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LICF Board of Advisors Meeting
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TOTAL RECOMMENDED: $200,000

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Request: $15,000 to promote healing and reduce the number of PTSD and other trauma-related adverse experiences affecting our veterans through mindful resilience yoga classes.
RECOMMENDED GRANT: $5,000 Greentree Foundation
$5,000 LICF Annual Fund
$5,000 Suzy's Fund

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PECONIC LAND TRUST
Request: $35,000 to help Long Island's farm and fishing industries remain viable despite increasing operating costs.
RECOMMENDED GRANT: $8,000 Cumulus Long Island Fund
$17,000 Henry Shepard Fund

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

TIMOTHY HILL CHILDREN'S RANCH
Request: $22,000 for a residential program to help court-involved young adults successfully transition.
RECOMMENDED GRANT: $10,000 Frances Herman Family Fund
$10,000 Suzy's Fund

URBAN LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND
Request: $25,000 for a job-readiness program for black and Latino youth in Suffolk County.
RECOMMENDED GRANT: $5,000 Cumulus Long Island Fund
$5,000 Greentree Foundation
$5,000 LICF Annual Fund
ARTS & CULTURE

RECIPIENT: PATCHOGUE ARTS COUNCIL
20 Terry Street, Suite 116
Patchogue, NY 11772
(631) 627-8686
Lori Devlin – Board Chair
Beth Giacummo – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To further the revitalization of the village of Patchogue through a series of arts events.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Many communities on Long Island have historically lacked free, accessible, high-quality cultural programming. Conversely, artists living and working on Long Island often have limited access to venues and opportunities to exhibit and perform their craft. These challenges are magnified in more racially diverse communities like Patchogue, where resources often are lacking. A decade ago, almost half of the buildings in downtown Patchogue were vacant. Local leaders have since secured federal, state, and county grants to revitalize the town, and local artists and community members started a campaign to make Patchogue a destination for high-quality arts programming.

That group of local artists and community members eventually formed the Patchogue Arts Council, a non-profit arts organization established to encourage, support, and promote the arts while aiding in the revitalization and sustainability of the local community. Over the past ten years, the Arts Council has sponsored biennials, walking art tours, festivals, exhibits, and public art installations that have distinguished Patchogue as a vibrant cultural center. The Arts Council has led successful and culturally inclusive arts initiatives that continue to engage the diverse local community and attract cultural tourists from across Long Island.

This year, the Patchogue Arts Council will promote the arts, strengthen the local economy, and further aid in the revitalization and transformation of the Village of Patchogue by hosting its annual arts festival entitled “E Pluribus Unum” (From Many, One).

The Arts Council will:

• host a series of free public arts events using diverse media and disciplines at multiple venues in downtown Patchogue from May through October;
• collaborate with the Village of Patchogue on cultural programming and village beautification projects. The village provides ample access to public spaces and enables the usage of village roadways for programming. The village is also in the
process of installing an artist-designed brick walkway that will link the Artspace Lofts to Main Street; and

- use social and print media, including Spanish language materials for the local immigrant community, to get the word out about the festival.

The project budget is $89,900; $33,800 for personnel, including curatorial and gallery staff and $6,000 for consultant and professional fees; $43,300 for project expenses, including marketing and advertising, rentals, equipment and printing; and $6,800 for administration. Patchogue Arts Council has raised $29,100 from contributions, earned income, special events and membership fees; $25,000 from the Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs; $800 from the Cotter Family Foundation; and an additional $10,000 grant is being requested from Knapp Sweezy Foundation, leaving a balance of $25,000. Patchogue Arts Council will continue to fundraise and will offset any balance from unrestricted funds.

The Arts Council's programming supports Long Island artists who provide enriching cultural experiences to the public. Its programs also attract diverse audiences to downtown Patchogue that encourage foot traffic near the local area shops and restaurants. We recommend a one-year grant of $20,000 to support the Council's annual arts festival.

Patchogue Art's Council annual operating budget is $190,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

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FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

March 2018
T. Thomas
CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

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

AMOUNT: $20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized November 2016)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To support a public education and advocacy campaign to
improve and protect the water quality of Lake Montauk and
Fort Pond.

