



# GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

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**RECOMMENDED GRANT:** \$10,000 Suzy's Fund  
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**36**

\$20,000 to provide trauma-informed mental health services to young victims of sexual abuse

**RECOMMENDED GRANT:** \$19,000 Frances Herman Family Fund  
\$1,000 Leone Scott Wise Fund

**GRANTS RECOMMENDED**

Cumulus Fund	\$ 5,000
DeWitt Wallace Fund for Youth	42,500
Elizabeth Pritzker Endowment Fund	5,000
Frances Herman Family Fund	19,000
Greentree Foundation Fund	25,000
Henry H. Shepard Fund	32,500
Henry Phillip Kraft Memorial Fund	60,000
Leone Scott Wise Fund	1,000
LICF Annual Fund	32,500
Miracle-Gro Fund	10,000
Suzy's Fund	20,000

**TOTAL RECOMMENDED:** **\$252,500**

***DECLINES/WITHDRAWN:***

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ARTS AND CULTURE

RECIPIENT: USDAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS  
John Usdan - Board Chair  
Lauren Brandt Schloss - Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$10,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized July 2015)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For a music education summer camp program for needy and worthy student musicians in the Brentwood School District.

ORGANIZATION: Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts is a 48-year-old, nonprofit summer arts day camp operating on a 200-acre wooded campus in Huntington. It serves 1,500 young people from ages 5 to 18, mostly from Long Island, Westchester, and New York City. Usdan provides a rigorous educational setting for students to develop their artistic skills, including three, four, and seven-week courses of study in each of its seven major departments: music, art, theatre, dance, writing, nature, ecology and design, and chess. Usdan's campus features 70 studios, theatres, galleries, and rehearsal halls. A program highlight is the daily concert series, open to students, families, and friends, which build students' expertise in performance. The Usdan Center has a long history of collaboration with the Brentwood School District and has provided scholarships over the years to students to participate in the summer camp. Many of the past Usdan students from Brentwood have gone on to pursue careers in music education or performance.

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 poor districts face bare-bones budgets with no funding for arts, or other enrichment activities. Yet music education and performance have been associated with better math scores, better SAT scores, enhanced brain function, and even lower rates of substance abuse. According to a 2012 report from the National Endowment for the Arts, teenagers and young adults of low socioeconomic status who have a history of in-depth involvement in the arts

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earn better grades and have higher rates of college enrollment and attainment than low-income youth with less arts involvement.

The Brentwood School District, the second largest in New York State, also is one of the most challenged, providing its students with limited access to educational enrichment activities. Eighty-one percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch programs, and the graduation rate is 72 percent. Despite these statistics, the district has some strengths, including a vibrant music program with dedicated teachers who advocate for their students. While the district does not start music education until seventh grade (other districts start in fourth grade), the talent of the students has attracted the attention of arts educators across Long Island.

RESULTS OF JULY 2015 GRANT: Usdan provided scholarships to ten students from Brentwood for a summer of music education at the seven-week camp. The Usdan program provided individual instruction, as well as practice being part of a group in the chorus. Students were selected based upon recommendations from the district's band and orchestra directors, as well as their interest, potential, and motivation to learn and study music. Students were required to have a New York State School Music Association high-level rating and were screened through individual auditions and their family's ability to demonstrate financial need. The students benefited greatly from the program; the quality of the instruction helped them increase their confidence and improve their musicianship. Most of the Usdan students continued private instruction after the session, and many went on to audition for all-state competitions and plan to major in music in college.

NEW GRANT: Usdan will continue its scholarship program for students in the Brentwood School District, reaching out to music directors to help identify ten qualified participants. This competitive process requires students to receive a teacher recommendation to interview and audition, and their families must demonstrate financial need. Once selected, students will attend the seven-week program, which includes a two-hour major of group instrument work and ensemble performance and a one-hour minor of the student's choice. A leadership development

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component for music staff interns also will be provided – featuring guest speakers, sessions with teaching artists, and the creation of a community service or teaching project.

PROJECT FUNDING: The project budget is \$148,000: \$91,500 for staff, \$42,000 for scholarship costs, \$13,000 for buses, and \$1,500 for supplies. Usdan has raised \$59,000 from individual donations and \$54,000 from tuition fees, and \$20,000 is pending from other foundation sources, leaving a balance of \$15,000. Usdan will continue to fundraise. The Center’s operating budget is \$8.4 million.

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

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Elizabeth Pritzker Endowment Fund (L110)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Cumulus Fund (L345)	13,000	<u>5,000</u> \$10,000

### FUND STRATEGY:

Pritzker: To support needy and worthy musicians.

Cumulus Fund: Unrestricted.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: VISION LONG ISLAND  
Trudy Fitzsimmons – Board Chair  
Eric Alexander – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$15,000 for FIFTH YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized November 2011)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For advocacy and coalition-building to support transit-oriented development in Hicksville and Baldwin.

