



GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

LICF Board of Advisors Meeting
December 4, 2019

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<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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DeWitt Wallace Fund for Youth	52,000
Fund for Innovative Community Programs on LI	2,000
Greentree Foundation Fund	78,500
Henry Phillip Kraft Memorial Fund	96,500
Henry H. Shepard Fund	25,000
Katherine Sloan Pratt Fund	65,000
Leone Scott Wise Fund	32,000
LICF General Fund	181,000
Long Island Fund for Youth Programs	2,000
Miracle-Gro Fund	16,000
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ARTS & CULTURE

RECIPIENT:

SCOA, INC.
SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER
25 Jobs Lane
Southampton, New York 11968
(631) 283-1425
J. Whitney Stevens – Board Chair
Tom Dunn – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT:

\$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For an off-season arts and culture program called TAKEOVER2.

NATURE OF PROJECT:

The economy in the Village of Southampton is cyclical. The summer tourist season attracts a large influx of activity and revenue while the off-season suffers from the departure of visitors. During last year’s off-season, 17 empty storefronts created a sense of blight in the Village’s business district for the sizeable number of year-round residents, many of whom are under-represented and underserved. A recent assessment concluded that the racially and culturally diverse year-round community, comprised of 13 percent African American and 19 percent Hispanic and Latino, needs affordable art and culture programs that incorporate local and regional diversity. These programs would increase the social vibrancy of the community and improve the local economy during the off-season.

Established in 2013, the Southampton Arts Center serves as a hub for arts and culture on the East End. A multidisciplinary community arts organization, it presents world class art to the Southampton community year-round, welcoming and engaging the entire community. Its programming is designed to remove physical and financial barriers to attendance and consists of an array of visual arts, films, live performances, talks, workshops and children’s activities. Since its inception, it has worked with more than 100 organizations representing local, regional, national and international groups including the Southampton African American Museum, Eastville Community Historical Society, The Shinnecock Nation, OLA, and the Children’s Museum of the East End. These groups support programming and assist with outreach to underserved communities. The Center’s program offerings and community reach have quadrupled over the last four years, increasing from fifty programs in 2015 to over 200 in 2018. Its audience increased from 10,000 to over 40,000 in the same time period.

The Southampton Arts Center will use the arts to support downtown rejuvenation during the slow season. This year, it will launch TAKEOVER2, an economic and social stimulus through the arts project. Specifically, it will:

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- invite eight artists from diverse cultural backgrounds and specializing in a variety of media to set up working studios at the Center where they will interact with the public;
- coordinate with the Southampton Chamber of Commerce and Village officials to provide artists with access to empty storefront windows for art installations that will reduce blight and attract residents and visitors to the business district;
- host a series of open house events coordinated with community groups and featuring live acoustic music, performance artists, and interactive experiences to encourage conversations in a relaxed setting;
- work with the Southampton Chamber of Commerce to provide program attendees with discount coupons and other incentives to patronize local businesses;
- enable students from Southampton high school and the Ross School to occupy a studio at the Center and work side by side with professional artists; and
- produce a marketing plan including website links posted at each storefront enabling the public to interact with the installation.

The project budget is \$37,500: \$23,500 for salaries and \$14,000 for program expenses, including marketing, advertising, and materials. Southampton Arts expects to raise \$1,500 from fees, \$1,000 from special events, and has \$10,000 in pending grants from the Village of Southampton and People’s United Bank, leaving a balance of \$25,000. Southampton Arts Center will continue to fundraise, and it will use general operating funds to cover any shortfall.

With innovative, interactive, and creative activities and events that are inclusive of Southampton’s diverse community, the eight weeks of TAKEOVER2 will increase activity in the business district during the off-season. Combined with additional programming, such as Sunday films, monthly dance parties, and piano bar nights, the project will help provide the off-season economic stimulus Southampton needs. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000 to Southampton Arts Center.

Southampton Arts’ annual operating budget is \$1.5 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$10,000
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	\$185,000	5,000
Miracle-Gro Fund (L307)	\$36,000	<u>5,000</u>
		\$20,000

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FUND STRATEGY:

All unrestricted.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: LA FUERZA UNIDA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
34 Muttontown Lane, 3rd Floor
East Norwich, New York 11732
Pascual Blanco – Board Chair
Giovana Bracci – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide technical assistance to low-income minority- and women-owned small businesses.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Many women- and minority-owned small businesses on Long Island are located in segregated, under-invested communities where residents struggle financially, making it difficult for businesses to survive. These business owners often do not have the personal and professional networks to facilitate growth and expansion. A recent study by the Minority Business Development Administration found that minority-owned businesses still pay higher interest rates; are more likely to be denied credit; and are less likely to apply for loans because they fear their applications will be denied. Minority-owned small businesses on Long Island need access to credit, capital, and capacity building, including business planning, market analysis, and marketing.

La Fuerza Unida Community Development Corporation was established 2001, received certification by the U.S. Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution in 2004, and began lending activities in 2006. La Fuerza promotes economic growth through the provision of micro-loans, small business development services, and technical assistance to serve its target market of low-income Hispanic, African-American, and women-owned businesses. Founded and managed by Hispanics, it has the cultural competency to serve this population. Since 2006, the organization has made over \$900,000 in loans on Long Island, ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000.

This year, La Fuerza will empower low-income minority- and women-owned small business owners through a comprehensive suite of business education programs, access to capital, and ongoing support. It will:

- work with approximately 250 individuals from under-resourced communities on Long Island to launch or expand local businesses;
- provide 24 technical assistance workshops on new business development, goal setting, and financial literacy;
- upgrade its data management system to improve tracking of businesses from inception to qualification for financing;

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- provide “pop-up” services in downtowns, LIRR stations, and other visible locations in under-resourced communities;
- conduct a campaign to increase awareness of its services; and
- administer follow-up surveys to program participants.

The project budget is \$121,500: \$99,000 for personnel and \$22,500 for other program cost including rent, supplies and materials. La Fuerza has received \$25,000 from Nassau County Office of Community Development and \$3,000 from Investor’s Bank Foundation and People’s United Bank. It has proposals for \$68,500 pending with the Pritchard, Sterling Bank Charitable, Bank of America and Walmart foundations, leaving a balance of \$25,000.

La Fuerza will provide intensive technical assistance to help participants improve their credit worthiness, gain access to capital, and develop the skills required to run a successful small business. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000 to La Fuerza Unida Community Development Corporation.

La Fuerza’s annual operating budget is \$124,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

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		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE

RECIPIENT: EAC NETWORK
50 Clinton Street, Suite 107
Hempstead, New York 11550
(516) 539-0150
Richard Kessel – Board Chair
Lance Elder – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$23,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide respite for caregivers of homebound seniors in Nassau County.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Of the 1.3 million Nassau County residents, more than 310,000 are older than 60. The fastest growing segment of this population – those older than 85 – is expected to increase by 25 percent from 2015 to 2040. As these Baby Boomers age they prefer to stay in their homes, leading to a spike in demand for home care services. But with high costs and a shortage of in-home workers, family members often take on this responsibility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Family caregiving can be rewarding and decreases reliance on the long-term care system; however, family caregivers show higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression and lower levels of self-care than non-caregivers. Respite and other support services for caregivers prepares them mentally and physically to properly care for their loved ones.

Founded in 1969, EAC Network assists those in need with programs that provide services to protect children, promote healthy families and communities, help seniors, and empower individuals to take control of their lives. With a staff of over 300 full-time and 200 part-time employees, EAC Network operates at 20 locations and offers more than 100 programs throughout Long Island, New York City, and parts of Rockland County. It helped more than 82,000 people in 2018, of whom nearly 9,000 were seniors. Its programs and services for seniors include guardianship, health and wellness, meals on wheels, and respite. It operates several senior centers that provide socialization, recreation, educational programs, and meals.

This year, to support family caregivers, EAC Network will:

- create content for social media, public service announcements, and print ads to recruit senior caregivers and companions;
- hire and train 25 qualified companions to provide in-home respite services;
- provide respite services to 50 older caregivers;
- provide nutrition education and access to healthy food to 35 homebound seniors and their caregivers; and

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- administer pre- and post-service surveys to measure the impact of in-home respite services on stress levels, nutritional health, and overall wellbeing of the caregiver.

The project budget is \$147,000: \$113,000 for staff; \$15,000 for program expenses; and \$19,000 for administration. EAC Network has received \$118,500 from NYS Office of the Aging, leaving a balance of \$28,500. It will continue to fundraise to cover any shortfall.

EAC Network will help homebound seniors and caregivers improve their physical and mental health with in-home respite provided by qualified senior companions. Caregivers will experience some relief from their laborious daily schedule while the older adults benefit from a change in on-on-one companionship. We recommend a one-year grant of \$23,000.

EAC's annual operating budget is \$28 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2016 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Leone Scott Wise Fund (3479)	\$23,000	\$23,000

FUND STRATEGY: Homebound elderly in Nassau County.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

RECIPIENT: STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF
HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
101 Nicolls Road
Stony Brook, New York 11794-8202
(631) 632-9028
Jeffrey H. Black – Board Chair
Alina Stroia – Paid Staff Head
(Funds Administrator: The Research Foundation for SUNY)

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To construct a comprehensive, multidisciplinary human trafficking awareness curriculum.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the U.S., generating an estimated \$150 billion annually. Traffickers use fear to manipulate victims. They perceive distress, identify target(s), and make promises of a better life. Victims come from all walks of life; however young people, people lacking financial stability, immigrants, and non-native language speakers are targeted more frequently. Despite being grossly undercounted, Long Island is among the top 20 human trafficking jurisdictions in the country. The Safe Center LI Human Trafficking Department served more than 500 victims in 2017. Often the people who are in the best position to spot and stop trafficking victims – healthcare workers, law enforcement officials, and educators – simply do not know the warning signs or how to intervene.

Stony Brook University is a leading public research university that strives to innovate in all fields of research and scholarly activity. Stony Brook University's Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development promotes capacity building, health, and community-driven social change through partnerships and projects among its faculty and community members. The Center has been involved in a wide variety of projects to serve the Long Island community.