ORGANIZATION: Established in 1971, Concerned Citizens of Montauk began as a small
group of residents who organized to successfully halt a major residential development and
designate the 1,200-acres at issue as a county park. Since then, the group has broadened its
focus to include protecting Montauk’s coastline and beaches; improving ground and surface
water quality; and promoting sustainable land use. Through education, advocacy, and
grassroots citizen action, the group has helped preserve almost 70 percent of Montauk’s land
as open space; created a Community Preservation Fund, a land bank funded through a two
percent real estate transfer tax; and secured the Peconic Bay’s acceptance into the National
Estuary Program. 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 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 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: At a public meeting, Concerned Citizens formally launched the Save the Lake-Save the Pond campaign and unveiled simplified communication materials outlining threats to water quality and actions residents could take. It developed five watershed maps identifying all properties within the watersheds, and made them available on the project website. The organization focused year one efforts on raising awareness of the surface water issues, increasing septic and cesspool maintenance, and working with the Town of East Hampton to advocate for Montauk watershed water quality improvement projects. It developed a corps of volunteers to reach out to their neighbors, civic associations in neighborhoods where water quality was most troubled, and denser-populated communities to encourage them to act. As a result, 166 property owners – 126 residential and 40 commercial – took steps to maintain their septic systems. Concerned Citizens also established a relationship with a local waste management company that provided a 15 percent discount on septic pump-outs to residents. It continued to test water quality in nine sites across the pond and lake, working with town officials, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to monitor bacteria and nitrogen levels and identify pollution sources. The organization’s project manager sits on the East Hampton Town Community Preservation Fund Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee and helped to develop the town’s first septic upgrade rebate program – three of the 24 rebate application forms received since September were from Montauk.

NEW GRANT: In year two of the three-year campaign, Concerned Citizens will continue to encourage septic system maintenance and application to the Town of East Hampton’s and Suffolk County’s septic upgrade rebate programs. It will enlist volunteers and neighborhood groups to
work with residents to reduce storm water runoff and the use of fertilizer and pesticides. The organization will create an online Clean Water Steward Pledge that will track participants’ activities. It will develop a partnership with a local nursery to offer a discount to the organization’s members who purchase native plants, and develop a raingarden in front of the organization’s office as a model for community members. It will continue its bacterial water testing program and work with the United States Geological Survey on the microbial source tracking project. Concerned Citizens also will work with the Town of East Hampton to develop plans for wastewater and storm water management in Montauk and participate on the planning committee for the Montauk Downtown Wastewater District.

**PROJECT FUNDING:** The one-year project budget is $120,000: $55,000 for staff salaries and $65,000 for program expenses including the contract with the USGS microbial source tracking program, website development and maintenance, and printing. Concerned Citizens has raised $27,000 from individual contributions, $13,000 from the Town of East Hampton, and has $60,000 in grants pending with Suffolk County and the Andrew Sabin Family and J.M.R. Barker Foundations, leaving a balance of $20,000. Concerned Citizens of Montauk’s annual operating budget is $465,000.

**GRANTS IN LAST FIVE YEARS:** 2016 - $25,000.

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**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.

March 2018
S. Jones
CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
666 Broadway, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10012
(212) 574-6871
Steve Horowitz – Board Chair
Carter Strickland – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $25,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To develop a feasibility plan for the Long Island Empire State Trail Extension Project.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Long Island is home to beautiful beaches, pine barren wilderness, parks, and preserves that offer hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails. However, the trails are not well connected to one another or to the communities where most people live and work. As a result, getting to these open spaces often requires taking a car, eliminating their usefulness for alternative transportation. In addition, the region’s off-road bike trail system is inadequate, particularly when compared to similar regions; Nassau and Suffolk Counties have only 64 and 21 miles of off-road trails respectively compared to Westchester which has 165 miles and a smaller population. Off-road trails are important to cyclists because they do not feel safe bicycling on paths along major roadways.

In 2017, several developments created an opportunity to press for a contiguous trail network across Long Island. New York State announced a plan for the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile multi-use path combining contiguous on and off-road trails from New York City to Canada that failed to include Long Island. In addition, as part of its fourth regional plan, the Regional Plan Association released recommendations for increasing the trail network on Long Island by focusing on utility right of ways, and Suffolk County approved a 10-mile path along a utility corridor from Port Jefferson to Wading River. Suffolk County also received a grant from the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council to conduct a feasibility study for an on-road north-south hike and bike trail network. Although several bike, hike, and running constituency groups exist in the region, an organized and sustained effort to bring them together to inform and advocate for a more complete network of trails on Long Island will improve planning efforts and make implementation more likely.

Founded in 1972, the Trust for Public Land helps communities conserve land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring healthy, livable communities. In its 46-year history, it has acquired and protected more than 3.5 million acres, created or transformed 2,000 parks, playgrounds, and gardens, and developed more than 2,000 miles of trails across the United States. It has helped states and local communities generate over $68 billion in new public funds for parks and open space. On Long Island, Trust for Public Land helped create Jamesport
State Park, carried out projects for the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge and Hempstead Harbor, and advised Nassau County on $150 million in trailblazing bonds for open space protection. In 2008, as county and municipal governments were considering raids on existing land conservation funding to fill budget deficits, the Trust for Public Land, with support from LICF, produced a study that estimated the economic benefits of parks and open space in Nassau and Suffolk Counties to be $2.74 billion annually. The report helped protect local land conservation funds.

