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Allentown (September 7, 2023) – The PPL Foundation awarded a second round of grants for 2023, awarding \$450,000 in **Empowering Communities Grants** to more than 50 nonprofit organizations working to build stronger communities in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

In all, the PPL Foundation expects to award nearly \$1 million in grants this year to support the Foundation's focus areas: education; diversity, equity and inclusion; and sustainable communities.

Funds from the second round of grants will be used to enrich the overall vitality of our communities through programs that protect the environment and improve people's lives. Programs receiving grants focused on environmental stewardship and education, economic development and workforce development. The first round of grants focused on diversity, equity and inclusion was awarded in the spring.

"The PPL Foundation is proud to support nonprofit organizations that are making a real and lasting difference in their communities," said Ryan Hill, president of the PPL Foundation. "These organizations are working to create stronger, more sustainable communities through programs that encourage conservation of our natural resources, revitalize downtown districts and change lives for the better."

Empowering Communities grants, ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000, were awarded to:

- American Red Cross of Greater Pennsylvania
- Brodhead Watershed Association, Henryville
- Bucks County Housing Group, Warminster
- CAT-Coalition for Appropriate Transportation, Bethlehem
- Center for Employment Opportunities, Harrisburg
- Central PA Conservancy, Carlisle
- Clinton County Economic Partnership Foundation, Lock Haven
- Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries, Topton
- DIG Furniture Bank, Milton
- Focus Central Pennsylvania, Danville
- Getting Ahead Foundation, Lewisburg
- Great Valley Native Plant Society, Carlisle
- Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, Hazleton
- Greater Philadelphia YMCA, Conshohocken
- Greater Wilkes-Barre Growth Partnership, Wilkes-Barre
- Lacawac Sanctuary, Lake Ariel
- Lancaster Conservancy, Lancaster
- LEAF Project, Landisburg
- Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation, Tamaqua
- Manada Conservancy, Hummelstown
- Monroe County Habitat for Humanity, Tobyhanna
- Natural Lands Trust, Media
- New Hope Ministries, Dillsburg
- North Branch Land Trust, Dallas
- Penn's Northeast, Pittston

- Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, Camp Hill
- Perry County Council of the Arts, Newport
- Pocono Mountains United Way, Stroudsburg
- Pocono Northeast Development Fund, Pittston
- River Valley Regional YMCA, Williamsport
- Riverfront Parks Committee, Wilkes-Barre
- SACA Development Corporation, Lancaster
- Schuylkill Chamber Foundation, Pottsville
- Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Scranton
- Sharing Excess, Lehigh Valley
- Susquehanna Health Foundation, Williamsport
- The Common Wheel, Lancaster
- The Edible Classroom, Washington
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Harrisburg
- The Institute, Wilkes-Barre
- The Lancaster Science Center, Lancaster
- The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Lewisburg
- United Neighborhood Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton
- Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition, Lackawaxen
- Via of the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem
- Wayne County Community Foundation, Honesdale
- Wildheart, Harrisburg
- Wildlife Leadership Academy, Lock Haven
- YWCA Lancaster, Lancaster

The Foundation's next round of grants – **Energizing Education** – is focused on supporting equitable and engaging high-quality educational opportunities for all students. These grants fund programs focused on STEM, literacy, summer learning, and college and career readiness. Applications for Energizing Education grants are being accepted from Sept. 1 through Oct. 15. For more information, please visit www.pplcares.com.

About the PPL Foundation

The PPL Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization. Funded by PPL Corporation shareowners, the foundation was formed to support community initiatives in the areas served by PPL Corporation's utilities. Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are engaged in innovative and groundbreaking work to create vibrant, sustainable communities; advance diversity, equity and inclusion; and support children's success from cradle to career in both Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

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