Stony Brook University's Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development will develop, test, and implement a curriculum—including protocol and guidelines for identifying and working with survivors of trafficking—for healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and social service providers. This year, it will:

- interview key law enforcement, trafficking survivors, healthcare professionals and social service providers;
- create a curriculum that can be adapted for widespread use;
- test the curriculum with at least 20 Stony Brook University faculty and students;

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- work with several community groups and other schools to educate at least 200 individuals about human trafficking; and
- evaluate the curriculum and training using pre- and post-program surveys, interviews, and course evaluations.

The project budget is \$23,000: \$17,500 for supplies and equipment and \$5,500 program expenses, leaving a balance of \$3,000. Stony Brook personnel time will be provided in-kind. Stony Brook will continue to fundraise to cover any shortfall.

The Center will produce a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and scalable curriculum to help professionals in diverse fields, including healthcare, law enforcement, and social services, identify, address and act when they encounter victims of human trafficking. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000.

Stony Brook University's School of Health Technology and Management's annual operating budget is \$13 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$25,000; 2015 - \$25,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
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Miracle-Gro Fund (L307)	\$36,000	5,000
Cumulus LI Fund (L345)	\$13,000	<u>3,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MONTAUK
Ed Braun – Board Chair
Laura Tooman – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$25,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized November 2016)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a multi-year public education and advocacy campaign to improve and protect the water quality of Lake Montauk and Fort Pond.

ORGANIZATION: Through education, advocacy, and grassroots citizen action, Concerned Citizens of Montauk has helped preserve almost 70 percent of Montauk’s land as open space; created a Community Preservation Fund, a land bank funded through a 2 percent real estate transfer tax; secured the Peconic Bay’s acceptance into the National Estuary Program; and launched key initiatives to protect Montauk’s coastline and beaches and improve ground and surface waters. In 2013, Concerned Citizens partnered with Surfrider Foundation, a national nonprofit organization that works to preserve oceans and beaches, to train 15 volunteers to collect water samples from Lake Montauk and Fort Pond and test for the presence of the enterococcus, bacteria found in fecal matter. After three years of testing, the group documented rising levels of bacteria and deteriorating water quality and developed a three-year comprehensive community campaign, Save the Lake - Save the Pond, to educate residents and provide resources for them to adopt practices that improve and protect these bodies of water.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Montauk has a yearly population of 3,500 and a summer population of 10,000 people who rely on its beautiful beaches and marine recreation. Two of Montauk’s centerpiece embayments, Lake Montauk and Fort Pond, have been classified as impaired by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, with portions of both closed regularly to swimming, recreation, and shell fishing because of pathogen (bacteria) contamination and harmful algal blooms caused by high nitrogen levels. Pollution from

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untreated storm water runoff, faulty septic systems, and human behavior contribute directly to the diminished water quality. Although residents treasure these local bodies of water, they are often unaware of how their actions exacerbate undesirable environmental conditions, or how they can act as stewards to protect and preserve these natural resources.

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2016 GRANT: Concerned Citizens of Montauk continued its public education efforts, hosting more than ten local events including septic replacement information sessions with Suffolk County; town hall presentations in East Hampton and Southampton; and a documentary film screening on the condition of Long Island's water bodies and how property owners can protect them. It added a Clean Water Survey on its website to inform its education and outreach efforts, and a Clean Water Steward Pledge to track residents' activities. Three hundred and eighty residential and commercial property owners have pledged to reduce pollution from entering ground and surface waters. More than 70 of those who signed up as Clean Water Stewards took advantage of a 15 percent discount on septic-pump outs that Concerned Citizens arranged with a local wastewater management company. In addition, 34 Montauk residents submitted application forms for East Hampton's septic upgrade rebate after the group's outreach; five applications are completed or in process; and one commercial property is upgrading its system with a new low-nitrogen one. The group continued to test water quality in nine sites across the pond and lake, working with town officials, the Department of Environmental Conservation, Stony Brook Southampton Gobler Laboratory, and the U.S. Geological Survey to monitor bacteria, algal blooms, and nitrogen levels and identify pollution sources. Concerned Citizen's project manager sits on the East Hampton Town Community Preservation Fund Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee and helped to secure funding for seven Lake Montauk watershed water quality improvement projects and continues to participate on the planning committee for the Montauk Downtown Wastewater District.

NEW GRANT: This year, Concerned Citizens will continue educating the public through mailings, educational events, its website, and social media to reach its goal of signing up 500 Clean Water Stewards. It will continue to encourage and track septic servicing and upgrades, as well as strategies to reduce stormwater runoff. It will add a boating community outreach component to increase compliance with No Discharge Zones, encourage use of non-toxic products for boat maintenance, and strengthen enforcement mechanisms, including advocating

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for additional pump-out boats and town logs. Concerned Citizens will partner with watershed protection groups in East Hampton and Southampton to help them launch community campaigns to protect two waterbodies with documented degradation and expand its bacterial testing to sites on those waterbodies. The organization will work with the United States Geological Survey to release findings of its research to identify specific sources of pollution in six water bodies including Lake Montauk. Finally, Concerned Citizens will work with the Town of East Hampton to identify additional watershed improvement projects; develop the Montauk Downtown Wastewater District; and promote the Town’s rebate program for septic upgrades.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$120,000: \$88,000 for staff salaries and \$32,000 for program expenses. Concerned Citizens has raised \$20,000 from individual contributions and \$50,000 from Suffolk County. It has a \$20,000 grant pending with the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute, leaving a balance of \$30,000. It will cover budget gaps with unrestricted funding. Concerned Citizens of Montauk’s annual operating budget is \$545,000.

GRANTS IN LAST FIVE YEARS: 2016 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (L1304)	\$209,000	\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY: To protect and conserve the environment through organizations working nationally and internationally to minimize climate changes; preserve biological diversity; and reduce or eliminate the toxins that are hazardous to human health, including protecting the quality of drinking water and brownfields redevelopment.

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S. Jones

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
650 Suffolk Street, Suite 410
Lowell, Massachusetts 01854
(978) 323-7929
Mark Klotz – Board Chair
Susan Sullivan – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$25,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To use seaweed aquaculture to improve water quality in the Great South Bay.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Consisting of 151 square miles on Long Island's south shore, the Great South Bay is home to regionally significant populations of marine life, including many that are listed by state and federal agencies as endangered and threatened.

Once a thriving environment for shellfish, responsible for more than half of the nation's production, the Great South Bay's shellfish population has been nearly wiped out due in part to algae blooms. Harmful algal blooms are overgrowths of algae in fresh or marine water that can affect human health, aquatic ecosystems, and the economy. Nutrient pollution makes the problem worse, leading to more severe blooms that occur more frequently. The region's aging cesspools and septic systems and high fertilizer use contribute to the millions of pounds of nitrogen generated each year that eventually enter surface waters. Although private and municipal efforts are underway to improve the Bay's water quality, nitrogen levels continue to be high and shellfish production continues to be anemic. Seaweed may present an innovative way to reduce nutrient pollution.

The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission is a nonprofit established through an act of Congress in 1947. It serves its nine member states including New York by encouraging cooperation; conducting scientific research and managing programs to protect water quality as well as habitat and watershed restoration; and representing the region in matters of federal policy. In 2018, the Commission hired staff to lead the Nutrient Bio-extraction Initiative, a collaboration among the Commission, the Long Island Regional Planning Council, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to improve the quality of marine waters by removing excess nitrogen through the cultivation and harvest of seaweed and shellfish. Bio-extraction is one of the recommendations of the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan, funded by New York State, to find ways to reduce nitrogen loading to groundwater and surface water through technical, management, and regulatory or policy actions.

NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (Cont.)

The Bio-extraction Initiative has joined with the Towns of Hempstead and Islip, Adelphi University, Cornell Cooperative Extension, South Shore Estuary Reserve, Seatuck Environmental Association, and two aquaculture businesses to test a program that will grow sugar kelp, a cold weather species that absorbs and stores nitrogen from surrounding waters during its winter and spring growth periods, in two active shellfish aquaculture farms in the Great South Bay. This year, the Commission will establish the viability of seaweed cultivation to remove nutrients including nitrogen from New York’s marine waters. It will:

- develop seaweed nurseries in coordination with the towns of Hempstead and Islip to support future seaweed aquaculture efforts;
- deploy kelp seedlings at two active shellfish aquaculture farms and a marina;
- test tissue and water samples to determine the effectiveness of kelp in reducing nitrogen and improving water quality;
- develop a report of the process and results and host three educational workshops to share with aquaculture growers, municipal agencies, and other stakeholders; and
- help shellfish farmers develop the skills to diversify their production to include seaweed.

The project budget is \$92,000: \$34,500 in personnel, \$13,500 for project partners, \$40,000 for program supplies, and \$4,000 for administration. The Commission has committed \$65,500 for the Nutrient Bio-extraction Initiative. It will cover any shortfalls.

Nutrient pollution is a widespread, costly, and challenging environmental problem. While bio-extraction has been shown to be an effective strategy for removing nitrogen from marine waters, more data is needed to figure out whether it is an effective and viable strategy in Long Island waters. This research project would address the data gaps, aligns with the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan, and has the cooperation of local municipalities, state agencies, environmental organizations, higher education, and industry partners. We recommend a one-year grant of \$25,000 to pilot the nutrient bio-extraction initiative.

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission’s annual operating budget is \$16 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (L1304)	\$209,000	\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY:

To protect and conserve the environment through organizations working nationally and internationally to minimize climate changes; preserve biological diversity; and reduce or eliminate the toxins that are hazardous to human health, including protecting the quality of drinking water and brownfields redevelopment.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
Sister Helen Kearney, CSJ – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$25,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized in November 2015)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For the design and construction of an innovative and alternative wastewater treatment system in Western Suffolk.