ORGANIZATION: Vision Long Island promotes land use and transportation planning and policies that are aligned with smart growth principles through local and statewide advocacy, education, technical assistance, and partnerships. Its efforts have been instrumental in the passage of significant state legislation, including the Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Act, Complete Streets, and Safe School Grounds. It has facilitated visioning processes in 19 communities and worked with the local municipal planning departments to advance several important transit-oriented developments. Over the past seven years, Vision has worked with business and civic organizations to develop downtown revitalization plans in the hamlets of Hicksville and Baldwin, and has continued to work with the communities to advocate for implementation of the plans which include mixed use and affordable housing developments.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: On Long Island, decades of single-use zoning that separates where people work, live, and recreate, and unplanned growth have resulted in decaying downtowns, worsening traffic congestion, limited housing options, and a region that is losing its ability to attract businesses and retain its young people. While there is growing support for multi-family developments and rental housing, the opposition of a small but persistent group of residents has made land use changes difficult. The hamlets of Hicksville and Baldwin are considered ideal for mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly downtowns: they are near the Long Island Rail Road, have a business hub, and have undergone community planning. While there are more supporters than opponents, they are

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not as likely to attend zoning meetings, and without that backing municipal leaders are reluctant to move forward. Recent public dissension in Hicksville and Baldwin threaten to slow down progress.

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2016 GRANT: Vision held 30 meetings with civic and business groups, elected and appointed officials, school representatives, and developers to advance downtown revitalization plans. It co-hosted a public meeting with the town of Oyster Bay to build support for a new zoning code to accommodate residential, retail, and office development in the downtown including approximately 650 units of housing. More than 500 residents and business owners attended, and Vision reports that nearly 70 percent of attendees are in favor of the proposal. Because the town supervisor and planning commissioner both recently resigned pending criminal charges, there has been a delay in scheduling the hearing to approve the zoning change until a new supervisor is elected. While it waits for a vote on zoning change for the downtown area, Vision has continued working with two developers to submit applications for variances for transit-oriented development applications. The organization has continued to work with the Long Island Rail Road and New York State Department of Transportation to encourage infrastructure investments in Hicksville, there are several pedestrian-friendly improvements in the works, and there is movement on the development of a parking garage that aligns with the downtown plan.

NEW GRANT: This year, Vision Long Island will work with the Hicksville and Baldwin Chambers of Commerce and civic organizations to continue building support. It will meet with regional membership organizations that typically support transit-oriented development and affordable housing including AARP, labor unions, and equity groups, to disseminate information about the revitalization efforts to members living in these communities. It will encourage their participation in locally-based organizations; hold one-on-one or group education sessions for those residents that indicate interest; and provide regular updates pertinent to their specific communities. It will facilitate ongoing training sessions and support for local organizations in preparation of public hearings. Vision Long Island expects a 20 percent increase in participation at municipal meetings and a 10 percent increase in local organization membership in Hicksville and Baldwin.

VISION LONG ISLAND (Cont.)

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$70,000: \$60,000 for personnel and \$10,000 for program expenses. Vision Long Island has raised \$35,000 from Bank of America, State Farm, RXR Realty, and special events. It continues to fundraise and will use its unrestricted funding for shortfalls. The organization's annual operating budget is \$540,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2011- \$15,000; 2013- \$20,000; 2013 -\$15,000 (Sandy); 2014 - \$15,000 (Sandy); 2014 - \$20,000; 2016 - \$15,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE</u> :	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Shepard Fund (L391)	\$59,000	\$ 7,500
LICF General (L101)	\$71,000	<u>\$ 7,500</u>
		\$15,000

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

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## CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

RECIPIENT: PECONIC GREEN GROWTH  
Nancy Messer – Board Chair  
Glynis Berry – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized in November 2015)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To develop a water conservation plan for the town of Southold.

ORGANIZATION: Peconic Green Growth advances sustainable development and environmental stewardship. Since 2011, it has worked with east end municipalities and Suffolk County on strategies to improve the quality of ground and surface waters, including analyzing alternative nitrogen-reducing wastewater treatment systems and helping to inform local and County policies to decrease nitrogen pollution. It has an extensive community outreach and education program on water quality issues targeting residents, civic groups, and local businesses. With previous Kraft funding support, Peconic Green Growth mapped excess surface water nutrient loads for all east end towns and hamlets; the maps have informed infrastructure investments and land use policy. The group also installed and monitored more efficient alternative discharge models at eight homes as part of the County's septic demonstration program.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Long Island's aquifers store the sole source of drinking water for its 2.8 million residents, but while the region has increased its commitment to address the contaminants affecting water quality, there hasn't been the same urgency regarding water usage. This is a major concern on the east end, because irrigation and the summer population lead to excessive pumping from the aquifers, which increases the risk of saltwater intrusion into the freshwater aquifer with costly, irreversible effects. The Suffolk County Water Authority oversees the distribution of water from local aquifers to residents and businesses but not for private well systems; 41 percent of water users in the town of Southold are on private wells, including most local farmers. Suffolk County has urged Southold homeowners to curb their

## PECONIC GREEN GROWTH (Cont.)

water usage and has a voluntary program that provides account credits on the water bills for purchasing water-efficient equipment. The town of Southold recently named a Water Conservation Committee to make recommendations concerning water use and wastewater management in the town.

**RESULTS OF 2015 GRANT:** Peconic Green Growth established an online resource to help the public understand the new, alternative onsite treatment systems being piloted by Suffolk County that will be available to them. It developed easy-to-read fact sheets describing the local conditions that increase pollution from nitrogen for 35 hamlets in the five east end towns. It interviewed 25 enhanced wastewater treatment technology manufacturers, developed summaries of the general types of systems, and prepared a comparison summary chart of available technologies. It helped the town of Brookhaven assess an alternative on-site system for a community center, and a business owner install a leaching treatment system that will be the first of its kind in Suffolk County. Finally, the organization presented Suffolk County's new wastewater technologies at education workshops at three civic organizations and to the East End Supervisors and Mayors Association, and redesigned its website to be more user-friendly.

