

# PPL Foundation awards more than \$200,000 in Powering Equity grants

## **30 nonprofit organizations in eastern and central Pennsylvania awarded grants for programs supporting underserved communities**

Allentown, Pa. (May 30, 2024) – The PPL Foundation this month completed the first of three planned grant programs for 2024, awarding more than \$200,000 in grants to 30 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 in Pennsylvania to support the foundation's focus areas: education; diversity, equity and inclusion; and sustainable communities.

Funds from the first round of grants will be used to facilitate community conversations on diversity and inclusion, improve equity in access to higher education, and support innovation and entrepreneurship among underrepresented residents in our communities.

"Through its grants, the PPL Foundation invests in innovative approaches that help build stronger, more equitable communities where all are respected, valued and free to reach their full potential," said Lissette Santana, president of the PPL Foundation. "We're proud to support nonprofit organizations working to improve lives and promote greater equity and inclusion in the communities we serve."

The recent Powering Equity grants, ranging from \$2,500 to \$17,000, were awarded to:

- African American Museum of Bucks County, Langhorne
- Allentown Art Museum
- Allentown Symphony Association
- ASSETS Lancaster
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Bethlehem
- Bloomsburg Area YMCA
- Children's Museum, Bloomsburg
- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem
- Greater Valley Young Men's Christian Association, Allentown
- IM ABLE Foundation, Wyomissing
- Leadership Northeast, Wilkes-Barre
- LEAF Project, Landisburg
- Lehigh University Summer Engineering Institute, Bethlehem
- Lehigh Valley Inter-Regional Networking & Connecting Consortium, Bethlehem
- Lycoming College, Williamsport
- Moravian University, Bethlehem
- Nathaniel Gadsden's Writers Wordshop, Harrisburg
- NEPA Rainbow Alliance, Wilkes-Barre
- Northampton County Area Community College Foundation, Bethlehem
- PA CASA, Bethlehem
- Pennsylvania College of Technology Foundation, Williamsport
- Pocono Services for Families and Children, East Stroudsburg
- Servant Stage Company, Strasburg
- The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton
- The Arc Susquehanna Valley, Sunbury
- The Cooperage Project, Honesdale
- United Way of Berks County, Reading
- United Way of Lancaster County
- YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties, Quakertown
- YWCA Lancaster

The foundation's next round of grants –**Empowering Communities** – is focused on enriching the vitality of the community through programs that support environmental stewardship and education, economic development and workforce development. Applications for Empowering Communities grants are being accepted through June 15.

For more information, please visit [www.pplcares.com](http://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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