ORGANIZATION: Established in 1860, the Sisters of St. Joseph are the largest order of Catholic nuns on Long Island, with more than 500 members. Their headquarters sit on a 212-acre property in Brentwood consisting primarily of open lawn, fifty acres of Pitch Pine Oak Forest, internal roadways, and several large buildings. The site is presently home to more than 170 Sisters, four schools, a 188-bed nursing facility, a sports facility, an ecology center, a chapel, and offices. The Sisters of St. Joseph are committed to implementing environmentally sustainable practices and promoting environmental stewardship. In 2015, the order affirmed a “land ethic” which has led to new ecological projects and sustainable land use. They operate a community garden and organic farm, environmental programs in their ecology center, a solar energy array, and are developing a sustainable landscape plan to reduce ground maintenance.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: More than 100 bodies of surface water have been classified as impaired by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation due to nitrogen contamination. High nitrogen levels have caused excessive algae growth, killing aquatic animals and plants by exhausting available oxygen and leading to numerous beach and shellfish harvest closures. A major source of the nitrogen is the region’s inadequate wastewater disposal system. Seventy percent of all Suffolk County residences and businesses rely on cesspools or septic tanks, most installed before local sanitary regulations were strengthened in the 1970s. Nitrogen from these aging systems seeps into groundwater and eventually flows to surface waters.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2018 GRANT: Roux Environmental Engineering and Geology completed the final engineering and design work for a constructed treatment wetland to process onsite wastewater at the Brentwood campus. This large-scale system is one of the first of its kind on Long Island, capable of processing 30,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The Suffolk County Department of Health Services has approved and permitted the proposed system that will reduce the current septic tank nitrogen effluent of 42 mg/l to below the groundwater standard of 10mg/l, a 76 percent reduction in nitrogen discharge.

NEW GRANT: This year, Sisters of St. Joseph will replace a fifty-year old septic system with a constructed treatment wetland engineered to use natural functions of vegetation, soil, and organisms to treat wastewater. Construction will commence in the fall of 2019 and will be completed by the spring of 2020. Once completed, it will take approximately three months of maturation for the system to achieve maximum nitrogen effluent reductions.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year budget is \$700,000 for environmental administrative fees and construction fees. Suffolk County has committed \$250,000, and Sisters of St. Joseph will use unrestricted funding to cover the balance. LICF's grant will cover environmental administrative fees. Sisters of St. Joseph's current operating budget is \$15 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$15,000; 2017 - \$20,000; 2018 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$15,500
Greentree Foundation (L342)	\$185,000	<u>\$ 9,500</u>
		\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

November 2019
D. Okorn

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
250 Lawrence Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11937
(631) 367-3225
Anne Erni – Board Chair
Nancy Kelley – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$25,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To prepare Mastic Beach residents to participate in a community resilience planning process.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Wetlands serve as a natural barrier that protects the surrounding area from storm surges. Development in wetlands, however, prevents the tidal marshes from acting as a natural sponge and soaking up excess water, causing flooding. The coastal community of Mastic Beach in the Town of Brookhaven has hundreds of acres of wetlands, many of which are developed. Because it is one of the lowest lying areas on Long Island and groundwater levels are close to the surface, Mastic Beach was devastated during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, with 1,000 of 5,000 homes flooded. Some areas continue to experience frequent flooding at high tides and during heavy rainfalls, causing inundated basements and roadways, downed utilities, and sewage back-ups from on-site septic tanks. With the predictions for average sea level rise measured in feet in the next hundred years and extreme weather events expected to become more frequent and stronger, areas such as Mastic Beach are in increased danger. The residents are ethnically and racially diverse, and mostly low- to-moderate income. With fewer financial resources to cope, its residents need help planning.

Since 1954, The Nature Conservancy has used research and development, legislative advocacy, education, and coalition building to preserve and protect more than 45,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat on land and nearly 13,000 acres of bay bottom; it also maintains a network of 65 preserves. The organization has a long history of work with the Mastic Beach community on marsh restorations, land preservation, habitat protections, and waste water management planning. After Superstorm Sandy, it successfully advocated for federal funding for an acquisition program in Mastic Beach that resulted in the purchase of 23 vulnerable vacant lots for open space. In addition, it secured funding from private donors to add to the Town's voluntary buy-out program, enabling the purchase and removal of 60 homes close to the shore. It also has established relationships with a network of community leaders who trust its ability to provide scientific information and guidance and work in the interests of residents and the environment.

The Town of Brookhaven is preparing a community planning process that includes economic development opportunities in the downtown and resiliency goals including sewer expansion and land use in Mastic Beach. The planning process provides an opportunity for

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flooded residents to weigh in on the future of their community and learn about their options, including identifying safer areas to live within Mastic Beach. However, distrust of the government and suspicion of eminent domain can impede progress. The Nature Conservancy will ensure that the community is well-informed and has a voice in the decision-making. It will:

- meet regularly with a group of at least ten ambassadors who represent community groups to inform them about climate change and sea level rise projections for their area and the range of options the community can employ to adapt;
- prepare ambassadors for relevant Brookhaven Town and Suffolk County meetings;
- host community forums to gain input regarding the Mastic Beach Downtown Revitalization and Community Resilience Plan;
- provide technical assistance to Town and County agencies on their coastal management programs and assist with coordination of those efforts; and
- assist with restoration of town acquired properties.

The project budget is \$150,000: \$115,000 in personnel, and \$35,000 in program expenses including community forums, travel and meetings, and map development. The Nature Conservancy has raised \$60,000 from Pritchard and Harriman Foundations. Individuals have contributed \$53,000. Budget shortfalls will be covered with unrestricted funding.

Mastic Beach is vulnerable to sea-level rise and future extreme storms. Indeed, the effects of poor coastal planning are already imposing a host of challenges on residents who can least afford them. With public funding and political will to address the coastal flooding and wastewater management challenges along with the need for economic development in the area, The Nature Conservancy has the expertise, respect, and trust to ensure the meaningful participation of affected residents in the community resilience planning process. We recommend a one-year grant of \$25,000.

The Nature Conservancy Long Island Chapter's annual operating budget is \$10 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (L1304)	\$209,000	\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY: To protect and conserve the environment through organizations working nationally and internationally to minimize climate changes; preserve biological diversity; and reduce or eliminate the toxins that are hazardous to human health, including protecting the quality of drinking water and brownfields redevelopment.

November 2019
S. Jones

EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
TILLES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Eric Krasnoff - Board Chair
William Biddle - Paid Staff Head
(LICF Advisory Board Member Sandra Krasnoff is married to Eric Krasnoff, the agency's Board Chair.)

AMOUNT: \$20,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized March 2016)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For an arts education program serving elementary schools in Freeport, Roosevelt, and Glen Cove.

ORGANIZATION: Founded in 1926, Long Island University is one of the nation's largest private universities, offering more than 500 academic programs and educating more than 20,000 students each year across campuses spanning the New York metropolitan area, overseas, and online. The Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, located at the university's Brookville campus, is Long Island's premier concert hall hosting more than 70 performances each season by world-renowned artists in music, theater, and dance. Each year, The Tilles Center connects more than 16,000 local students, many of whom are from low-income school districts, with the arts through field trips to the Center. In addition, it runs arts-integration programs with local school districts designed to enhance literacy through hands-on in-school activities, teacher training, and visits to professional performances at Tilles Center.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: The disparity across Long Island's school districts is well documented, with wealthy districts providing academics, arts, and music programs rivaling private schools, while under-resourced districts serving largely African-American and Latino students are half as likely to have art programs. Districts including Freeport, Roosevelt, and Glen Cove, that serve a large percentage of economically disadvantaged families, face reduced

budgets with minimal to no funding for arts or other enrichment activities. Yet research has shown that music education and performance promote creativity and self-confidence. It also has been associated with better math and SAT scores, enhanced brain function, and lower rates of substance abuse. According to a 2012 report from the National Endowment for the Arts, teenagers and young adults of low socio-economic status who have a history of in-depth involvement in the arts have higher rates of college enrollment and attainment than low-income youth with less arts involvement.

RESULTS OF THE JULY 2018 GRANT: The Tilles Center delivered two four-week arts-integration programs to 311 elementary students from Roosevelt, Freeport, and Glen Cove. During each program, teaching artists led students in drama, dance, music, and visual arts activities in their classrooms culminating in a performance at the Tilles Center. It conducted individual professional development and planning sessions with 22 teachers to customize the curriculum and lesson plans and align them with upcoming performances at the Tilles Center. An additional 400 students from these districts attended performances. An evaluation revealed that the program helped children increase their communication, creative, collaborative, and critical thinking skills and teachers learned strategies to integrate arts in their classrooms.

NEW GRANT: The Tilles Center will continue its arts integration program at under-resourced elementary schools, serving more than 700 students in Freeport, Roosevelt and Glen Cove. As in the past, it will conduct professional development sessions with teachers to plan the curriculum and ensure alignment with performances at the Center. Teaching artists will observe students in each classroom prior to the project to adapt instruction to meet their needs. The evaluation will include pre- and post-program surveys; focus groups with teachers and teaching artists; pre- and post-program interviews with students to assess language skill development; classroom observations; and collection and analysis of curriculum, lesson plans and student work samples. The Tilles Center will continue outreach to high needs school districts to develop new partnerships.

PROJECT BUDGET: The one-year project budget is \$121,000: \$83,000 for the arts director and coordinator and teaching artists; \$18,000 for theatre company for productions; and \$20,000 for program and evaluation costs. The Tilles Center has raised \$62,000 from participating schools,

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY – TILLES CENTER (Cont.)

\$25,000 from special events, \$3,000 from Tilles Family Endowment, and \$1,500 from government and corporate grants, leaving a balance of \$29,500. The Tilles Center will continue to fundraise. Long Island University’s annual operating budget is \$7.5 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2016 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$15,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Dewitt Wallace Fund for Youth (4349)	\$177,000	\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: For learning and enrichment opportunities for children and youth to help them develop their full potential for productive adulthood.

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S. Jones

EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: NEW YORK COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE
Dorothy Amadi – Board Chair
Jonathan Westin – Paid Staff Head
(Funds Administrator: NY Communities Organizing Fund)

AMOUNT: \$25,000 for FIFTH YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2012)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To mobilize Village of Hempstead parents and students to advocate for education reforms.

ORGANIZATION: New York Communities for Change is a grassroots membership organization working in Long Island’s most distressed communities to cultivate indigenous leaders of color. It is one of the only groups doing grassroots organizing in the Village of Hempstead and unincorporated communities of color in the Town of Hempstead. With its nearly 700 dues-paying members, the organization has launched successful campaigns around transportation equity, workers’ rights, tenants’ rights, and immigrants’ rights. With LICF support, after more than a decade working to raise awareness and dismantle the ineffective and unresponsive Hempstead School Board, New York Communities for Change’s work has led to important improvements to accountability within the District, including the creation of a strong and diverse coalition active in school board meetings, decisions, and elections; investigations by the New York State Attorney General, Nassau County District Attorney, and State Education Department; the hiring of a new superintendent noted for improving struggling public schools in New York City; and the selection of a monitor by the State Education Commissioner to enforce state policies.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Despite having a budget of \$200 million dollars (three times the Village’s budget), Hempstead’s schools have a long history of failing their students – 96 percent of whom are black or Hispanic and 78 percent of whom receive free or reduced-price lunch. Decades of corruption led to inappropriate and wasteful spending, political patronage, voter fraud in school board elections, discrimination against immigrants, a culture of intimidation among

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parents, and such severe academic underachievement that today only 52 percent of its seniors are eligible to graduate, making it the lowest achieving district on Long Island. Although the transparency and operations of the school board have improved since 2014, tensions and distrust between the growing Latino community and black residents; a newly-elected school board's dismissal of the superintendent; ongoing cronyism and backroom deals; and hostile school board meetings require the ongoing support of community residents who are speaking up and promoting change.