**NEW GRANT:** This year, Peconic Green Growth will develop a plan to inform the town of Southold's selection of water conservation strategies. It will review Suffolk County Water Authority and town of Southold records to compile property value, scale of operation, lot size, and income data for each parcel in the town. It will use this information to estimate water usage for all properties, whether on private or public wells, and develop a map that indicates usage per acre and map vulnerable areas relative to recharge rates and susceptibility to salt water intrusion. The organization will research best practices to reduce water use, develop goals, and help Southold's Water Conservation Committee develop strategic incentives and regulations. Finally, it will develop a cost-benefit analysis of the recommendations, present the findings to the town of Southold, and create a brochure for distribution to the public in English and Spanish. All information will be included on its website.

PECONIC GREEN GROWTH (Cont.)

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$32,000: \$18,000 for personnel, \$7,000 for consultants, and \$7,000 for program expenses. Peconic Green Growth is seeking funding from the town of Southold. The organization's annual operating budget is \$160,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$20,000; 2014 - \$20,000; 2012 - \$25,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (L1304)	\$200,000	\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: 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.

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RECIPIENT: SEATUCK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
Anthony Graves – Board Chair  
Enrico Nardone – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized in November 2014)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To restore migratory fish habitat in Long Island's tributaries.

ORGANIZATION: Since the late 1970's, Seatuck Environmental Association has promoted the conservation of Long Island's wildlife through advocacy, citizen-based research, and environmental education programs for thousands of Long Island children, adults, and families. Seatuck has led the fish migratory efforts on Long Island and chaired the Long Island Diadromous Fish Workgroup since 2009, a partnership of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and academia. Seatuck organizes the annual Long Island Volunteer Alewife Survey, conducts video-based and electronic surveys of alewife runs across Long Island, educates the public and government officials about the benefits of healthy coastal tributaries, and advocates for restoration projects. The Diadromous Fish Workgroup secured federal funding and local permits to install two fish ladders on the Carmans and Carlls Rivers. Fish were recorded using the ladders immediately following their installation.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Along the coast of Long Island, there are over 150 tributaries that feed into three large estuarine systems. These estuaries provide important spawning, nursery, and feeding habitats for several species that are forage for marine fish. An important part of this ecosystem are diadromous fish that split their life cycles between freshwater and saltwater environments. Long Island's once abundant migratory fish have been severely depleted, due in large part to dams and/or faulty culverts that block access to spawning or foraging areas. In Nassau and Suffolk counties, there are over 100 dams, most of which have outlasted their original purposes, that were designed without consideration for fish passage. To increase recovery of migratory fish, fragmented habitats must be reconnected by re-engineering or removing obstructions and installing fish passage devices in dams.

## SEATUCK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2014 GRANT: Seatuck continued to lead the Long Island Diadromous Fish Workgroup holding three meetings in 2015. It recruited and worked with 60 volunteers to survey 24 tributaries to observe populations of alewife and other migratory fish. It installed video-based and electronic counting systems in the Peconic and Carlls Rivers, and Massapequa Creek to assess accurately the conditions of restored fish passages. Juvenile alewives were discovered in Massapequa Lake migrating downstream, the first definitive evidence that the fish ladder installed in 2008 had enabled adult fish to migrate upstream to spawn. Seatuck launched an interactive web-based GIS map of existing and planned river restoration projects on Long Island; this platform enables the user to forecast the habitat gains that could be made by reconnecting streams and rivers. It also convinced the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to include fish passage in the work planned for the Mill River, one of the largest in the region with significant potential for migratory fish restoration. The organization hosted five public education workshops throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties to build awareness and solicit volunteers and support for fish passage installations. Finally, it prepared a summary of existing techniques and designs for eel passage and distributed them to dam managers.

NEW GRANT: In 2016, Seatuck spearheaded an effort to petition the Department of Environmental Conservation to waive the prohibition on fish transfer from one body of water to another. Fish transfer, or stocking fish, is a widely used restoration tool in other states. As a result, Seatuck received approval from the Department to stock river herring or move the fish in four tributaries that meet New York State criteria: Peconic River; Swan River; Massapequa Creek; and Mill River. It will carry fish past barriers and stock fish in suitable upstream spawning habitat to jumpstart fish runs where passage projects already exist. Seatuck will create a visually compelling GIS-based story map that provides background about the diadromous species, the history and impact of barriers, and viable restoration strategies. The organization also will create a river herring restoration strategy that sets population targets over the next decade, identifies high priority restoration locations, and builds public and municipal support. It will work with local municipalities to advance additional tributary restoration projects on the Carlls and Mill Rivers and coordinate with the New York Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, where appropriate. Finally,

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Seatuck will continue to host the Diadromous Fish Work Group, oversee the Volunteer Alewife survey, and install and monitor video-based counting systems in the Carlls River.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$75,000: \$70,000 for personnel, and \$5,000 for program expenses. Seatuck has raised \$35,000 from the C. Entenmann Fund at the New York Community Trust, fees for service, and individual and business contributions. It has renewal proposals totaling \$22,000 pending with Moore Charitable Foundation and Patagonia and will use general operating funds to cover shortfalls. The organization's annual operating budget is \$587,000.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2014 - \$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)	\$200,000	\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: 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.