This year Trust for Public Land will work with the New York Bicycling Coalition, a statewide organization with chapters throughout the region that promotes community-friendly non-motorized transportation through advocacy, public education, and funding, to develop a plan for an east-west off-road trail. This work will be completed in coordination with Nassau and Suffolk counties and will include:

- conducting a literature review of existing studies and documents on recreational trails;
- organizing two public meetings in each county and a survey to gather views and priorities of key stakeholders and interest groups;
- preparing a land use analysis and preliminary route alternatives that focus on utility corridors and deactivated rail rights-of-way as well as recommendations for connecting trail segments including connections to the Empire State Trail; and
- developing a final report that compiles data, analysis, and maps and provides key recommendations and next steps to present at a large public meeting.

The project budget is $94,000: $26,500 for staff, $49,000 for consultants, $4,000 for program expenses, and $14,500 for administrative costs. Revenue of $65,000 is expected from the Land Trust Alliance. The organization will use unrestricted funds to complete the budget.

Trail networks that connect communities with open space generate economic activity, support an active lifestyle, and promote a healthy environment. Biking is extremely popular on Long Island; however, the current trail system is inadequate and can be dangerous. Recent municipal efforts to create pedestrian-friendly communities, increase access to the region’s natural landscapes, and enhance non-motorized transportation options provide an opportunity to gain the public support and resources needed for the creation and implementation of a comprehensive trail network plan on Long Island. We recommend a one-year grant of $25,000.

The Trust for Public Land’s annual operating budget is $7 million.

**GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS:** None.
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March 2018
S. Jones
EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: CITY OF GLEN COVE YOUTH BUREAU
Robert Telesse – Board Chair
Spiro Tsirkas – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $20,000 for FOURTH YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2013)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For an afterschool and summer program for elementary and middle school students in Glen Cove.

ORGANIZATION: For 35 years, the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau has worked with local institutions to provide an array of high quality academic enrichment, career preparation, leadership development, service learning, recreation, and mentoring programs after school and during the summer to elementary, middle, and high school students. Glen Cove Youth Bureau is the lifeline for many of the area’s vulnerable families; parents depend on its programs to keep their children active and learning while they are working.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Glen Cove is ethnically, racially, and economically diverse and home to some of the poorest families in the region: 59 percent of Glen Cove students receive free or reduced-price lunch; 14 percent have limited English proficiency; and 63 percent are considered disadvantaged. Black and Latino students are struggling academically; they enter middle school 20 to 30 percentage points behind their white peers and remain that way throughout their tenure. In addition, statewide assessments of drug use and high-risk behaviors among students found that alcohol use, including binge drinking, is higher among Glen Cove youth than the national average. The data also showed that the substance abuse occurred during after school hours and on weekends.

RESULTS OF 2013, 2014, 2016 GRANTS: The Youth Bureau offered high-quality afterschool programs and a full-day summer program to 150 elementary and middle school students from five Glen Cove schools. It partnered with the North Shore Historical Museum, NIVRAM (a local music recording studio), and the Glen Cove Police Department, Arts Council, and Library
to provide experiential arts and STEM exploration programs, workshops in substance abuse prevention, sports and healthy living programs, and criminal justice programs. A local food bank provides a daily healthy snack for all students. In collaboration with Verizon and the New York Institute for Technology, students learned how to code and created two mobile device apps which are live; one informs the viewer of family-friendly activities in Glen Cove, and the other provides detailed information about local food pantries. In addition, it created a soccer club with the New York Cosmos (a professional soccer team). Last year, Youth Bureau launched a six-week, hands-on STEM program aligned with Next Generation Science Standards with the Cradle of Aviation for 80 students; they explored kite building, robotics, astronomy, rockets, and renewable energy. It also offered a monthly bi-lingual life skills parent education program. According to parent surveys and teacher feedback, on average half of participating students demonstrated improved academic performance, attendance, and behavior.

NEW GRANT: Glen Cove Youth Bureau will continue to offer afterschool and summer programs including academic support, healthy lifestyles, and other enrichment for 150 elementary and middle school students. It will continue its dance program taught by an instructor trained at Long Island’s premier ballroom and Latin dance studio, culminating in a community dance recital. It will offer a new program in partnership with the Science Museum of Long Island; specialists and students will work on activities related to animal adaptation, forensics, and archeology. The Cradle of Aviation program will expand to include projects focused on building, engineering, and design. In addition, Youth Bureau will continue to offer programs promoting social and emotional health, character education, effective problem solving, and coping skills. Finally, it will continue to work with school educators and parents to address issues that affect classroom learning and social interactions.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is $211,000: $166,000 for the salaries of program staff; $30,000 for consultants including the Cradle of Aviation; and $15,000 for materials, supplies, and travel. Since the loss of federal funding in 2013, the Youth Bureau has successfully diversified its funding sources. For this year, it has raised $36,000 from the City of Glen Cove, $30,000 from Office of Children and Family Services, $16,000 from Friends of Glen Cove Youth Board, and $1,000 from Bethpage Federal Credit Union and PSEG. It will raise $95,000 in fees for service and has proposals totaling $7,500 pending with Dr. Scholl’s and
CITY OF GLEN COVE YOUTH BUREAU (Cont.)

