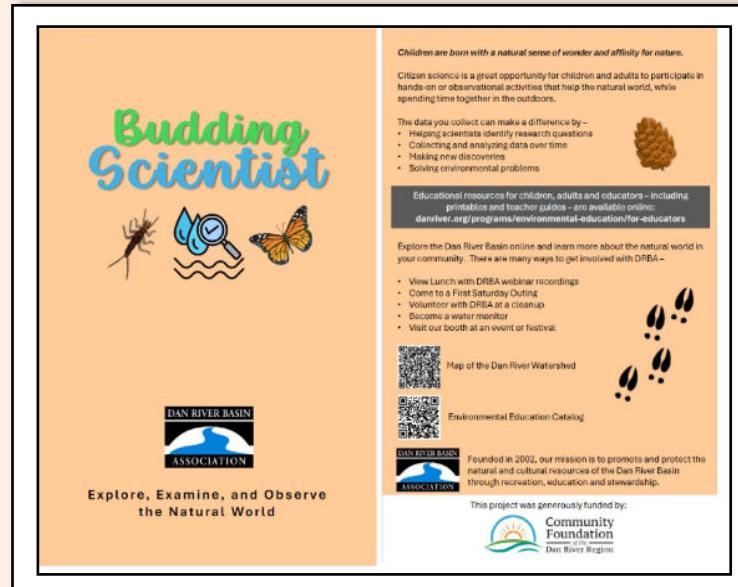
**With gratitude, Ashleigh Dixon, FNP-C PATHS Pediatrics**

**"I am writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous grant funding support for the Reach Out and Read program. Your commitment to the children in our area is invaluable and your support will significantly impact our ability to make sure children from newborn to 5 years old receive a book at their wellness check-up here at PATHS. We are truly grateful for support. We are excited to continue encouraging our patients to read and develop a love for books at a young age. Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to our cause."**

**Sincerely, Casey Bailey, FNP-C, PATHS Pediatrics**

# The Community Foundation's Prior Year

## Grant Funding In Action



Over the spring and summer of 2025, Dan River Basin Association provided 220 Budding Scientists Kits to youth at festivals and events that introduced them to citizen science, allowing children to experience and explore the natural world through inquiry and scientific investigation. In those kits observational tools and materials were included, along with a booklet designed by DRBA that introduced them to different citizen science projects that they could participate in and where to access the projects.

The Garden Club of Danville is working in collaboration with the City of Danville, Oakes Memorials and Signs and Historic Preservationist, Mr. Riley Corum, and Gravestone Conservationist, Ivan Nielson to repair, rejuvenate and restore the Old Grove Street Cemetery (1820-1920). This project preserves a portion of our history and helps keep things looking well-cared for and maintained in the City of Danville for future generations to learn about and celebrate.



GRAVESTONES CLEANED BY GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS  
FIRST PHOTO OF OBELISK IS BEFORE CLEANING AND  
SECOND PHOTO IS AFTER CLEANING



# **Danville Regional Foundation Fund of The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region**

**The following competitive grants are made possible thanks to The Community Foundation's  
grant-making partnership with the Danville Regional Foundation.**

**Arc of Southside, Inc.** (\$28,000) to replace the old HVAC system at the administrative office. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of the Danville Area** (\$21,800) to support creation of robotics lab and training to expand the Quad A initiative. . **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

**Caswell Council for the Arts** (\$8,500) to support the Global Grooves Project. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Caswell County Local Foods Council, Inc.** (\$15,500) to provide seed grants for farmers. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Caswell County Parish, Inc.** (\$15,000) to provide assistance to families in danger of losing their electrical service or need assistance with alternative forms of heat. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**County of Caswell Parks and Recreation** (\$15,600) to purchase and install a volleyball net system for youth volleyball. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

**Danville Church and Community Tutorial Program** (\$15,900) to support training and stipends for tutors and a reading and math consultant. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

**Danville Family YMCA** (\$45,400) to support the purchase of a 14 passenger van. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Danville Literacy Council** (\$7,800) to support the workshops of Commune 'a Tea. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund, Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr., Fund in honor of Laura Morgan Powell)**

**Epic Caswell, Inc.** (\$23,000) to support the renovation of Epic Park in Yanceyville. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**God's Storehouse** (\$30,200) to purchase food for God's Storehouse food distribution program during the time food donations decrease. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Grace A Lot** (\$10,500) to purchase and install two mini-split HVAC units. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

**Hoop Don't Shoot** (\$15,500) to provide funding for court rentals, supplies and transportation to make basketball accessible. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center** (\$20,000) to purchase food to distribute to low-income families in Pittsylvania County. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Pelham Volunteer Fire Department** (\$3,100) to provide CPR training. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Prospect Hill Volunteer Fire Department** (\$19,400) to purchase up-to-date extrication equipment. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina (\$20,000) to purchase extra food for our Caswell County partner agencies. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**The Garden Club of Danville (\$12,900) to support preservation of Old Grove Street Cemetery. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**The Salvation Army of Danville (\$25,000) to support the Family Services Program. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

**Victory Junction Gang Camp, Inc. (\$20,000) to support camps for kids 6-16 from the Dan River Region that have complex medical and physical needs. (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

## **The Community Foundation's Prior Year Grant Funding In Action**



**Good Hope Equestrian and Regenerative Farm, Inc. provided equine therapy to youth from the Hughes Residential Treatment Center and adults from the Arc of Southside to support treatment for intellectual, physical and emotional disabilities.**



**The Climax Volunteer Fire Department was able to secure seven Motorola Mintor pagers and T-Mobile tablets to ensure that volunteers are alerted and emergencies in their service area will be covered. The tablets ensure that finding the emergency does not cost extra time and endanger lives. This piece of mind both for the volunteers and the people they serve is absolutely priceless.**





## About The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a public charity established in September 1996 by a steering committee of civic leaders to meet a variety of social, educational, cultural and other charitable needs. The Foundation serves a region from Danville/Pittsylvania County to South Boston/Halifax County, and Caswell County, North Carolina.

The Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the Dan River Region. Grants are funded with earnings on endowment assets that have been donated by the overwhelming generosity of our communities.

## Starting an Agency Fund with The Community Foundation

Nonprofit organizations (agencies) may create a permanent and predictable source of income as a means of building charitable dollars for the future of their mission and work. The agency can add to the fund as well as individuals, organizations and businesses. If we can help you create a charitable solution for your organization please contact us for more information.

The Community Foundation office can be reached at 541 Loyal Street, Danville, VA 24541, by phone (434) 793-0884, by fax (434) 793-6489 or our web site at [www.cfdrr.org](http://www.cfdrr.org).

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