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RECIPIENT: SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH  
1725 Brentwood Road  
Brentwood, NY 11717  
(631)790-0044  
Sister Helen Kearney - Board Chair  
Sister Karen Burke - Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: For habitat restoration projects on the Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood campus.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Overdevelopment and pollution continue to threaten Long Island's natural habitats, water quality, and biodiversity. Widespread loss of native plants and grasslands and the creatures that depend on them, combined with the persistent contamination of ground and surface waters, are major impediments to the region's environmental sustainability. Addressing these challenges requires the strong cooperation and commitment of all property owners. Lands of religious congregations constitute a significant collection of unprotected natural areas and open spaces and have become vital targets for these efforts.

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 208-acre property in Brentwood consisting primarily of open lawn, 50 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. In addition, it runs Community Supported Agriculture, an effort that enables community members to purchase a share of vegetables from the farm. With Kraft funding in 2016, the Sisters conducted a feasibility study to replace its 50-year old wastewater system with a more efficient, nitrogen-reducing technology. They also are working with Peconic Land Trust and Suffolk County to secure a conservation easement on a major portion of the property.

The Sisters' environmental committees met with a land ecologist to develop recommendations for environmental restoration, native plantings, and creative storm water management. In addition, it partnered with the Long Island Native Plant Initiative, a group of nonprofit organizations that protects and promotes the use of native plant populations, to develop two sustainable landscape projects. This year the organization will:

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH (Cont.)

- hire an environmental engineering firm to identify appropriate sites and design for a rain garden and a five-acre native meadow;
- build both projects; and
- create educational signage translated into three languages for each.

The one-year project budget is \$25,000: \$6,000 for consultant costs, and \$19,000 for program expenses associated with installation. It will use unrestricted funding to cover shortfalls.

Like many religious congregations, the Sisters of St. Joseph are large landowners and have pro-environmental values. The proposed habitat restoration projects will have immediate beneficial impact on their land and can be a model for other like-minded property owners. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000.

Sisters of St. Joseph's current operating budget is \$22 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$15,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Phillip Kraft Family Memorial Fund (L1304)	\$200,000	\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: 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.

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## EDUCATION

RECIPIENT: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE BELLPORT AREA  
471 Atlantic Avenue  
Bellport, New York 11713  
(631) 842-6000  
Michael Mullaney - Board Chair  
Sybil Mimy Johnson - Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To support STEM-related programs for at-risk boys from North Bellport and surrounding communities.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Job opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields are growing fast. These jobs generally offer higher wages, have greater stability, and can provide *upward mobility*. But the majority of low-income and minority youth lack the foundational skills and knowledge in STEM and have negligible access to professional real world experiences that foster these careers. Thus, people of color are largely underrepresented in STEM occupations: while 12 and 16 percent of the U.S. workforce is black and Latino, they comprise only 6 and 7 percent of STEM workers. Young men of color specifically face greater barriers than other groups gaining access to high quality jobs and consequently suffer from lower lifetime earnings and higher unemployment rates.

The one square mile hamlet of North Bellport is predominantly black and Latino and has high concentrations of single-parent households, poverty, unemployment, and crime, and low education achievement levels. The children of North Bellport are served by the South Country School District, where 55 percent are eligible for free and reduced price lunch, and only 23 and 10 percent of eighth graders are meeting New York State standards in English and math, respectively.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, an affiliate of the Boys & Girls Club of America, has served youth from North Bellport and the surrounding community since 1965. The Club currently has over 800 members between the ages of 5 and 19, primarily from low-income families – nearly three-quarters have annual household incomes of \$19,000 or less. The organization operates programs five days a week after school until 9:00 pm and on Saturdays, and nearly 80 youth participate in its afterschool programs daily. Through partnerships with universities, Suffolk County courts, hospitals, and research institutions, it offers academic enrichment, technology education, character and youth development, drug and violence prevention, arts and music, and sports and fitness. Its staff works closely with the South Country School District to share progress reports and advocates on behalf of its youth members and their families. The Club is a trusted and safe space for youth in a community that is riddled with gang activity and has few opportunities for productive engagement.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE BELLPORT AREA (Cont.)

In 2015, the Club developed the STEMMING/STEAMING Forward Initiative, a year-long series of project-based learning opportunities that are taught by professional women and people of color working in STEM fields, who make STEM and arts concepts relevant and interesting. These programs are intended to improve proficiency in STEM subjects and promote career awareness. Last year, based on its efforts with STEM programs, the Club was selected to participate in a project developed by Boys & Girls Club of America and CA Technologies, a software company, to encourage girls to explore careers in technology. The project, Tech Girls Rock, includes hands-on learning activities in the Club’s computer lab, workshops with guest speakers, and field trips. This year the organization will:

- create Tech Boys Rock modeled after the program for girls and serve 45 boys ages 8-18 during the summer months;
- recruit male STEM professionals of color to participate as presenters or mentors; and
- use Tech Boys Rock to encourage additional boys to participate in the Club’s other year-round STEM programs.

The one-year project budget is \$100,000: \$28,000 for the salaries of the program director and STEM coordinator, and \$72,000 for program expenses including field trips and equipment costs. It has raised \$35,000 in individual and business contributions, \$25,000 from CA Technologies, \$15,000 from special events, and \$1,500 in membership income. It will use unrestricted funding to cover shortfalls.

Expanded learning opportunities that develop technical and social skills can help young men of color compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. The Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area has the necessary partnerships and quality programming to make this happen. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000.