United World Foundations, leaving a balance of $25,500. The Youth Bureau will continue to raise funds from local donors to complete budget. We recommend a fourth-year renewal grant of $20,000 to support the afterschool and summer programs. Given the fact that the organization has stabilized its finances, barring any unforeseen situation, we expect this will be the last grant award for this project. Glen Cove Youth Bureau’s annual operating budget is $714,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2013 - $25,000; 2014 - $20,000; 2016 - $20,000.

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

March 2018
S. Jones
EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: PROJECT MORRY
Scott Blackman – Board Chair
Dawn Ewing – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized March 2017)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a leadership development and college preparation program targeting students from North Amityville and Copiague school districts.

ORGANIZATION: Established in 1995, Project Morry is a comprehensive, year-round youth development organization that works with 400 low-income students from Westchester, New York City, Connecticut, and Long Island. Its nine-year program includes an annual four-week residential educational and recreational summer camp experience; monthly academic enrichment and personal development programs during the school year; and one-on-one mentoring. Youth participants begin the program as they enter the fifth grade and continue through high school graduation. Since 1997, Project Morry has partnered with United North Amityville Youth Organization to provide services to 55 youth from North Amityville and surrounding areas. The organization’s success rate far exceeds the school districts’ averages: 95 percent of participants graduate from high school; 85 percent of the youth go on to attend college; and 91 percent secure a degree. Project Morry is one of 16 organizations nationwide to have been designated as 21st Century Beyond School Learning Exemplar for 2017-2018, recognizing outstanding practices that equip students with necessary skills for success in college, career, and life.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: High school-age youth who live in the low-income community of North Amityville and attend area schools are particularly susceptible to substance abuse, criminal activity, gang involvement, low graduation rates, and high school suspensions. The school districts in these communities have a student population that is mostly Latino and black,
more than 80 percent of whom are from economically disadvantaged families and eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; 22 percent are English language learners. Only 16 percent of fourth graders meet state reading standards, and only 73 percent graduate from high school, rates that are worse than the state average. Insufficient role models, employment opportunities, and support services combined with intense isolation hinder economic self-sufficiency and positive life outcomes.

RESULTS OF MARCH 2017 GRANT: Along with North Amityville Youth Organization, Project Morry provided year-round academic enrichment, leadership development, and college and career preparation to 56 students, including ten new fifth and sixth graders. Forty-five of the 56 participants attended the four-week residential summer learning program. In addition to age-appropriate outdoor learning adventures, educational challenges and enrichment, and peer interaction, students in ninth through eleventh grades participated in a social justice program during which they explored inequalities and oppression through group discussion, storytelling, historical analysis, films, workshops, and creative writing. In addition, they joined in restorative justice circles during which campers and staff addressed sensitive and traumatic experiences and encouraged the practice of empathy. Rising seniors participated in an internship in lieu of camp. During the academic year, students attended monthly meetings either at the North Amityville Youth Organization or at Morry’s office in Elmsford, New York to improve their decision making, academic, leadership, critical thinking, and social skills. High school juniors and seniors also attended standardized test preparation classes, college application and readiness workshops, college tours, one-on-one mentoring, and work experience. One hundred percent of the Long Island students progressed to the next grade level including six high school seniors that graduated, four of whom matriculated to Farmingdale State, SUNY Plattsburgh, Clarke Atlanta, and Morehouse. One joined the Marines and one joined an apprenticeship program to become a licensed electrician. Project Morry staff communicated regularly with families and the local organization to help students overcome social or academic challenges and to celebrate milestones. The organization hired new staff to restructure the eleventh and twelfth grade and alumni programs and is working with an assessment and evaluation consultant to measure the yearly and longitudinal impact of the program and use the findings to improve.
NEW GRANT: This year, Project Morry will continue its year-round program and recruit a new class of ten rising fifth and sixth graders. Students will participate in the annual summer residential program. During the school year, it will continue to organize monthly sessions at the North Amityville Youth Organization for younger members to reinforce summer session lessons and additional themes to strengthen decision making and problem-solving skills, self-esteem, personal responsibility, and academic and social skills. High school students will participate in monthly workshops in Elmsford that address barriers to academic achievement and graduation, and assist with college admissions and workplace readiness. Students from the various locations where Project Morry works attend the same workshops in Elmsford and provide an opportunity for the youth to reconnect after the summer experience. The reorganized eleventh and twelfth grade programs will include additional college tours; expand the depth of college admissions workshops; launch a new parent engagement workshop; strengthen the career readiness and summer internship component; formalize alumni engagement; and continue its highly successful two-year mentoring program. It will continue to maintain open communication with families and students through one on one calls, monthly newsletters, and troubleshooting as needed.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year program budget is $306,000: $165,000 for personnel, $59,500 for program-related expenses including supplies and transportation, and $81,500 for administration. Project Morry has commitments of $33,000 from foundations; $110,000 in individual and board contributions; $6,000 in fees; and $127,000 from fundraising events. It has a proposal for renewed funding totaling $10,000 pending with Bank of America Charitable Foundation, leaving a balance of $20,000. The operating grant for Project Morry is 2.5 million.