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2017 GRANT: New York Communities for Change continued to train community members to serve as watchdogs at school board meetings, lead campaign efforts, and develop their skills to run for public office. It prepared nearly 70 members to speak at school board meetings; members attended all 61 meetings. In addition, its parent members and the education organizer attended six tenant association meetings and three tenant town halls to talk to nearly 250 district residents about the connection between housing stability and safe and quality schooling. CBS2 produced a documentary that exposed the District's continued failures. Several reform coalition members and leaders were interviewed for the production. Finally, New York Communities for Change continued to join education advocates to press for adequate funding for schools and education justice in economically disadvantaged communities.

NEW GRANT: New York Communities for Change will continue to build the capacity of parents and the coalition to advocate for district policy reforms, ongoing monitoring, and education funding. It will collect 500 signatures from parents calling for the removal of a school board member that pled guilty to theft and forgery and for the public release of the forensic audit of the school district's finances. The organization will continue to increase its member base and hold monthly meetings to develop strategies and train members to lead campaign efforts. The organization's education organizer will continue to attend tenant association meetings to increase the support and involvement of tenants on the education campaign. Finally, it will continue to work with statewide education advocates on education justice and school funding for high needs districts.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$90,000: \$60,000 for staff, \$19,000 for program expenses, and \$11,000 for administration. New York Communities for Change has raised \$35,000 from Veatch, JustLeadership, and the Hazen Foundation, and \$10,000 in

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individual contributions and special events, leaving a balance of \$45,000. Proposals are pending with banks and corporations. The organization's annual operating budget is \$900,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$25,000; 2017 - \$25,000; 2018 - \$40,000 (LI Civic Engagement Fund).

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$15,000
Greentree Foundation (L342)	\$185,000	<u>\$10,000</u>
		\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

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S. Jones

EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: PARENT CHILD PLUS
163B Mineola Boulevard
Mineola, New York 11501
Tai Chang Terry – Board Chair
Sarah E. Walzer – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To increase literacy and school readiness for children from low-income families in Nassau County.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Academic achievement gaps between children from low-income families and their more affluent peers begin early and persist, leading to unequal educational attainment, income, and social mobility. Children growing up in homes struggling to make ends meet are more likely to watch television, and less likely to be read to by their caregivers or exposed to other learning opportunities. These conditions, combined with poor nutrition and other stressors related to living in poverty, limit the development of language and literacy skills, numeracy, and social and emotional skills. Increasing parent-child verbal interaction from birth through age five can mitigate these conditions and have profound effects on children's academic performance.

Established in 1978, Parent Child Plus, formerly Parent-Child Home Program, uses home visits by early learning specialists to educate parents on the importance of parent-child interaction and give them tools (books and educational toys), skills, and encouragement to engage their children in conversation, reading, and other activities known to increase school readiness. Children who have participated in this program are 50 percent more likely to measure ready for kindergarten, 50 percent less likely to be referred to special education services by the third grade, and have the same high school graduation rate as middle income students.

The agency serves 250 Long Island families, including 45 families from in the Hempstead/Westbury/Uniondale area, working with Nassau BOCES. This year, Parent Child Plus will:

- identify and train early childhood specialists who are bilingual in local families' native languages, share their ethnic/cultural background, and live and/or work in the community they are serving;
- provide intensive, bi-weekly home visits to 45 Nassau County families with children between the ages of 16 months and four years who are challenged by poverty, isolation, language and literacy barriers, and other obstacles to healthy development and educational success;
- provide each family with books and educational toys appropriate for children's ages and cultures;

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- show parents how to advocate for their children and access needed community services and supports; and
- help families enroll in high-quality, center-based preschool.

The project budget is \$121,000: \$105,000 for a site coordinator and three early learning specialists; \$10,000 for program supplies; and \$6,000 for overhead. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services has committed \$70,000, and Nassau BOCES, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Kars4Kids, and Investors Foundation have committed \$18,500. Individuals have contributed \$12,500, leaving a balance of \$20,000.

The foundation of a child's success in school and in life begins during the earliest years of development. Although poverty can have harmful effects on young children, well-informed, empowered parents can mitigate the risks and improve their children's life outcomes. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000 to complete the budget.

Parent Child Plus has an annual operating budget of 3.6 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	\$185,000	\$10,000
LICF General (L101)	\$339,424	<u>\$10,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

November 2019
S. Jones

EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES INTERNATIONAL
Ashley Fina – Board Chair
Iris Blanc – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2018)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a technology and business simulation program in the Sewanahaka School District.

ORGANIZATION: Virtual Enterprises sets up business simulations with school districts. Students create businesses that offer products and services including banking, insurance, technology, publishing, advertising, tourism, and fashion. High school students manage the day-to-day operations of their business and trade virtually with 5,000 other student-run businesses nationally and internationally; middle school students use Microsoft Excel and graphic design programs to create businesses. The curriculum addresses Common Core Standards, National Standards for Business Education, National Standards in Economics, and grade level math. Virtual Enterprises operates in 500 middle and high schools and colleges nationwide, including 70 schools on Long Island.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Fewer than 40 percent of high school graduates are ready for college-level academics or on-the-job training programs. Employers continue to report that high school and even college graduates do not have the technical, ‘soft’, or critical thinking skills required for available jobs. School curricula have not kept pace with today’s economy, and school districts do not have relationships with employers to support career preparation programs. These problems are exacerbated in the region’s low-performing districts, including Sewanahaka, where black and Latino students are concentrated. The unemployment rate for young people ages 16 to 24 on Long Island is three times the national average and twice that for young people of color.

VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES (Cont.)

RESULTS OF JULY 2018 GRANT: To help them deliver technology and business programs, Virtual Enterprises provided four participating teachers in the Sewanahaka district with professional development, including a four-day national conference, classroom observations and feedback, and a three-hour session to help middle school teachers network and share lessons learned. Twenty-two eighth grade students participated in a one-week business leadership camp over the summer and met for one period every day during the school year to use Microsoft Office software and web-based applications to produce accounting, marketing, and presentation materials. Eighteen juniors and seniors from the district met for one class period each day to launch and manage a startup company, including the development of a business plan and financial statements. In addition, they connected with student-run businesses nationally and internationally; practiced interview skills; prepared resumes; and wrote about their experiences all while earning credit toward graduation. Students also participated in four exhibitions and competitions on Long Island and in New York City, showcasing their businesses and interacting with business experts who served as judges. Sewanahaka High School won second place in sales materials and booth design, and the middle school won first place for its business in a regional competition.

NEW GRANT: This year, Virtual Enterprises will include 40 seventh-graders from the Sewanahaka middle school who will focus on technology skills. Sixty eighth-graders will experience an introductory business simulation to prepare for the high school program. Both classes will meet every other day. Virtual Enterprises also will pilot the technology program for eighth graders in the district's Elmont Memorial High School. The Sewanahaka high school program will serve 23 students extended to two periods daily for 1.5 career technology credits and .5 economics credits. Virtual Enterprises will continue to provide professional development for teachers who facilitate the classes and host five competitions that students are required to attend. It will work with local employers to extend summer employment opportunities to students. Virtual Enterprises will continue to evaluate student outcomes through student work portfolios, teacher observations, and pre- and post-assessments.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$140,000: \$102,500 for personnel and \$37,500 for program expenses. Virtual Enterprises International has raised \$106,000 in fees for

VIRTUAL ENTERPRISES (Cont.)

service from the district, leaving a balance of \$34,000. Unrestricted funds will be allocated to cover any shortfall. The organization's annual operating budget is \$2.6 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2018 - \$25,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Dewitt Wallace Fund for Youth (4349)	\$177,000	\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: For learning and enrichment opportunities for children and youth to help them develop their full potential for productive adulthood.

HEALTH

RECIPIENT: FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE
Wayne Grosse – Board Chair
Karen Boorshtein – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$25,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized November 2018)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For an integrated behavioral and primary health care model at the Family Center in Bay Shore.

ORGANIZATION: Family Service League manages one of the largest and most comprehensive health care networks on Long Island, with family centers and programs that serve 50,000 low-income children and families annually. It provides services ranging from mental health and substance abuse treatment to senior support, housing and homeless intervention, and vocational programs. Family Service League and Southside Hospital Northwell Health launched the Community Health Care Collaborative in 2011 at the League’s Family Center in Bay Shore to combine primary care with mental health care for people with serious behavioral health illnesses. Medical staff from Southside Hospital offer daily preventative care to League clients at the Family Center, eliminating the need for clients to go to another site to see a primary care physician. Care coordinators from the League help clients manage their illnesses and required medical care. The Collaborative currently serves more than 400 people, 95 percent of whom are low-income clients that participate in other League programs.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Mental health and substance use issues affect as many as one in five individuals over their lifetime. Adults living with mental health and substance abuse issues die on average 25 years earlier than the general population, largely due to treatable medical conditions like hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease. Socio-economic and psychological barriers make it difficult for them to access primary care, keep appointments, and prioritize their own physical health. Integration of behavioral and medical care improves affordability, quality, and patient experience for people with serious mental illness and helps them manage chronic health conditions.

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE (Cont.)

RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2018 GRANT: Through its Community Health Care Collaborative, Family Service League supported the primary care needs of 282 clients. A resident, attending physician, and nurse practitioner from Southside Hospital were on site during business hours five days a week. Each client received an annual checkup and a care plan used to schedule follow-up specialists' appointments. Family Service League hired an additional care coordinator to manage client medical and behavioral care and assist with follow-up. Analysis of data captured through the organization's electronic health records found a 50 percent reduction in emergency department visits among its clients. Seventy percent successfully managed diabetes and hypertension, and more than half followed through with specialist appointments and medications.