The organization’s annual operating budget is \$1.2 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Dewitt Wallace Fund for Youth (4349)	\$150,000	\$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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## EDUCATION

### Grants to Support College Readiness Programs

For youth from low-income families, earning a college degree remains the best pathway to economic self-sufficiency and positive life outcomes. College graduates earn 60 percent more over their lifetime, participate in more civic activities, and live healthier and longer lives than those with only a high school diploma. Yet only 30 percent of low-income students enroll in college after high school, and only 9 percent earn a bachelor's degree by age 25. Black and Latino students, often from underperforming schools, and under-resourced communities, are the least likely to finish high school, enroll in college, or earn a degree.

These students often lack the guidance and support at school and home that are essential for preparing for college, applying to the best-fit schools, getting financial aid, enrolling and persisting in their studies, and ultimately graduating. For immigrant families, limited English proficiency, a lack of understanding of the American school system, and cultural norms can make college attainment even more difficult. Research indicates that more than 50 percent of the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth can be attributed to unequal access to learning enrichment opportunities during out-of-school-time hours.

Most of Long Island's black and Latino students are concentrated in school districts that tend to be relatively low performing schools with high rates of poverty and insufficient State funding to address the increased needs. The schools in these districts have the least experienced teachers, inadequate resources and supports, and less rigorous academic offerings. The communities have limited out-of-school academic enrichment, college preparatory, and mentoring programs to enhance college readiness and social skills development. Even for those lower-income students of color that can attend higher performing schools, teacher biases, limited parental involvement, and insufficient support services often hinder college admissions and degree attainment.

We are pleased to recommend two grants totaling \$35,000 to help low-income students of color get into college. A one-year grant of \$15,000 to Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club will help low income and immigrant students from Glen Cove and Locust Valley high schools and their families to prepare for and navigate the college admissions process. And a one-year grant of \$20,000 to Project Morry will provide academic, leadership, and college readiness programs to black and Latino students from North Amityville and Copiague school districts. Brief descriptions follow.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Dewitt Wallace Fund for Youth (4349)	\$150,000	\$35,000

FUND STRATEGY:

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

RECIPIENT:

GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
135 Forest Avenue  
Locust Valley, NY 11560  
(631) 537-0616  
Susan F. Altamore Carusi - Board Chair  
Ramon Reyes - Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT:

\$15,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For a college preparation program targeting vulnerable students from Locust Valley and Glen Cove high schools.

NATURE OF PROJECT:

Since 1950, Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club has been a safe, reliable source of afterschool learning for low-income youth. The Club offers the only affordable year-round out-of-school time programming in the area, and serves more than 1,200 children between 5 and 18 years of age. Its 32,000-square foot facility contains an academic learning center, technology center, arts and crafts center, game rooms, indoor gymnasiums, and a sports field. The Club's programs cover five core areas: education and career development; arts; character and leadership development; health and life skills; and sports and recreation. The programs focus on building self-confidence; honing life skills; fostering a sense of belonging; and forging healthy relationships. The local school districts support the Club by assisting with outreach to school families and providing transportation. While Locust Valley is associated with significant wealth, there has been a substantial increase Latino immigrant residents of modest income who are learning English that depend on the Club's after school and enrichment programs.

In 2010, the Club created a comprehensive four-year college preparatory program that starts in the ninth grade. It serves 40 students through weekly academic support in the areas of math, English, and essay writing; standardized test preparation; monthly college tours, including two five-day tours a year; financial literacy; community service projects; and one-on-one college counseling. In addition, the Club hosts a college fair for more than 25 local and out-of-state schools. The program staff have relationships with numerous admissions officers and help students to develop a college admissions portfolio, complete the college and financial aid application processes, and develop the skills to be successful in a college environment. Families are involved in all aspects of the program. The Club offers optional activities to supplement the college preparation program including Key Club which promotes leadership and civic engagement, and City Club which exposes students to cultural experiences in New York City. Because of the intense college counseling and preparation, 100 percent of the seniors participating have matriculated into college. Club staff and board members maintain regular contact with college students to provide guidance and support as needed. Ninety percent of the college preparation program are students of color and nearly eighty percent are from low-moderate income families.

## GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB (Cont.)

This year, Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club will:

- work with 40 high school students and their families to prepare them for college admissions;
- operate daily academic instruction, weekly standardized test preparation courses, monthly community service projects, and college visits for 9-10 graders;
- operate weekly and monthly standardized test preparation courses, financial literacy workshops, leadership development programs, college admissions counseling, and college tours for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders;
- hold three college readiness and financial aid workshops for families and organize a college fair; and
- assist seniors to apply to seven to ten colleges, all of whom are expected to matriculate.

The one-year project budget is \$139,000: \$95,000 for personnel including instructors and counselors, and \$41,000 for program expenses including transportation and lodging for the college tour; and \$3,000 for student scholarships. Grenville Baker has raised \$30,000 from an annual fundraiser; \$16,000 from the Office of Justice Program, \$15,000 from Bank of America and Big Guy foundations; \$15,000 from the NYS Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs; \$7,000 in membership income, and is seeking funding from additional sources. It has the full support of its board which will cover any budget shortfalls.

Higher education can improve individual lives. Grenville Baker has successfully supported the development of diverse Long Island youth and has the trust and relationships to leverage resources that can adequately prepare students for college and beyond. We recommend a one-year grant of \$15,000 for its college preparation program.

Grenville Baker's annual operating budget is \$2.3 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS:      None.