GRANTS IN LAST FIVE YEARS: 2017 – 20,000.

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March 2018
S. Jones
HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

RECIPIENT: ISLAND HARVEST
Doug Nadjari – Board Chair
Randi Shubin Dresner – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $20,000 for FIFTH YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized November 2012)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To continue support for the senior mobile food pantry at the
Glen Cove Housing Authority.

ORGANIZATION: 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 initiatives.
Island Harvest distributes nearly seven million pounds of food and non-food items annually
across Long Island to a network of 450 food pantries, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit
organizations. Ninety percent of the food Island Harvest distributes is donated surplus that
volunteers and staff collect from more than 1,100 local retailers, farms, wholesalers, distributors,
and food drive donations; the balance is selectively purchased to meet special dietary needs.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: The annual fixed income for most elderly residents living at the
City of Glen Cove Housing Authority complex is at or below $16,000, making them among the
most food-insecure residents in Nassau County. Older persons are particularly vulnerable to
malnutrition. Eating well can improve their mental acuteness, energy levels, and resistance to
illness, but many cannot afford healthier, higher-priced food options.

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2016 GRANT: The mobile pantry distributed 32,500 pounds of
food and supplemented 28,000 meals to 90 seniors and people with disabilities at the City of
Glen Cove Housing Authority. Island Harvest increased the amount of food offered through
ISLAND HARVEST (Cont.)

their client-choice model, which respects dietary needs and personal choices. As a result, the
distribution of meats, produce, and milk increased by 134, 102, and 372 percent respectively. It
also provided residents with personal care items such as adult toiletries. Island Harvest partnered
with nearly three dozen agencies that provided additional support services including: nutrition
education, flu shots, disease prevention, cancer and diabetes screenings, legal assistance, tax
preparation assistance, utility bill assistance, benefits counseling, disaster preparedness, fall
prevention, and information on long term care and services for the hearing impaired. All seniors
received a personalized review of their SNAP benefits and additional support services to ensure
they were receiving the appropriate level of benefit. Surveys revealed that clients were happy
with the program and looked forward to the bi-weekly visits.

NEW GRANT: This year, Island Harvest will provide bi-weekly delivery of 30,000 pounds of
nutritious food and personal care items to 90 seniors and residents with disabilities living at the
Glen Cove Housing Authority. It also will establish a self-serve food pantry within the Housing
Authority community kitchen that will be stocked with shelf-stable food items, supplementing
the distributions of produce, meats, and dairy items. The agency expects to provide an additional
6,000 pounds of food through the new pantry. Cooking demonstrations and nutrition education
will continue to be provided in English and Spanish to assist seniors with planning healthy
meals. Lastly, it will continue to provide SNAP education to a minimum of 90 seniors and assist
them with registrations and renewals, as well as continue to work closely with its partner
organizations to offer access to health screenings, educational opportunities and provide service
referrals. It will continue to survey residents for feedback on services provided and to identify
additional services needed.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is $93,000: $66,800 for staff, $17,700 for
food, and $8,500 for transportation related expenses. Island Harvest has $32,500 in grants
pending from Astoria Bank, Altice Corporation, and the Nespoli, Wallerstein, and Laura B.
Vogler Foundations, leaving a balance of $60,500. Island Harvest will cover any balance from
unrestricted funds and their annual fundraising events. Its annual operating budget is $5.6
million.
ISLAND HARVEST (Cont.)

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2014 - $25,000; 2015 - $25,000; 2016 - $20,000.

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FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

March 2018
T. Thomas
MENTAL HEALTH

RECIPIENT: VETERANS YOGA PROJECT
Debra Jeannette – Board Chair
Dr. Daniel J. Libby – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $15,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized July 2016)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To promote healing and reduce the number of PTSD and other trauma-related adverse experiences affecting our veterans through mindful resilience yoga classes.

ORGANIZATION: The Veterans Yoga Project is a national education and advocacy organization established in 2011 to improve the health and well-being of veterans through supportive services that promote recovery and resilience. The Project uses yoga instruction to help veterans recovering from post-traumatic stress or other trauma-related psychological disorders better regulate mood and behavior and reduce anxiety. Its Mindful Resilience program is clinically proven and based on feedback from hundreds of veterans and active-duty military personnel recovering from post-traumatic stress disorders. Breathing, meditation, mindful movement, guided rest, and gratitude are practiced in classes, which are held at Veterans Affairs Centers as well as at community organizations serving veterans and their families. It also provides multi-day retreats for veterans. Lastly, it trains yoga instructors to create and teach classes that are sensitive to the needs of trauma survivors and build a sense of community.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Military veterans often face ongoing mental health issues and/or physical injuries that lead to different degrees of disability. Civilian readjustment, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and depression, as well as combat related injuries that perpetuate chronic debilitating pain, have commonly been treated with prescription drugs that sometimes result in addiction. As an alternative, research supports yoga and meditation as ways to reduce stress and the effects of trauma. An increase in the availability of these therapies, as
well as support from the Department of Veterans Affairs, has helped to provide veterans with additional ways to manage their emotional and physical well-being.

