

An Overview of Grantmaking at LICF

The LICF makes grants in Nassau and Suffolk Counties to nonprofits large and small, to those we've worked with over the years and those who are new to us. We are committed to sticking with significant issues that don't lend themselves to quick or easy solutions, and look for projects that take fresh approaches to long-standing issues and that tackle emerging problems and opportunities.

Priority Funding Areas:

- Arts
- Community Development
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Mental Health
- Hunger
- Technical Assistance
- Youth Development

The LICF also manages two funds administered through a competitive grant making process:

- The Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund (for progressive social change) from which periodic grants are made.
- The All For The East End Fund (Building Stronger Neighborhoods Program) started its first year of grants in 2014.

Making grants that make a difference requires a good understanding of the problems you're trying to fix, the methods that others have tried and how they've fared, and the capabilities of the organization proposing a program. We think that experience in the field is also essential.

LICF staff have all worked for nonprofit organizations. This helps them appreciate the complexities of designing projects, translating them into compelling proposals, and competing for the limited amount of money that's available.

LICF must also balance the needs of the Long Island region with the charitable intent of our generous donors, who make these grants possible.