

13 community organizations awarded nearly \$600,000 in PPL Foundation grants

PPL Foundation awards Pennsylvania nonprofits grants to improve education, promote development of sustainable communities

An ambulance bus that will allow emergency response teams to better serve rural communities, the transformation of a blighted property into a social services hub, an early learning center in the heart of downtown Allentown and an environmental workforce development program are a few of the innovative programs the PPL Foundation is supporting through major grants in 2018.

The PPL Foundation on Monday (11/12) announced a combined \$585,000 in grants to 13 nonprofit organizations.

PPL's support is helping organizations fulfill their missions across the company's 29-county service territory in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania.

"The PPL Foundation is proud to team up with nonprofit organizations throughout Pennsylvania that are tackling tough issues in our communities with innovative solutions," said Ryan Hill, president of the PPL Foundation. "They are working every day to make our communities safe, strong and sustainable by expanding access to high-quality, pre-k education, sparking students' interest in new and exciting career paths and providing the resources people need to move out of poverty."

The awards announced today will support a variety of projects in PPL Foundation's focus areas of education and sustainable communities.

Major Grant recipients are:

- \$50,000, American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley
- \$25,000, Archie's Place serving Lebanon, Dauphin, Lancaster and York counties
- \$50,000, Children's Museum in Bloomsburg
- \$25,000, Civic Theatre of Allentown
- \$30,000, Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County
- \$50,000, Community Services for Children in Allentown
- \$30,000, Earth Conservancy in Luzerne County
- \$45,000, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in Scranton
- \$30,000, Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania covering the Northeast, Northwest and Southwest regions
- \$25,000, Hawk Mountain in Berks County
- \$25,000, Northeastern PA Industrial Resource Center in Luzerne County
- \$100,000, REAL Life Community Services in Lancaster
- \$100,000, Susquehanna Health Foundation in Lycoming County

Earlier this year, the PPL Foundation awarded \$450,000 in sustaining grants to more than 70 community organizations. Today's announcement brings the foundation's 2018 community contributions to more than \$3 million.

The PPL Foundation awards grants in spring and fall. The next grant cycle, for sustaining grants that assist organizations with general operating expenses, begins in January. Interested organizations can apply for grants from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

To be considered for a grant, all organizations must apply online.

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About the PPL Foundation

Through strategic partnerships, the PPL Foundation supports organizations that are doing innovative and

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groundbreaking work to create vibrant, sustainable communities and supporting children's success from cradle to career. The PPL Foundation contributes more than \$3 million annually to a wide variety of nonprofit organizations in eastern and central Pennsylvania.

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