RESULTS OF JULY 2016 GRANT: The Yoga Project provided eight weekly yoga classes at the Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center’s Mental Health Clinic, Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, and Dual Diagnosis Recovery Center, serving a total of 204 veterans. A survey using the Subjective Units of Distress Scale to quantify a veteran’s experience with different trauma-related challenges indicated that 82 percent reported a decrease in pain and 87 percent reported a decrease in stress, exceeding the target of 75 percent. In addition, two veterans started the process of completing the 200-hour certification for yoga teacher training and the 15-hour Mindful Resilience training.

NEW GRANT: This year, Veterans Yoga Project will again provide eight weekly Mindful Resilience yoga classes to 200 veterans at the Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center’s Mental Health Clinic, Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, and at the Dual Diagnosis Recovery Center. It will offer two additional weekly programs serving 60 veterans at the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Rehabilitation Program at the Northport Veterans Medical Center, and a program for women at the Nassau County Veterans Center. The two veterans enrolled in the yoga teacher training and the Mindfulness Resilience training programs will continue to complete their required hours. Based on the history of these programs, 80 percent of participants are expected to demonstrate improvement in their experience with trauma-related pain, stress and anxiety on the Subjective Units of Distress Scale.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year program budget is $21,600: $20,500 for personnel; $1,100 for supplies. The organization has raised $4,800 through individual contributions, leaving a balance of $16,800. We recommend a one-year grant of $15,000.

The organization’s operating budget is $290,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2016 - $15,000
VETERANS YOGA PROJECT (Cont.)

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FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

March 2018
T. Thomas
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RECIPIENT: PECONIC LAND TRUST
Tom Williams and Steve Jones – Board Co-Chairs
John v.H. Halsey – Paid Staff Head
(LICF emeritus board member John v.H. Halsey
is President of this organization.)

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

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To help Long Island’s farm and fishing industries remain viable despite increasing operating costs.

ORGANIZATION: The Peconic Land Trust was founded in 1983 to ensure protection of working farms and open space, which, due to financial pressures, continue to be lost to residential and commercial development. Since its inception, the Land Trust has completed more than 400 public and private conservation projects, resulting in the protection of over 11,000 acres of land on Long Island. In December of 2014, the Land Trust was awarded a three-year $1 million New York Empire State Development grant for an Agricultural Capital Equipment program that provides financial assistance of up to $50,000, or 20 percent of equipment costs, to farmers looking to purchase equipment needed to expand operations, adopt innovative technologies, and keep farmland in production.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Farming and fishing are an essential part of Long Island’s economy, heritage, and communal life. However, since 1959 nearly 40,000 acres of farmland have been lost. Both industries continue to struggle due to high operating costs and low profit margins, which often leave little capital for reinvestment in new equipment. The Empire State grant program requires approved businesses to pay expenses upfront. The Land Trust is responsible for outreach, proposal review, soliciting New York State approval, overseeing the projects, and submitting required paperwork for reimbursement. The Empire State grant does not include funding to cover the administrative expenses required for the management of the program.
PECONIC LAND TRUST (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2015, 2016 GRANTS: Since the beginning of the Agricultural Capital Equipment Program, Land Trust has approved $800,000 in equipment purchases to 42 farmers and commercial fisheries; $327,000 has been disbursed. The Land Trust publicized the grant program through its website and mailings to its member list, and through its partners Long Island Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Suffolk County. It helped farmers and fisheries through the application process, reviewed and approved applications, issued awards in collaboration with Empire State Development, and continued to support the grant recipients as needed with implementation of their projects. The organization successfully advocated that Empire State Development allow applicants to apply for a second round of funding, helping smaller farmers with limited resources, spread out the capital improvement projects to two years. Land Trust also connected small and beginning farms with low interest lending agencies that serve the industry. As a result, eight small farmers and three fisheries were approved for a second grant. Additionally, it encouraged farms in operation for more than ten years to provide proof that the equipment purchased supported sustainable farming practices and enhanced food safety. Grant recipients have indicated that this program has been critical to their growth and sustainability as well as reduced financial stress. This program has deepened Land Trust’s relationship with the broader farming community.