NEW GRANT: Family Service League will continue to refer clients of its Family Center in Bay Shore that present with mental health or substance abuse issues to the onsite Community Health Care Collaborative for medical care. It expects to complete construction of a new health and wellness center adjacent to the Family Center where it will move the Community Health Care Collaborative and its mental health and substance abuse clinic services. This new space will enable the organization to expand services to children and adolescents. It is estimated that the new location will serve between 750 and 1,000 people, as compared to 500 served in 2019. The League will continue to help clients comply with health care plans developed by Southside Hospital medical staff and evaluate the program's success in reducing clients' visits to the emergency room and managing their health.

The project budget is \$192,000: \$111,000 for the care coordinators, \$48,000 for program costs including medical supplies and equipment, and \$33,000 for administration. Family Service League raised \$52,000 in fees for service and \$115,000 in government grants, leaving a balance of \$25,000. Family Service League's annual operating budget is \$60.5 million

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$25,000; 2016 - \$20,000; 2018 - \$25,000.

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE (Cont.)

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$15,000
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	\$185,000	<u>\$10,000</u>
		\$25,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

November 2019
S. Jones

HEALTH

RECIPIENT: MERCY MEDICAL CENTER
1000 North Village Avenue
PO Box 9024
Rockville Centre, New York 11571
(516) 705-2525
Salvador F. Sodano – Board Chair
Peter Scaminaci – Paid Staff Head
(Funds Administrator: Catholic Health Services of LI)

AMOUNT: \$65,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To meet prenatal and postnatal health needs.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Maternal mortality in the U.S. increased from 7.2 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1987 to 16.7 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2016. In Nassau County, women of color are four times more likely to die during childbirth than their white counterparts. More than half of these deaths are preventable. Communities with higher rates of poverty lack access to medical care, resulting in higher levels of morbidity and mortality along with higher rates of chronic disease. Access to regular health care before, during, and after pregnancy can help women and their providers identify and treat conditions that otherwise lead to serious physical and mental health problems.

Established in 1913, Mercy Medical Center serves residents of Nassau County with a staff of 1,700, including 700 physicians. Mercy provides a broad range of community service programs to improve the health of the people it serves on Long Island, with special attention to the medically indigent. Mercy's Family Care Center provides comprehensive community healthcare for patients who are either underinsured or do not have medial insurance. The majority of the families served by Mercy Family Care Center come from four of the eight highest poverty zip codes in Nassau County, each with poverty rates ranging from 8 to 20 percent.

Located in Mercy's Family Care Center, the Mercy MOMentum Program will offer women access to health care as well as education and resources for their mind, body, and spirit. It will incorporate programs and support groups that precede the baby's arrival and go beyond the baby's birth, helping mothers and their children stay on course with wellness visits. This year, Mercy MOMentum will:

- develop a formal curriculum with input from directors of the outpatient behavioral health, rehabilitation services, and nutritional services departments;
- train four licensed social workers to facilitate four ten-week Circle of Caring Pregnancy and Postpartum Depression Support groups that incorporate nutrition and pelvic floor health;

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER (Cont.)

- create marketing materials, program guides, and education materials in multiple languages including Spanish and Haitian Creole and distribute via news outlets and social media;
- serve approximately 150 pregnant and postpartum Medicaid, uninsured, and underinsured women, providing transportation and child care as needed;
- place weekly check-in calls to all patients to monitor progress toward goals and the interventions employed;
- provide supplemental food subscriptions; and
- using pre- and post-program surveys and calls to each participant, gauge program effectiveness and make adjustments as needed.

The project budget is \$140,000: \$110,000 for personnel, \$22,500 for program costs, and \$7,500 for equipment. Mercy Medical Center has received \$75,000 in business contributions, leaving a balance of \$65,000.

Access to regular health care and support services before, during, and after pregnancy can help women and their providers identify and treat conditions that otherwise lead to serious health problems. We recommend a one-year grant of \$65,000 to Mercy Medical Center to educate, support, and treat women before, during, and after pregnancy.

Mercy Medical Center's annual operating budget is \$237 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Katherine Sloan Pratt Fund (L1332)	\$71,000	\$65,000

FUND STRATEGY: Hospitals in Nassau County.

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T. Thomas

HEALTH

RECIPIENT: PULSE OF NEW YORK
PO Box 353
Wantagh, New York 11793
(516) 579-4711
Marissa Abram, R.N. – Board Chair
Ilene Corina – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$10,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To improve health care for marginalized and underserved adolescents.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Ten percent of all U.S. deaths are due to medical error – the third highest cause of death – surpassing strokes, Alzheimer’s, and diabetes. The most common types of medical errors include medication mistakes, missed or delayed diagnosis, avoidable delay in treatment, inadequate follow-up after treatment, and failure to act on test results. The rate of preventable adverse events is significantly higher for adolescents than it is for adults and children under 12 years of age. Communication breakdowns often contribute to these medical errors, particularly as adolescents are afforded increased responsibility for self-care with less supervision by their parents. When illness or injury occurs, they are unaware of what to do to get the best possible outcome. According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, patients who are actively involved and engaged in their care experience better outcomes and lower rates of readmission to hospitals.

Established in 1996, the Pulse Center for Patient Safety Education & Advocacy is a support group for survivors of medical injury. Its mission is to educate the public about patient safety through advocacy, education, and support services. It encourages family and friends of patients to actively participate in patient health care. Pulse’s programs include Family Centered Patient Advocacy Training, The Healthcare Equality Project, Professionals for Patient Safety, high school education programs, and peer counseling. It also works with community groups that serve the needs of vulnerable local populations, such as people who are living with disabilities, are homeless, who experience language barriers, or are living with specific diseases.

Like adults, teens should be involved in choices related to their medical care and should feel comfortable sharing information and asking questions to avoid misunderstandings. They should also understand how errors happen and follow their care plan to get the most desirable results. This year, PULSE will:

- conduct 24 Teen/Youth Safety Training Workshops at the high schools served by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to help teenagers become involved in their medical care and treatment;

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- reach at least 200 students through its workshops, helping them get involved and choose a clinician they trust;
- train two to three students to become youth facilitators; and
- administer a pre- and post-program surveys to assess changes in attitude and behaviors.

The project budget is \$12,500: \$11,800 for personnel and \$700 for supplies and printing. PULSE has received \$1,000 in individual contributions and \$1,000 in earned income, leaving a balance of \$10,500. PULSE will fundraise to cover the modest shortfall.

PULSE will meet with high school students from Eastern Suffolk BOCES to help them become informed members of their healthcare teams. We recommend a one-year grant of \$10,000 to PULSE of New York.

PULSE of New York's annual operating budget is \$76,500.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry H. Shepard Fund (L391)	\$60,800	<u>\$10,000</u> \$10,000

FUND STRATEGY: Unrestricted.

November 2019
T. Thomas

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

RECIPIENT: ISLAND HARVEST
15 Grumman Road West, Suite 1450
Bethpage, New York 11714
(516) 294-8528
Douglas M. Nadjari – Board Chair
Randi Shubin Dresner – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$23,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For hunger relief programs in the town of Freeport.

NATURE OF PROJECT: A family of four needs an annual income of approximately \$140,000 to maintain a secure yet modest lifestyle on Long Island. As a result, many Long Island communities endure high rates of poverty and face significant challenges in securing access to food. The average household income in Freeport is approximately \$71,000. Nearly 8,000 residents live in poverty, including more than 2,100 children. Seventy-one percent of Freeport's school-aged children are eligible for free and/or reduced-price lunch.

Established in 1992, Island Harvest's mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. Begun as a food rescue and distribution organization, Island Harvest has diversified to include hunger awareness and nutrition education programs, job training, school-based programs, emergency response readiness, outreach, and advocacy. Island Harvest distributes nearly seven million pounds of food and non-food items annually across Long Island to a network of over 400 food pantries, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit organizations. During its last fiscal year, it distributed over 500,000 pounds to Freeport residents, equating to nearly 390,000 meals. Island Harvest's 26 programs and partner agencies in Freeport provide healthy food, products, and support services to more than 5,000 families, including more than 1,700 children, seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans who are living with food insecurity.

To increase its reach to include additional residents, Island Harvest will expand its food collection and distribution program by:

- serving a minimum of 125 additional low-income, food insecure Freeport residents;
- supporting the newly established food pantry and soup kitchen in the Town of Freeport;
- increasing healthy food to these new sites with a minimum of 10,000 pounds of fruits, vegetables and other healthy choices; and
- encouraging residents who visit the emergency food sites to participate in the Healthy Foods Healthy Families Program, which provides nutrition education, cooking demonstrations, and relevant healthy recipes.

ISLAND HARVEST (Cont.)

The project budget is \$149,000: \$41,000 in personnel; \$72,000 in program expenses including food, freight, transportation, and marketing; and \$36,000 for administrative expenses. Island Harvest has received \$100,000 from William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust and has \$24,000 pending from the Slomo and Cindy Silvian Foundation, leaving a balance of 25,000.

Island Harvest will expand its food distribution to reach more food insecure residents in Freeport. We recommend a one-year grant of \$23,000.

Island Harvest's annual operating budget is \$5.8 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Rhodebeck Long Island Fund (L266)	\$23,000	\$23,000

FUND STRATEGY: Homeless, hungry and otherwise disadvantaged in Nassau County, particularly in the Freeport area.

MENTAL HEALTH

RECIPIENT: MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
OF NASSAU COUNTY
16 Main Street
Hempstead, New York 11550
(516) 489-2322
Miriam Milgrom – Board Chair
Jeffrey McQueen – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To improve the mental health of female veterans and their families.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Long Island is home to approximately 167,000 veterans, of whom 7,000 are women. Women veterans have a unique set of circumstances and needs as compared to their male counterparts. They tend to be younger; more racially and ethnically diverse; more likely to be single or divorced; and have greater childcare responsibilities. One in three have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime; one in four report they suffered sexual trauma while serving in the military. Female veterans struggle with mental health issues and have much higher suicide rates than their male counterparts. Yet they face unique barriers to mental health care at the male-dominated VA.