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RECIPIENT:

PROJECT MORRY  
350 Executive Boulevard, Suite 125  
Elmsford, NY 10523  
(914) 592-3055  
Scott Blackman - Board Chair  
Dawn Ewing - Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT:

\$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

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

NATURE OF PROJECT:

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 leadership and life skills development and college preparation 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. There are two phases of the program – the Undergrad Program for students in grades four through seven, and the Post Grad Program for eighth through twelfth graders. Beginning in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, participants are matched with mentors and are required to find employment either in their communities or at Project Morry’s camp. Project Morry staff and mentors continue to support students through their college years. The organization is supported and recommended by the Westchester Community Foundation.

Since 1997, Project Morry has partnered with the Long Island community organization United North Amityville Youth Organization, to provide services to 55 youth from North Amityville and Copiague. The school districts in these communities have a student population that is mostly Latino and black, more than 70 percent of whom are eligible for free or reduced price lunch. Project Morry and North Amityville Youth report an 85 percent program retention rate. 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 or a university; and 91 percent secure a degree, as compared with 18 percent of adults in the catchment area.

This year, Project Morry will:

- work with North Amityville Youth to recruit a new group of 10 rising fifth grade participants;
- provide orientations and open houses for new families;
- provide year-round academic enrichment, leadership development, and college preparation to 55 students;

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- identify, screen, train, and match mentors with juniors for a two-year college and career exploration focused mentoring relationship;
- maintain monthly communication with parents; and
- communicate regularly with North Amityville Youth staff to ensure youth participants are progressing.

The total program budget is \$278,000: \$164,000 for personnel; \$72,000 for program-related expenses including supplies and transportation; and \$42,000 for administration. Project Morry has commitments of \$10,000 from foundations; \$162,000 in individual and board contributions; \$5,000 in fees; and \$81,000 in fundraising events, leaving a balance of \$20,000.

Youth from high-poverty communities are more likely to succeed and avoid cycles of failure if they have ongoing academic, personal, and social supports. Project Morry's nine-year program gives students the tools and confidence to set and reach goals, including college degree attainment. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000.

The organization's annual operating budget is 2.4 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS:      None.

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RECIPIENT: PARRISH ART MUSEUM  
Frederic Seegal – Board Chair  
Terrie Sultan – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$15,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized in November 2015)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To create programs and an environment at museums that are accessible and welcoming to youth with developmental disabilities and their families.

ORGANIZATION: Founded in 1898, the Parrish Art Museum is the oldest cultural institution on the East End of Long Island and serves over 40,000 visitors a year. Through partnerships with school districts, community organizations, and libraries, Parrish provides numerous arts workshops to students who do not traditionally attend museums. With support from our Wallace Fund, it provided arts education and hands-on activities to more than 1,000 students during the school day and in afterschool and summer programs at six community organizations that work predominantly with African American and Latino children.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Museum settings often are challenging to individuals with cognitive or developmental disabilities because of high noise levels, intense lighting, crowds, and social expectations. Children with these disabilities can have abnormal responses to sensory stimuli, communication impairments, difficulties with social interaction, and can become anxious. Special needs families are unlikely to visit institutions where they do not feel welcomed and safe.

RESULTS OF 2015 GRANT: In 2015, Parrish partnered with organizations that work with children with developmental disabilities to develop an initiative that would make their setting and programs more inclusive and accessible for these children and their families called Access Parrish: Youth. Although it originally planned to launch the initiative with three partner agencies, Parrish was able to expand the program to work with six youth agencies, including three schools, serving nearly 150 visitors through 43 programs. It held two months of formal training for Parrish staff led by behavior specialist consultants, and organized on-site observations at the schools and

## PARRISH ART MUSEUM (Cont.)

organizations. Through the trainings, Parrish educators and project staff gained the capacity to use the Museum's setting to develop programs that would help children with disabilities exercise problem-solving, self-expression, collaboration, and self-regulation. Parrish worked with each partner organization to develop ten months of youth and family programs. Youth programs included multi-sensory workshops and art making activities and many participants experienced multiple museum programs. In addition, it held ten family tours before public sessions and distributed family passes and social narratives (visually represented step-by-step stories to help families prepare for the museum experience) to encourage families to return to the Museum on their own. Surveys revealed that 93 percent of participants, caregivers, and collaborators surveyed felt that the Access Parrish: Youth activities were appropriate for the participants. Parrish staff indicate that the initiative and trainings prompted a shift in the organizational culture and approaches to instruction that will provide greater access to learning for all participants.

NEW GRANT: This year, Parrish Art Museum will partner with two organizations and three schools to serve 250 special needs youth and their families through 60 specially designed programs held at the Museum. It will organize a family gathering day for each partner so that families can experience the setting with their children; social narratives will be distributed to families prior to visits. Quarterly planning and assessment sessions will be held with each program partner to ensure that Access Parrish: Youth is meeting the needs of the participants. Parrish also will hold ongoing training for the Museum's full staff, including guards and other personnel that interact with the Museum's visitors. Finally, the organization will share preliminary lessons learned with LI Museum Educators Roundtable which represents small museums from both counties that could replicate these strategies, and it is forming a committee to consider how its partner organizations can help other cultural institutions on Long Island become more accessible to special needs populations.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$26,500: \$18,500 for personnel, \$1,000 for visiting artists, and \$7,000 for program expenses. Parrish Art Museum is seeking funding from local donors, and will use general operating funds to cover shortfalls. The group's annual operating budget is \$5.5 million.

PARRISH ART MUSEUM (Cont.)

