4/17/2019 – Long Island’s Community Foundation Announces $365,000 in First Round of Grants for 2019

Melville, NY (April 17, 2019) – The Long Island Community Foundation is giving $365,000 to help 19 nonprofits encourage the arts for culturally diverse students on the East End, campaign to eliminate single-use plastic items in Nassau County, restore our Island’s natural habitats, and connect people to training and career opportunities. Funded projects also will help advocate for transit-oriented development in Elmont, Uniondale, Hempstead and Central Islip and encourage pediatric service providers to promote supplemental nutrition programs.

This is the Foundation’s first round of grants for 2019, following its total giving of nearly $1.5 million total to more than 60 nonprofits last year from its competitive grants program. These grants would not be made possible without donor funds like the Henry Phillip Kraft Fund which exists to fund environmental projects, like clean water and restoration; or the DeWitt Wallace Fund for Youth – helping young people reach their full potential; and the Henry Shepard Fund – which supports hunger programs. Long Island’s community foundation is committed to ensuring that our region remains a beacon of economic prosperity, acceptance, and opportunity for all.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

Great Neck Center For The Performing & Visual Arts, $15,000 to support the showing and discussion of social action documentaries.

Long Island Arts Alliance, $15,000 to maintain and distribute the Long Island Arts Map.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RESPONSE**

Long Island Progressive Coalition, $20,000 to promote worker cooperatives on Long Island.

Vision Long Island, $20,000 for advocacy and coalition-building to support transit-oriented development.

**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

All Our Energy, $15,000 to continue a campaign to eliminate single-use plastic items in Nassau County.

Grassroots Environmental Education, $20,000 to work with municipalities to prohibit the sale and use of single-use plastics.

Friends of Hempstead Plains at Nassau Community College, $15,000 to support restore the habitat of the 26-acre Hempstead Plains Purcell Preserve.

Long Island Pine Barrens Society, $20,000 to support a multi-year campaign to protect Long Island’s water quality.

The Trust for Public Land, $25,000 for the Long Island Empire State Trail Extension Project Phase II Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan.
EDUCATION

Community Action Southold Town (CAST), $20,000 for a home visiting program to prepare young children from low-income families on Long Island’s East End for school.

Parrish Art Museum, $15,000 to provide arts education to economically and culturally diverse students on Long Island’s East End.

Project Morry, $20,000 for a leadership development and college preparation program targeting students from North Amityville and Copiague school districts.

HUNGER

Community Housing Innovations, $15,000 to provide educational programs to homeless adults at a Riverhead men’s shelter.

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island, $25,000 to encourage pediatric service providers to promote breastfeeding and supplemental nutrition programs.

Mercy Haven, $20,000 to protect and increase food stamps and other benefits for low-income households.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Adelphi University Institute for Nonprofit Leadership, $20,000 for a leadership development program for nonprofit professionals and community leaders of color.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

ECNY Foundation, $25,000 for a comprehensive digital roadmap to connect people to training and careers with a shortage of skilled workers.

LGBT Network, $15,000 to bring LGBT youth and young adults into inclusive workplaces.

Long Beach Latino Civic Association, $20,000 for a job readiness program for Latino youth in Long Beach.

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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