The Mental Health Association of Nassau County was established in 1953 to improve mental health outcomes through advocacy, education, program development, and direct services. The agency operates more than 31 programs for adults with mental illness and for children and adults with developmental disabilities. In 2007, the Mental Health Association established the Veterans Health Alliance of Long Island to meet the needs of returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, as well as veterans of earlier wars. The Alliance convened more than 80 mental health providers and veterans' services groups interested in promoting the health and well-being of Long Island veterans and their families.

The Mental Health Association will promote the health and wellbeing of female veterans and military wives. This year, it will:

- conduct 24 (bi-weekly) one-hour support group sessions led by a peer female veteran facilitator during which childcare will be provided;
- provide ongoing digital support through a private Facebook group and chat monitored around the clock by a peer female veteran;
- offer at least five educational programs to increase knowledge on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, parenting, self-care, and legal rights; and
- administer quarterly surveys to measure program satisfaction and impact.

MENTAL HEALTH

GRANT RECIPIENT: NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP
Jill L. Rosenberg – Board Chair
Beth Goldman – Paid Staff Head

GRANT AMOUNT: \$20,000 for FOURTH YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2014)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide free legal services for veterans with mental health problems.

ORGANIZATION: The New York Legal Assistance Group was founded in 1990 to provide free civil legal services for low-income people. It expanded its presence on Long Island, working on-site at Touro Law Center with Superstorm Sandy victims. In 2013, nearly 2,000 Long Island clients benefitted from its services in foreclosure prevention, consumer law, financial counseling, elder law, disaster recovery, and immigration issues. LegalHealth, created in 2001 as a division of New York Legal Assistance Group, is the nation's largest medical-legal partnership. It has offices at hospitals and community organizations throughout the five boroughs and Long Island to link people seeking medical services with needed legal services and advocacy. LegalHealth runs legal clinics at two New York City Veterans Administration Hospitals and one in Northport and since 2012 has handled more than 8,324 legal matters for 5,235 veterans.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Long Island is home to more than 100,000 service men and women, the largest concentration of veterans in New York State and one of the largest in the country. Veterans have higher rates of homelessness, unemployment, and mental health issues than the general population and often struggle with an array of problems that can trigger severe anxiety and depressive episodes that propel them into crisis. Veterans with mental health issues also often encounter legal problems because of their inability to get a job, pay rent, or follow through on legal matters or family court obligations. Unemployment, financial and legal issues, family

NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP (Cont.)

tensions, and housing problems exacerbate existing mental health problems, creating a cycle of crises. A nationwide survey of veterans indicated that legal assistance continues to be among the most significant unmet needs.

RESULTS OF 2018 GRANT: Last year, NYLAG assisted 251 Long Island veterans with 394 cases. LegalHealth attorneys addressed veterans' social security, housing, family law, advance planning, consumer, health insurance, discharge upgrade, and employment matters. It also trained 148 Veterans Affairs social workers, healthcare providers, and members of community service organizations that serve veterans with an overview of the clinic; how to recognize veterans' legal issues; and where to make referrals. The staff attorney attended two all-day fairs and educated 115 veterans on the pro-bono services provided through LegalHealth. A study on the effectiveness of the VA Medical-Legal Partnership concluded that veterans have better health outcomes when attorneys work with healthcare providers to address legal barriers. Veterans who received more Partnership services show greater improvements in housing and mental health than those who received fewer services.

NEW GRANT: The LegalHealth program will continue its Veterans Affairs medical-legal partnership at the Northport VA to help improve the mental health and quality of life of veterans by reducing legal impediments to recovery. Through its twice-weekly clinic, LegalHealth staff expects to assist approximately 290 veterans and handle approximately 400 cases, providing advice and representation in areas such as family, consumer, landlord-tenant, and employment law, as well as unemployment and other public benefits. LegalHealth staff will represent veterans in VA benefit appeals; prioritize cases such as elder abuse and those involving access to Medicaid and social security benefits; and will help veterans complete life planning documents. Staff will provide training and technical assistance to healthcare professionals and social workers.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$162,000: \$136,500 for personnel; \$17,500 for program administration; and \$8,000 for rent. The organization has raised \$100,000 from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust and \$37,000 in in-kind support, leaving a balance of \$25,000. The annual operating budget for the New York Legal Assistance Group is \$33.3 million.

NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP (Cont.)

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2014 - \$20,000; 2015 - \$20,000; 2017 - \$20,000;
2018 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$10,000
Henry H. Shepard Fund (L391)	\$60,500	<u>\$10,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

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T. Thomas

SPECIAL PROJECTS

RECIPIENT: LONG ISLAND RACIAL EQUITY FUND (L489)
Tonya Thomas – Fund Chair

AMOUNT: \$30,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized in November 2018)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To pool local philanthropic resources to address racial disparities on Long Island.

ORGANIZATION: The Long Island Racial Equity Funder Collaborative, housed at the Long Island Community Foundation, was established in 2018 to address systems that perpetuate racial inequities on Long Island. The Fund’s contributing partners include Citi Community Development, JP Morgan Chase, Nassau Financial Federal Credit Union, M&T Bank, and Apple Bank. The Collaborative will fund nonprofits that implement programs/projects designed to improve access to quality jobs that provide household-sustaining wages and career mobility, and that increase access to high-quality credit among low- and moderate-income black Long Island residents.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: On Long Island, stark inequities exist between black and white residents across dozens of social, health, and economic indicators. Policy Link's “An Equity Profile of Long Island,” concluded that racial disparities cost the region nearly \$24 billion in economic growth in 2014. Black workers have seen their wages decline 6 percent compared to a 3 percent gain among their white neighbors, and the unemployment rate among blacks is 5.5 percent compared to 3.1 percent for their white counterparts. When employed, the wage gap between college-educated blacks and whites is \$8 per hour. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's “Long Island Credit Profile” report shows that while Long Island ranks among the highest in the nation by various measures of credit access, 18 communities have some of the lowest credit indicators– illustrating that overall prosperity often masks underlying

LONG ISLAND RACIAL EQUITY FUND (Cont.)

inequality. Although communities across the region have taken steps to advance racial inclusion and equitable growth, they need help reaching the necessary scale to tackle these deep-rooted inequities.

RESULTS OF 2018 GRANT: The Long Island Racial Funder Collaborative has been recruiting and convening funders to pool resources to support organizations working to close racial wealth disparities. The funders have been working with Urban Institute to develop a landscape scan of Long Island; design and adopt group operating principles; create a grantmaking strategy and request for proposals; and develop evaluation metrics. The research conducted by Urban Institute included a literature review, an analysis of other funder collaboratives with similar goals, and individual interviews and focus groups with Long Island stakeholders and fund contributors.

NEW GRANT: The funder collaborative will release a request for proposals and award grants to nonprofit organizations to improve the lives of black Long Islanders. It will spur innovative programs and policies that promote economic security for black Long Islanders; build capacity of black-led organizations and create peer learning groups; and raise public awareness about the causes of ongoing racial inequity and stimulate action to advance participation in solutions. It will continue to convene the collaborative partners and stakeholder groups to increase investments and involvement in efforts that increase racial equity and reduce disparities. The Long Island Racial Equity Funder Collaborative also will evaluate the progress of the collaborative's investments to inform future priorities, share best practices, and encourage partnership with other donors and community organizations leading similar efforts.

PROJECT FUNDING: The fund's total budget is \$650,000. LICF has received \$295,000 from Citi Community Development, Nassau Financial Federal Credit Union, J.P. Morgan Chase, M&T Bank and Apple Bank. It has \$245,000 pending from Surdna Foundation, BNB Bank and W.K. Kellogg Foundation, leaving a balance of \$110,000. LICF and the members of the LI Racial Equity Funder Collaborative continue to fundraise. We recommend a one-year \$30,000 grant to the fund.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2018 - \$25,000.

LONG ISLAND RACIAL EQUITY FUND (Cont.)

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$30,000

FUND STRATEGY: Unrestricted.

November 2019
T. Thomas

SPECIAL PROJECTS

RECIPIENT: LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP FUND (L493)
David Okorn – Fund Co-Chair

AMOUNT: \$30,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized in November 2018)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To pool local philanthropic resources dedicated to protecting and restoring the Long Island Sound.

ORGANIZATION: The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund, housed at the Long Island Community Foundation, was established in 2018 to restore and protect the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. The Fund makes grants to build capacity and increase effectiveness of organizations; promote collaboration and expand the diversity of organizations working together; and pilot new tools and strategies that can be scaled to improve water quality and natural resource restoration and protection.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: The Long Island Sound has helped shape Long Island’s cultural and social identity, as well as its economic growth. Designated an *Estuary of National Significance* by the federal government, Long Island Sound’s watershed is home to nearly nine million people, with approximately one-third living within a few miles of the shoreline. Residents of New York and Connecticut depend on the Sound for recreation, including fishing, sailing, and swimming, as well as a \$5 billion annual contribution to the economies of both states. The estuary is highly sensitive to changing land use patterns and is particularly susceptible to nitrogen and pathogen contamination, marine debris, and industrial pollution.

In 1985, Congress created the Long Island Sound Study, a partnership of federal and state agencies and environmental organizations, to address nitrogen pollution and low levels of oxygen that had severely degraded the ecological health of the Sound. In 1994, it completed a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan that led to substantial improvements in the ecological health of the Sound. However, aging wastewater treatment facilities, insufficient

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP FUND (Cont.)

storm water management practices, and human polluting activity continue to threaten its well-being. Public outreach has led to some important progress, but many residents have a misconception that the pollution problem has been solved.

RESULTS OF 2018 GRANT: A request for proposal was widely distributed and promoted, resulting in 38 applications for funding. Collaborative members unanimously recommended funding ten requests for a total of \$316,000. The grants will build organizational capacity; pilot tools and strategies to improve environmental factors; clean waters, restore habitat, and sustain wildlife; develop joint strategy and protocols to ensure consistency of data collection; and engage the public in restoration and protection of the Long Island Sound.

NEW GRANT: Based on responses to a November 2019 request for proposal, the Fund will award grants to nonprofit organizations improving the health and longevity of the Long Island Sound. The Fund aims to support organizations working on issues and projects related to the Long Island Sound Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan 2015, build stronger nonprofit organizations, foster collaboration and innovation around conservation and environmental quality work, and accelerate the “next best step” for proven strategies.