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$20,000; 2013 - \$20,000; 2014 - \$20,000.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
DeWitt Wallace Fund (L4349)	\$150,000	\$15,000

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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## HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

GRANT RECIPIENT: MERCY HAVEN

Dorothy Overton – Board Chair

Sister Patricia Griffith – Paid Staff Head

GRANT AMOUNT: \$20,000 for THIRD YEAR RENEWAL

(Original grant authorized in November 2013)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To increase food stamp benefits for low-income households.

ORGANIZATION: Founded in 1985, Mercy Haven provides education, skills training, housing, and other support services for persons with mental illness and other disabling medical conditions, the homeless, poor, and elderly in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The organization manages 105 units of housing in 74 sites for 295 individuals, families, and children. Mercy Haven also provides legal services for its residents facing termination of public assistance, Social Security income/disability and/or food stamps, limitation of access to healthcare through Medicaid or Medicare, eviction, or cut off of utilities. As legal staff have discovered errors among individual residents' benefits, they have revealed systemic issues that affect group home residents statewide. Based on these cases, Mercy Haven has brought class action lawsuits that have generated an additional \$150 million annually in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – formerly known as food stamps) benefits for 115,000 households across the state, including over \$9 million to Long Island.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: There are currently three million New Yorkers receiving food stamps, almost 200,000 of whom reside on Long Island. An estimated 20 percent of these households receive insufficient benefits due to administrative errors and, as a result, struggle to afford basic necessities, such as food; effective advocacy can ensure food stamp recipients get the benefits to which they are entitled.

## MERCY HAVEN (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2015 GRANT: Staff evaluated 293 Mercy Haven residents' food stamps benefits and opened 80 new cases, resulting in restoration of food stamp reductions for many clients and other benefit adjustments that prevented evictions. Legal staff conducted two agency-wide trainings on government entitlements and methods of advocacy, and provided monthly updates to housing staff on changes to work incentive programs. Four additional seminars were provided on securing entitlements and self-advocacy for the homeless, formerly homeless, and their mentors. The resolution of one of Mercy Haven's class action lawsuits in 2016 resulted in \$815,000 in retroactive entitlement payments, or approximately \$90 per person. Two cases are still pending: one challenges delays of Medicaid fair hearings and another aims to protect the public assistance benefits of people with disabilities.

NEW GRANT: Staff will conduct annual entitlement evaluations for each of Mercy Haven's 295 residents and anticipates opening about 110 new cases to correct administrative errors. They will examine clients of the Federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) entitlements, as these benefits increase food stamp eligibility. They will monitor compliance of the \$815,000 in retroactive food stamps payouts. Legal staff also will conduct two seminars for homeless and formerly-homeless on their entitlements, including food stamps, and one seminar to their mentors on the role of food stamps in preventing hunger.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$236,000: \$196,000 for salaries and \$40,000 for programmatic and operating expenses. Mercy Haven has committed \$102,000 in kind and raised \$72,000 from the Raskob Foundation, RTS Foundation and Nassau County Bar Association; \$20,000 from individual donors, and \$12,000 from attorney fees, leaving a balance of \$30,000. The organization will continue to fundraise to offset any balance. Mercy Haven's annual operating budget is \$6.9 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2013 - \$25,000; 2015 - \$20,000.

MERCY HAVEN (Cont.)

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Shepard Fund (L391)	\$59,000	\$5,000
Suzy's Fund (L405)	25,000	5,000
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	185,000	<u>10,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

## MENTAL HEALTH

GRANT RECIPIENT: NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP  
Abby S. Milstein – Board Chair  
Beth Goldman – Paid Staff Head

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

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide free legal services at the Northport VA Hospital  
for veterans with mental health problems.

ORGANIZATION: The New York Legal Assistance Group was founded in 1990 to help low-income people with free civil legal services and protect their fundamental rights. New York Legal Assistance Group expanded its presence on Long Island, working on-site at Touro Law Center with Superstorm Sandy victims and with other community partners. 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, working at 26 hospitals throughout the five boroughs of New York City to link people seeking medical services with needed legal services and advocacy. LegalHealth runs legal clinics at two New York City Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals in addition to the Northport VA site, and since 2012 has handled 4,774 legal matters for 3,183 veterans.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: Long Island has the largest concentration of veterans in New York State and one of the largest in the country, with over 130,000 service men and women. 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 can propel them into crisis. Veterans with mental health issues often encounter legal problems because of their inability to get a job, failure to pay rent, or follow through on legal matters or family court obligations. Unemployment, financial and legal issues, family tensions, and housing problems exacerbate existing mental health problems, creating a cycle of crises.

## NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2015 GRANT: New York Legal Assistance Group's LegalHealth program brought its Veterans Affairs medical-legal partnership model to the Northport Veterans Administration in 2014, the first time this model has been used on Long Island. In 2015-2016, attorneys served over 300 veterans with 381 cases. LegalHealth attorneys addressed veterans and social security benefits cases, housing issues, family law, advance planning, consumer law, health insurance, discharge upgrades, and employment matters. LegalHealth also held a training for 40 Veterans Affairs social workers to discuss how the clinic operated and how to make referrals. The staff attorney attended two VA "stand-down" events, where providers gathered to share information, serving over 200 people.

NEW GRANT: The LegalHealth program will continue its Veterans Affairs medical-legal partnership model at the Northport Veterans Administration to help improve the mental health of veterans. Through its twice weekly clinic, LegalHealth staff will handle 290 cases and provide advice and representation in areas such as family law, consumer law, landlord-tenant issues, employment law, unemployment benefits, and other public benefits. LegalHealth staff also will represent veterans in VA benefit appeals, prioritize cases such as elder abuse and cases involving access to Medicaid and Social Security benefits, and will assist veterans with completing life planning documents. Staff also will provide trainings and technical assistance to healthcare professionals and social workers to inform them about the clinic and how to direct veterans for services.