NEW GRANT: The Land Trust will oversee the disbursement of $473,000 for approved projects and continue to administer the remaining $200,000 in funds for agricultural and fishery capital equipment through the final year of the program. New applications will be accepted through May 2018 and approved projects must be completed and expenses submitted by April 2019. Land Trust will manage final disbursements and all reporting to Empire State Development. The organization projects that the grant program will help between fifty to sixty farmers and fisheries and will leverage $5 million in equipment and infrastructure improvements for the sectors. This will be the final grant from the foundation for these operations and Land Trust has assured that they will advocate that administrative costs are included in any future State grant program that they manage.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is $35,000 and is for salaries. The organization will use its operating reserves to cover budget shortfalls. The Trust’s annual operating budget is $4.6 million.
PECONIC LAND TRUST (Cont.)

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS:  2012 - $10,000; 2015 - $25,000; 2016 - $25,000.

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FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

March 2018
S. Jones
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: TIMOTHY HILL CHILDREN’S RANCH
298 Middle Road
Riverhead, NY 11901
(631) 369-1234
Howard Wright – Board Chair
Thaddaeus Hill – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: $20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a residential program to help court-involved young adults successfully transition.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Young adults ages 18 to 24 have yet to fully develop the cognitive and life skills to navigate day-to-day decisions. Therefore, those who are court-involved need age-appropriate rehabilitation and skill development. However, they often do not receive the support they need and finish their incarceration with the same deficits that contributed to the initial criminal behavior, leaving them unprepared for self-sufficiency and a productive life. Three out of every four people released from prison under the age of 25 are rearrested within three years; nearly 90 percent are rearrested within five years. Appropriate academic and social support can reduce the likelihood that young people will return to jail.

Timothy Hill Children’s Ranch was established in 1976 by a couple that fostered dozens of children who had suffered severe emotional trauma and physical abuse. In memory of their young son who wanted to purchase property where troubled children could feel safe, be cared for and ride horses, the parents built eight group and transitional homes on an 86-acre farm-style campus in Riverhead. The Ranch is for young people ages 11 to 17 who have experienced abuse and neglect and need a therapeutic environment, as well as for young adults ages 18 to 24 who are aging out of foster care or as an alternative to incarceration and/or after they are released from jail. Since inception, the organization has helped more than 1,200 at-risk young people through education, therapeutic counseling services, work-readiness training, life coaching, and creating plans for transitioning back to the community.

In 2011, Suffolk County’s Sheriff launched the Youth Reentry Task Force Initiative to improve outcomes for incarcerated youth while in the county jails and upon reentry into the community. As part of this initiative, in 2013 Timothy Hill Ranch created the Right Path program, a 12 to 18-month residential program that includes education, job training, and help securing housing and entitlements. Residents live in homes with caretakers who teach them independent life skills; attend weekly classes in GED preparation, budgeting, conflict resolution, and work readiness; and have on-campus jobs. When they are ready for off-campus work, staff help young people find jobs or additional training at businesses or vocational programs where the organization has relationships. The program has worked with 122 young people, mostly referred by Suffolk
TIMOTHY HILL CHILDREN’S RANCH (Cont.)

County Department of Corrections, who are completing their term at the Ranch or have finished their sentence and are transitioning back to society. A recent review of program outcomes revealed that some participants still have difficulty sustaining their jobs after leaving the Ranch.

To improve job success rates for Right Path Program participants, the organization will:

- include individual job placement plans, career coaching, and increased communication with employers in the off-campus work readiness program;
- begin maintaining monthly phone and in-person contact with participants for a year after program completion to support their transition into society and work; and
- provide low-cost supportive housing on campus for residents that have completed program.

The project budget is $85,000: $63,000 for personnel and $22,000 for project expenses, including professional development/training, program supplies, travel, and equipment. Revenue of $45,000 has been raised from individual contributions, The Dreams R Us Foundation, and in-kind support. Proposals totaling $20,000 are pending with People’s United Bank and Investors Bank, leaving a balance of $20,000.

Re-entry programs help those returning from jail or prison establish stable, productive lives. Timothy Hill Children’s Ranch has the services and relationships to support successful transitions back to society for the young people who are involved in the justice system. We recommend a one-year grant of $20,000 to strengthen the job readiness and placement component of the Right Path program.

Timothy Hill Children’s Ranch annual operating budget is $6 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

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March 2018
S. Jones
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: URBAN LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND
Lois Cooper – Board Chair
Theresa Sanders – Paid Staff Head
(Fiscal Agency: United Way of Long Island)

AMOUNT: $15,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL
(Original grant authorized March 2016)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a job-readiness program for black and Latino youth in Suffolk County.

ORGANIZATION: Incorporated in 1974, Urban League of Long Island is an affiliate of the National Urban League, the nation’s oldest civil rights organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African Americans and other disenfranchised individuals. Since its founding, Urban League Long Island has helped thousands of Long Islanders through academic enrichment and college preparation services, work readiness and life skills training, and leadership development programs. For twenty years, it has operated a summer youth employment program that has provided skills development and summer jobs to more than 600 young people. It also has established successful partnerships with many employers.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Youth unemployment is at a historic high for black and Latino youth ages 16 to 24; their unemployment rate is nearly double the national average. Some of these young people dropped out of school and have no work experience after age 16. Others have graduated from high school but are neither employed nor in post-secondary school. They do not have a professional network that can provide guidance and open doors, and are not ready for competing in the job market without additional preparation. Last year, Urban League of Long Island created the Save our Sons and Daughters initiative to motivate youth to finish high school and help those that completed get permanent jobs in businesses where there is opportunity for upward mobility.