PROJECT FUNDING: The Fund’s total budget is \$500,000. Many of the Fund’s current supporters have invited renewal proposals, and requests are being prepared for new contributors. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Jeniam Foundation have each pledged \$100,000 for the upcoming grant cycle. We recommend a one year \$30,000 grant to the Fund.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2018 - \$25,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (1304)	\$209,000	\$21,500
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	<u>8,500</u>
		\$30,000

LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP FUND (Cont.)

FUND STRATEGY:

Henry Phillip Kraft:

To minimize climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions; preserve biological diversity through habitat conservation; and reduce or eliminate toxins that are hazardous to human health including protecting the quality of drinking and surface water and brownfields redevelopment.

LICF General Fund

Unrestricted.

November 2019
D. Okorn

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT:

ABILITIES/THE VISCARDI CENTER

Candida Cucharó – Board Chair

John D. Kemp – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT:

\$20,000 for FOURTH YEAR RENEWAL

(Original grant authorized July 2014)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For an alternative education program for at-risk high school students that includes vocational and social skills training.

ORGANIZATION: Since 1952, The Viscardi Center has provided pre-K through high school education, vocational training, career counseling and placement, and assistive technology to thousands of children, adolescents, and adults with disabilities. In 1997, Viscardi launched the PROSPER program (People Reaching for Opportunities to Succeed Personally, Educationally, and Realistically), a partnership between the Center and high-need school districts. The program targets high school students, mostly black and Latino from low-income families, who are at high risk of dropping out. Students spend half of each school day in classes at local universities or on workplace visits to build academic, college and career, and life skills. Ninety-eight percent of the students who complete the PROSPER program attend college, enroll in vocational training or the armed services, or secure employment upon graduation – a significantly higher percentage than the region’s average for the target population.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Long Island’s public school districts are notable for their racial and economic isolation. Schools in communities where racial and ethnic minorities make up most of the population face rampant poverty, large numbers of students with limited English proficiency, and high teen pregnancy and crime rates. At the same time, resources and interventions are limited in these districts and schools are often ill-equipped to respond to students’ complex needs. Many students, especially those with learning or emotional/behavioral disabilities, exhibit chronic absenteeism and an increase in violent and disruptive behavior, resulting in long-term

ABILITIES/THE VISCARDI CENTER (Cont.)

suspensions and dropping out. These circumstances predispose racial and ethnic minorities to long-lasting economic and social disadvantages. Alternative education programs that include college preparation and career training can help struggling students become self-sufficient and successful.

RESULTS OF JULY 2017 GRANT: Through its PROSPER program, the Viscardi Center offered academic support, college awareness, career exposure, and life skills training to 45 at-risk high school juniors and seniors from Freeport and Westbury schools, helping them meet graduation requirements and become self-reliant. PROSPER students attended classes, took tours, and interacted with student union groups at six Long Island universities, including participating in a peer mentoring program with Adelphi University's black student union. The Center established relationships with Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges to accommodate increased enrollment. In addition, it developed relationships with local companies, including JetBlue, National Grid, and People's United Bank, increasing the number of corporate partners to forty and enabling the students to experience diverse worksites and vocational programs. Many of the work-site partners and the Department of Labor provided additional mentoring, resume assistance, and interview support to PROSPER participants; fifteen students secured summer employment at businesses that hosted tours. Eighteen juniors successfully completed the program and 21 seniors graduated, of whom 12 matriculated to college, six secured employment, and two enrolled in vocational training after graduation. The Center hired an evaluator who will work with the school districts to measure outcomes.

NEW GRANT: Earlier this year, The Viscardi Center began working with Brentwood School District, which will allow it to serve a total of 60 students during the 2019-2020 school year. It will continue to develop business and university relationships to expand learning, college, and career opportunities for students, including apprenticeships, internships, and other vocational programs. It will work with another college partner to develop a second peer-mentoring program, and organize cultural enrichment outings for students, including museum visits and theatre performances in the metropolitan region. The Center will work with a local organization or retailer to create a 'clothing store' where students will be able to select new business attire at the end of the program free of charge. The Center will continue to provide students with a daily

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lunch and award stipends to graduates. Finally, it will track students' academic achievement, attendance, and behavior in their home schools.

PROJECT FUNDING: The project budget is \$607,000: \$451,000 for personnel; \$60,000 for program expenses including transportation, food, and incentives; and \$96,000 for administration. School districts will provide \$420,000 in fees, and the Center has raised \$160,000 from the Broadridge Financial, Wells Fargo, and People's United Foundations, leaving a balance of \$27,000. The Center's operating budget is \$5.8 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2014 - \$20,000; 2015 - \$20,000; 2017 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Dewitt Wallace Fund for Youth (4349)	\$177,000	\$12,000
Greentree Foundation (L342)	185,000	4,000
Fund for Innovative Programs (L103)	2,000	2,000
LI Fund for Youth Programs (L118)	2,000	<u>2,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY:

Dewitt Wallace Fund: For learning and enrichment opportunities for children and youth to help them develop their full potential for productive adulthood.

Greentree: Unrestricted.

Fund for Innovative Programs: Innovative community programs on Long Island.

LI Fund for Youth Programs: Innovative programs for youth on Long Island.

November 2019
S. Jones

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK
449 Troutman Street
Brooklyn, New York 11237
(516) 883-7480
Ana Maria Archila – Board Chair
Deb Axt & Javier Valdes – Paid Staff Heads

AMOUNT: \$25,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To help eligible Long Island immigrant families access new state financial aid for higher education.

NATURE OF PROJECT: New York allows all students who graduate from a New York high school to pay in-state tuition at the City University and State University of New York, regardless of immigration status. Nonetheless, according to The Immigration Policy Center, less than 10 percent of the 4,500 undocumented students who graduate from New York high schools annually pursue college degrees – largely because of financial constraints. This year, Governor Cuomo signed the New York State DREAM Act, giving an estimated 146,000 undocumented college students access not only to in-state tuition, but also to state financial aid. The Dream Act provides access to state-administered grants and scholarships previously unavailable to undocumented students, including the Excelsior Scholarship and the Tuition Assistance Program. It also establishes a privately-financed fund to provide scholarships for the children of undocumented immigrants and allows their families to open college tuition savings accounts. Applications for financial aid available under the DREAM Act were released this summer; however, school and university faculty as well as students and parents need training and guidance to ensure successful implementation and protect the confidentiality of applicants.

Since 1992, Make the Road New York, a grassroots membership organization, has mobilized thousands of Latino immigrants in New York City and Long Island to advocate for policy changes that expand opportunities and improve their quality of life. Through weekly organizing meetings, its members develop the knowledge and skills necessary to implement advocacy campaigns in public education, civil rights, housing, and labor. It also works with young people, providing them opportunities to create and run campaigns on issues they care about; operating after-school and summer civic engagement and leadership development programs; and managing a youth-led, peer-to-peer college access program that supports low income students of color and first-generation college goers through the college application process. Make the Road has strong working relationships with Brentwood and Central Islip School Districts.

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After advocating for passage of New York’s DREAM Act for nearly a decade, it is now leading efforts to ensure eligible students, families, and educators are aware of and prepared to participate. This year, Make the Road New York will:

- host four community information sessions about the new legislation at its Brentwood location;
- train faculty and facilitate workshops for students and families from Central Islip and Brentwood High Schools to provide guidance and support about eligibility, confidentiality, and the application process;
- meet with faculty of Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges and SUNY Old Westbury to ensure they are aware of the financial changes and protect students’ confidential information;
- provide information and resources to other Long Island school districts with large populations of immigrant students; and
- educate other immigrant serving groups, including Long Island Advocacy Center, YAM Resource Center, Haitian American Families of Long Island, Suffolk County’s Minority Affairs, and Nassau County’s Hispanic Affairs and Asian American Advisory Council, about the changes to state financial aid.

The project budget is \$56,000: \$39,000 for salaries, \$7,000 for program expenses, and \$9,000 in administration. Make the Road New York has raised \$31,000 in grants from Unbound Philanthropy and the Ford Foundation. We recommend a one-year grant of \$25,000 to complete the budget.

Higher education creates opportunities for social mobility, personal and professional development, and financial security. Because many undocumented students come from low-income backgrounds, acquiring financial resources is critical to attending college. As the New York State DREAM Act begins to roll out, students, families, educators, and community organizations need to understand how to access the newly available aid. We recommend a \$25,000 one-year grant to help with implementation of the DREAM Act on Long Island.

Make the Road New York’s annual operating budget is \$20 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2018 - \$40,000 (LI Civic Engagement Fund).

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$ 15,000
Greentree Foundation (L342)	\$185,000	<u>10,000</u>
		\$25,000

MAKE THE ROAD NEW YORK (Cont.)

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: MOLLOY COLLEGE
John P. McEntee – Board Chair
Dr. Drew Bogner – Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$15,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2018)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To support a mentoring and leadership development program for Latina teenagers.

ORGANIZATION: Founded in 1955, Molloy College serves nearly 5,000 students through 50 undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate programs. Its student body is culturally and economically diverse: nearly 40 percent identify as other than white; one-third of incoming freshmen are first-generation; and more than 90 percent utilize some form of financial aid. The college has been influential in building awareness and instigating action to address some of the region's greatest challenges through several well-respected community initiatives. Molloy College worked with the Uniondale and Mineola school districts in 2006 to launch the Mentoring Latinas program. The program has paired more than 300 high school girls, most of whom qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, with Latina undergraduates to explore identity and cultural issues, college and careers, and to work on goal setting and empowerment activities. In addition, Molloy provides stipends to the respective high schools to cover costs of tutors to help with standardized test and regents' preparation. Girls are recruited in ninth grade with the expectation that they will remain in the program for four years. The retention rate is 70 percent.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: For Latina immigrants, separation from family and friends, problems assimilating to a new culture, and fears for their families' safety, complicate the problems faced by almost all adolescent girls. In addition, young immigrants lack access to mentors and role

MOLLOY COLLEGE (Cont.)

models with similar cultural backgrounds who can guide them and open doors to opportunities. As such, Latina immigrants are more likely to drop out of high school and least likely to obtain a college education when compared to other groups of adolescent girls. They have the highest rates of depression and contemplate or attempt suicide at nearly twice the rate of white and African-American girls. On Long Island, mental health providers report a doubling of suicidal behavior among Latina youth in the past five years. Although there are a few programs in the region focused on empowering girls, much more needs to be done to provide support and increase opportunities that will help Latina girls participate more fully in the social and economic life of their communities.

