

12/20/2018 – Long Island’s Community Foundation Announces \$579,000 in Grants for 2018

Melville, NY (December 20, 2018) – The Long Island Community Foundation is giving **\$579,000** to help 25 nonprofit groups across the Island—bringing this year’s total to nearly **\$1.5 million** given through LICF’s competitive grants program.

Long Island’s community foundation is committed to ensuring that our region remains a beacon of economic prosperity, acceptance, and opportunity for all. These grants come from the third and final round of funding for this year. Click [here](#) for a listing of all the grants made in 2018.

For each of the following grants, we offer members of the media more information that detail the problems we’re addressing and our approach to solving them. Please contact Marie Smith msmith@licf.org for more.

ADVANCING THRIVING & DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

CDCLI Funding Corporation, \$20,000 to continue administering a loan program to assist low-to-moderate income Suffolk County homeowners to replace their failing septic systems.

Family Community Life Center, \$20,000 to continue a public outreach campaign to build support for a mixed-use development in the hamlet of Riverhead.

Five Towns Community Center, Inc., \$20,000 to develop a comprehensive media and performing arts program.

Sag Harbor Partnership, Inc., \$20,000 for film equipment that will enable the reconstructed Sag Harbor Cinema to engage the town’s diverse community.

RESTORING WATER QUALITY AND A SAFER, CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment, \$25,000 for continued support of a campaign to ban products containing the chemical 1,4 dioxane.

Connecticut Fund for the Environment, \$20,000 to help local groups collect data on the health of local bays and engage communities to protect them.

Peconic Green Growth, \$20,000 to advance water conservation strategies for the Town of Southold.

Sisters of St. Joseph, \$20,000 for the design and construction of an innovative and alternative wastewater treatment system in Western Suffolk.

Surfrider Foundation, \$18,000 to monitor water quality in Southampton and East Hampton towns and engage residents in restoration solutions.

SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, \$25,000 to educate staff to care for victims of sexual assault.

Catholic Health Services of Long Island, \$50,000 to deploy health coaches to help diabetes patients get more involved in their treatment.

Central Nassau Guidance & Counseling Services, \$30,000 to continue support system upgrades and training to improve behavioral health care delivery.

Community Health Care Association of NYS, \$25,000 to help community health centers add social determinants of health to newly created value-based payment systems.

Family Service League, Inc., \$25,000 for an integrated behavioral health and primary health care model at the Family Center in Bay Shore.

Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, \$25,000 to launch an alternative to incarceration program for individuals suffering from substance abuse disorders.

HELPING TO FEED HUNGRY LONG ISLANDERS

Choice For All, \$20,000 to increase healthy food access in Roosevelt.

Interfaith Nutrition Network, \$20,000 to continue connecting soup kitchen clients with social services.

Long Island Cares, Inc., \$25,000 for the Nassau Service Center food pantry in Freeport.

STRENGTHENING AND EDUCATING LONG ISLAND'S YOUTH

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, Inc., \$16,000 to match young people in Nassau County who are suffering from emotional difficulties with caring mentors.

Girls Inc. of Long Island, \$20,000 to provide life skills and academic enrichment programs for girls in Central Islip and William Floyd middle schools.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, \$20,000 for a college preparation program targeting vulnerable teens from Locust Valley and Glen Cove High Schools.

The Sunshine Center, Inc., \$20,000 to strengthen the life and social skills of high-risk high school students in an alternative learning environment.

ADDRESSING IMPORTANT ISSUES THROUGH COLLABORATION

Long Island Racial Equity Collaborative Fund, \$25,000 to pool local resources to address racial disparities on Long Island.

Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund, \$25,000 to pool local philanthropic resources dedicated to protecting and restoring the Long Island Sound.

New York State Census Equity Fund, \$25,000 to pool statewide philanthropic resources to ensure an accurate and fair 2020 census.

Through the generosity of our donors, the **Long Island Community Foundation** invests in groups that create positive change and improve the quality of life on Long Island. To learn more about these grants and the Long Island Community Foundation, visit our website at www.licf.org. Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on Twitter [@LICommunityFndt](#), connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and find us on [Instagram](#).

Since 1978, the Long Island Community Foundation has been the home of charitable Long Islanders who share a passion and commitment to improve their communities. LICF supports an array of effective nonprofits that help make Long Island a vital and secure place to live, learn, work, and play, while building permanent resources for the future. The Foundation has made nearly \$175 million in grants from hundreds of funds established by individuals, families, and businesses. LICF is a division of The New York Community Trust, one of the country's oldest and largest community foundations.

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