RESULTS OF MARCH 2016 GRANT: Urban League held twelve job readiness, financial literacy, and life skills workshops for thirty at-risk high school students and seven unemployed young adults.
URBAN LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND (Cont.)

Each participant developed an individualized plan based on their needs and interests. Upon completion of the workshops, staff helped participants apply for jobs with various corporate, nonprofit, public, and university partners that aligned with their career goals. Participants worked throughout the summer months, were mentored by supervisors, and continued to receive guidance from the Urban League. All the high school students returned to school in the fall, one participant matriculated to Suffolk Community College, and seven young adults were hired beyond the summer.

NEW GRANT: This year, the organization will recruit a new cohort of thirty young people that are at risk of dropping out of high school or disconnected from school or work. In early summer, it will hold twelve full-day employment preparation trainings that cover hard and soft skills; decision-making, conflict resolution, and time management skills; and financial literacy. It will help the participants set up and prepare for interviews with employers that align with their interests. All participants will be placed in a paid job for three months and assigned a mentor; Urban League will hold weekly check-ins with the mentors and the participants. The organization will hold four monthly Saturday sessions in the fall to reinforce work readiness skills and help provide referrals and support to those that are not employed. Ten eligible participants will be hired permanently.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year program budget is $40,000: $25,000 for personnel; $12,000 for program-related expenses, and $3,000 for rent. Urban League has proposals totaling $20,000 pending with New York Community Bank, AT&T, and Suffolk County, leaving a balance of $20,000. It is continuing to fund raise. The operating budget for Urban League is $360,000.

GRANTS IN LAST FIVE YEARS: 2016 – $15,000; 2017 - $30,000 (LIUU).
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**FUND STRATEGY:** All unrestricted.

March 2018
S. Jones
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.

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.

Having Friends d/b/a Sharing a Meal – Requested $5,000 for general operating support

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.

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club – Requested $20,000 for the Summer Youth Employment Program
Hofstra University – Requested $50,000 for the Medical Scholars Pipeline Program
The Bridges to Adelphi – Requested $25,000 for the Career Transition Plan for College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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.

Angels of Mercy Counseling Center, Inc. – Requested $25,000 Health and Community Education Programs

The following proposals have been withdrawn:

CINEMA ARTS CENTRE
Request: $14,000 for the Film Arts in Education Program.
Reason: While this organization is an important local economic driver, the proposed project was submitted prematurely. The organization will further develop the project and resubmit in a future grant cycle.

FOOD PANTRY FARM
Request: $25,000 to purchase equipment that can maximize yield and donations to neighbors in need.
Reason: While this is a worthy project, the requested amount is only a small portion of what is needed and no other funding sources were identified. The organization has reserves that can be used to cover the funding gap. However, it will wait to review its 2017 independent audit report which will better reflect its current financial state.
GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL
Request: $30,000 to educate homeowners and landscapers about the pollution caused by high-nitrogen lawn fertilizers and learn how to manage their lawns using low-nitrogen products.
Reason: While an important effort, changing behavior around lawn fertilizer use in a way that has a substantive impact requires a more dedicated and sustained effort that this organization doesn’t have. Kraft advisors recommended that there are other initiatives that this organization is leading that could have greater environmental impact.

LONG BEACH MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER
Request: $25,000 to enhance and expand its youth enrichment program.
Reason: This organization’s board is in the process of final decisions about its leadership. Because of the fragility of the organization over the last several years, LICF staff believes it is in our best interest to reconsider this proposal once it selects a permanent Executive Director.

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT PROJECT
Request: $28,000 for operating support of their program, which serves economically disadvantaged girls from disenfranchised communities.
Reason: This is a new organization that has very effective programming and partnerships but a limited financial track record and as such, requires a fiscal sponsor selected by the organization. We will revisit this proposal once a fiscal sponsor is in place.

THE JOURNEY OF DIFFERENCE
Request: $36,500 to support the Walker Workforce and Career Development Skills Training Program, a prevention and intervention-based youth training program.
Reason: The proposed activities need to be further fleshed out and some of the components need to be finalized. There is some merit to the program; therefore, staff feels we should reevaluate the proposal when everything is in place.

WESTHAMPTON DUNES BARRIER BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
Request: $20,000 for the Moriches Bay Project, improving water by increasing the number of oysters in Moriches Bay.
Reason: New York State has recently approved a large grant program to protect Long Island’s surface waters that can cover some of the expenses included in this proposal. Alignment with other organizations through this NYS grant program can enhance the quality of the organization’s water protection efforts and broaden the Foundation’s investment.