RESULTS OF THE JULY 2018 GRANT: Molloy College faculty provided weekly on-campus sessions for 20 high school students, ten each from Mineola and Uniondale high schools.

Transportation was provided to and from the college. Nine Latina Molloy students qualifying for work-study aid were hired as mentors, including two who had participated in the program as high school students. Another former participant who graduated from Molloy was hired as Assistant Director of Experiential Learning to assist with the program. Students participated in relationship-building activities with mentors, including tours of the college, college awareness and leadership development sessions, and community service projects. They also met with faculty from the Admissions and Bursar's offices, the Dean for Research and Scholarship, and Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz, the first formerly undocumented individual to be elected into the New York State Assembly. Molloy worked with Uniondale High School to host three workshops for parents on topics such as immigrants' rights facilitated by LICF grantees. Molloy provided stipends to Uniondale High School for tutoring four students who needed support preparing for SAT and Regents exams. An assessment revealed that 14 girls showed academic improvement and only one did not. Of the five graduating seniors, two are working and two have matriculated to two-year colleges.

NEW GRANT: This year, Molloy will continue to offer the year-long after-school mentoring and youth development program to 20 high school students from Mineola and Uniondale High Schools. It will recruit, train, and support undergraduate Latina mentors and host cultural trips and community service activities for program participants and mentors. Molloy College will continue to provide funding for tutoring support leading to the SAT and Regents exams. Finally,

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it will hold the Young Women’s Leadership Institute in the summer and work to increase the number of Mentoring Latinas participants who attend. Molloy will continue to communicate with high school staff to ensure the girls’ needs are being addressed and to measure progress.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$17,000: \$4,500 for staff, \$1,000 for mentor stipends, \$8,500 for program expenses including transportation and cultural activities, and \$3,000 for tutoring fees. It will use general operating support to cover income shortfalls. The Office of Experiential Learning at Molloy College’s annual operating budget is \$227,500.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2014 - \$15,000; 2018 - \$15,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE</u> :	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	\$15,000

FUND STRATEGY: Unrestricted.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT:

S.T.R.O.N.G. YOUTH
Sergio Argueta – Board Chair
Rahsmia Zatar – Staff Head

AMOUNT:

\$20,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized November 2013)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For a culturally responsive and trauma informed gang intervention and prevention program.

ORGANIZATION: Struggling to Reunite Our New Generation (S.T.R.O.N.G.) Youth was established in 2000 by a former gang member after the gang-related murder of a friend. Now the only nonprofit organization on Long Island solely focused on eradicating Long Island's gang epidemic, S.T.R.O.N.G. is one of the leading gang prevention and intervention agencies in the Northeast spreading a message of non-violence to more than 100,000 people and directly serving 500 Long Island youth annually. It provides violence prevention programs and individual counseling to middle school and high school students, participates in school assemblies, and holds after school and summer programs targeted at youth from Long Island communities where gang violence is the most prevalent. The S.T.R.O.N.G. University Intervention Program was established to serve young people aged 11-21 who are disconnected from school, have a history of violence and gang involvement, and/or have contact with the criminal justice system. It offers intensive individual, family, and group therapy from trained counselors; case management; and other supports needed to address the needs of its participants. The program has made meaningful connections with young people deemed "hardest to reach" and gained the trust and respect of the community.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Gang members are responsible for a growing amount of crime and violence in communities with limited educational and vocational opportunities and high poverty. Communities including Hempstead, Uniondale, and Brentwood, have seen increases in gang-

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related violence of as much as 40 percent. Gang recruits are also getting younger – 40 percent of members are under 18, and recent trends suggest children are recruited in elementary school. Gang affiliation can have long-term effects, including incarceration, decreased employment prospects, drug and alcohol use/abuse, and increased risk of victimization. Long Island is home to 3,000 to 5,000 gang members from 42 home-grown and national gangs. The 2017 Raise the Age legislation's priority on treatment and rehabilitation of young offenders and new state funds provide opportunities to break the cycle of gang violence.

RESULTS OF THE JULY 2015 GRANT: S.T.R.O.N.G. provided counseling, mentoring, case management, home visits, and field trips to 86 young offenders referred by the Adult Diversion Program at the District Court and Department of Probation. Individualized intervention and treatment plans were created for each participant after a comprehensive intake process.

S.T.R.O.N.G. also deepened relationships with parole and probation officers, which helped when customizing services. As a result of an increase in younger students and girls referred, it has created new programs to meet their needs. Youth attended sessions at the organization twice weekly, met with their mentors weekly, and participated in community activities once or twice each week. Case managers made referrals; monitored the legal, academic, and vocational progress of the participants; and supported their interactions with other systems including court hearings and school meetings. S.T.R.O.N.G. collaborated with Literacy Nassau to address literacy needs of the youth, ATTAIN Labs for GED preparation, and Job Corps, R&G Brenner Tax Services, and local chambers of commerce for vocational services. Finally, it organized 50 community activities and trips. S.T.R.O.N.G. reports that 76 percent of its participants successfully completed the program, and several continue to attend of their own accord.

NEW GRANT: S.T.R.O.N.G. will continue to offer its continuum of services to at least 60 youth referred from the Diversion Program, Probation, and through its street outreach. Because of the changing demographics of participants, it will adopt a proven treatment program developed by National Compadres Network for black and Latino young people. It will launch two new character and self-esteem development programs, Joven Noble for male students and Xinachtli for young women. S.T.R.O.N.G. will expand its vocational partnerships to increase opportunities for skills training, internships and apprenticeships, and employment. In addition, it will work with local experts to train youth in media production using a state-of-the-art

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production studio. Finally, it will continue to organize field trips to expose youth to cultural and recreational experiences.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$278,000: \$245,000 for salaries of the case managers, and social workers; \$22,000 for program expenses, and \$11,000 for administration. S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth has received \$220,000 from Nassau County Youth Board, \$29,000 from the Office of Children and Family Services, and \$4,000 from Suffolk County, leaving a balance of \$25,000. S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth's annual operating budget is \$1.4 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Leone Scott Wise Fund (L3479)	\$9,000	\$9,000
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$339,424	5,000
Greentree Foundation (L342)	\$185,000	5,000
Miracle Gro Fund (L307)	\$36,000	<u>1,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY:

Leone Scott Wise: Teens in Nassau County suffering from emotional difficulties.

LICF, Greentree, Miracle Gro: All unrestricted.

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RECOMMENDED FOR DECLINE

Following are the requests recommended for decline. The evaluation process involves the distillation of a considerable amount of information, and several factors often help point the way to a particular decision. The categories for declines are based upon different levels of qualitative judgment; a brief description of each is provided.

Capability Problems with Project

The organization has weak staff or board leadership, inexperienced management, shaky finances or no prior experience managing a similar project, any of which calls into question its ability to complete the proposed effort successfully.

- Northport Village - \$25,000 to protect the Northport Harbor by removing outdated septic systems and connecting to a sewer treatment plant

Other Projects Merited Higher Priority

In the judgment of the program officer, the proposal is not as competitive as others submitted for similar purposes or does not rise to a level of importance that other current grants or proposals achieve.

- Adventures in Learning - \$25,000 to provide individual homework instruction.
- American Farmland Trust - \$21,793 to improve access to fresh food for children from food-insecure households.
- Christ Episcopal Church - \$16,115 to facilitate connection to social service programs for current and future guests.
- Citizen's Campaign Fund for the Environment - \$25,000 to develop a comprehensive campaign to protect bees and other pollinators.
- Eden II School for Autistic Children - \$24,500 for five Social Vocation Program scholarships.
- Green Inside & Out - \$12,500 to provide broad public multi-media environmental information about creating a greener lifestyle.
- Growing Together Community Gardens - \$15,000 to increase food access through local food production.
- Headstrong Project - \$25,000 launch suicide prevention and mental health treatment for post-9/11 veterans and their families on Long Island.
- Huntington Arts Council - \$15,000 to help foster social change through Main Street Gallery Events.
- Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development - \$19,500 for an alternative to juvenile justice court for first-time youth offenders.
- Mount Sinai South Nassau - \$50,000 to improve access to healthcare services in Hempstead.
- Phoenix House Long Island - \$25,000 to address the mental health/substance abuse disorders of veterans.
- Public Access Television Corp. - \$10,600 to provide media arts training to high school students.

- Southampton Hospital Foundation - \$25,000 for the EAT WELL for Health program, providing nutritional and cooking instructions to support existing medical care.
- Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine - \$162,351 for school-based mobile dental outreach.
- We Connect the Dots - \$35,000 for Build the Future Workforce program.
- Westchester Chamber Educational Foundation - \$20,000 to bring the Green Business Partnership to Long Island's commercial, industrial and institutional sectors.

Outside Approved Guidelines

The purpose and activities of the proposal do not meet LICF's published grant strategies in a particular program area e.g., the request is for capital expenses; for a stand-alone performance or conference.

- Camp Horseability - \$15,000 improve data collection and management for organizational capacity building.
- Long Island Select Healthcare - \$55,000 to move a pediatric department closer to the underserved populations of Suffolk, particularly Brentwood & Central Islip.
- Seatuck Environmental Association - \$15,000 to support a strategic planning process that will help it more effectively pursue its mission to conserve LI wildlife and the environment.
- Stage the Change - \$15,000 request to train high school students to bring social-justice themed theater and dance to their communities.
- Teatro Experimental Yerbabruja - \$20,000 to offer a space for artists of color to create, exhibit and empower about the value of their culture.
- The Women's Opportunity Rehabilitation Center - \$15,000 to update computer lab for training purposes.

Poor Program Design

Although the project is credible and falls into a category that we fund, the approach for carrying out the initiative is questionable. For example, the project does not include appropriate or sufficient staffing; the time period called for is too short, too long; or the proposed techniques or strategies are not appropriate or feasible.

- Eager to Serve - \$153,000 to help people transition out of homelessness.
- St. Joseph's College - \$40,000 to support hub for research, policy and advocacy on affordable housing.

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN

- Belmont Child Care Association - \$15,000 for after-school enrichment program for students whose parents work at Belmont Racetrack.
- Friends of the Bay - \$25,000 for preparation of a detailed analysis of the past 20+ years of water quality data for Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor estuary.
- To Bring More - \$25,000 for literacy and STEAM-based after-school activities for Roosevelt children and youth.