PROJECT FUNDING: The one-year project budget is \$169,000: \$150,000 for personnel and \$19,000 for other program and administrative costs. The organization has raised \$44,000 from the New York State Office of Court Administration and will request \$100,000 from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, leaving a balance of \$25,000. The annual operating budget for the New York Legal Assistance Group is \$24 million.

NEW YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP (Cont.)

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

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
LICF General Fund (L101)	\$71,000	\$5,000
Henry Shepard Fund (L391)	59,000	5,000
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	185,000	<u>10,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

## MEMORANDUM

To: Patricia Jenny  
From: David Okorn  
Date: March 6, 2017  
Re: LICF March 2017 Docket Item

### Technical Assistance

Budget constraints often prevent nonprofits from hiring consultants to assist with a broad range of organizational needs – from capacity building to communications projects – thus limiting their ability to better serve clients and expand their operations. At the same time, many professionals are looking for meaningful ways to give back to the community using their skills.

Catchafire, a “B” corporation (intended to benefit society as well as shareholders), matches volunteers with nonprofits seeking pro bono professional services. Volunteer professionals register at the Catchafire website, listing their skills and their preferences in terms of availability and types of organizations. Organizations post projects, for which they can use contracting templates developed by Catchafire for more than 80 types of projects, such as a new fundraising campaign, a website upgrade, or an employee handbook. Volunteers are then connected with organizations whose projects align with their skills and interests. Once a match is made, the relationships can remain virtual; the volunteer and organization do not need to meet in person.

The New York Community Trust already has established a relationship with Catchafire through which its services are available to about 800 Trust grantees. The Long Island Community Foundation will be integrated into the platform that Catchafire set up for NYCT. A \$17,500 grant will enable 75 nonprofit organizations identified by LICF to access this service. In addition to posting projects, nonprofits also can request a one-time, over-the-phone consultation for a specific purpose. Elsewhere, this program has enabled nonprofits to build their capacity and develop long-

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term relationships with volunteers, some of whom have become board members and donors for the nonprofits.

The Catchafire platform will provide needed professional services to our nonprofit partners in a cost-effective manner. Catchafire will run email campaigns to encourage the nonprofits identified by LICF to sign up and use this service. It will conduct engagement campaigns and information sessions for nonprofits via webinars, provide data and report on program statistics, and gather stories to illustrate the impact of projects.

Catchafire estimates an average \$5,000 in avoided costs per project. Therefore, the total savings for an estimated 75 projects would be \$375,000, which provides an attractive return on investment and efficient way to provide capacity-building support for our local nonprofits. We recommend a \$17,500 grant to Catchafire for these services.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Henry Shepard Fund (L391)	\$59,000	\$10,000
Suzy's Fund (L405)	25,000	5,000
Greentree Foundation Fund (L342)	185,000	<u>2,500</u>
		\$17,500

FUND STRATEGY: All unrestricted.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

RECIPIENT: PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP  
Mark Nordstrom – Board Chair  
Marcia Levy – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 for SECOND YEAR RENEWAL  
(Original grant authorized in November 2015)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide pro bono legal services for Long Island nonprofits.

ORGANIZATION: The Pro Bono Partnership, established in 1997, provides business and transactional legal services to nonprofit organizations in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. To leverage the impact of its in-house legal staff, the Pro Bono Partnership annually recruits and mobilizes hundreds of attorneys from major corporations and law firms to donate their time and expertise on behalf of its nonprofit clients, enhancing their ability to improve conditions in their communities. Since its founding, the Pro Bono Partnership has assisted more than 3,000 nonprofits on more than 13,000 legal matters, including: compliance with state and federal regulations; contracts; corporate structure and governance; employment law; environmental law; fundraising; intellectual property; lobbying; mergers; bankruptcy and dissolution; real estate; and tax law.

PROBLEM STATEMENT: There are approximately 6,000 nonprofit organizations on Long Island. Like other corporations, they regularly need legal advice to understand the complex web of overlapping state and federal regulations by which they are governed. Primary areas requiring legal assistance include establishing governance and management policies; and navigating contracts, real estate transactions, employment policies, lobbying, fundraising regulations, and mergers. Laws such as the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act require compliance with a host of issues of which nonprofits are often unaware.

## PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP (Cont.)

RESULTS OF 2016 GRANT: The Pro Bono Partnership opened an office at Touro Law Center's Public Advocacy Center. It recruited 77 attorneys who assisted 24 Long Island nonprofits with 55 legal matters including compliance and governance issues; media, website, and intellectual property questions; and personnel issues, and answered 56 legal resource helpline queries. The estimated value of the free legal services provided on Long Island is in excess of \$300,000. Pro Bono Partnership also held eight workshops to educate nonprofit executives and directors about their legal obligations. Groups reported a greater understanding of these basic legal issues after the workshops.

NEW GRANT: The Pro Bono Partnership will continue its outreach on Long Island, assisting and strengthening 25 nonprofits that serve low-income populations. Through its network of volunteer attorneys, it will provide professional legal services to address 60 business legal matters, and respond to 65 inquiries received through its free Legal Resource Helpline. Pro Bono Partnership will host workshops to educate nonprofit executives and their board members on legal obligations and requirements, compliance with the Nonprofit Revitalization Act, and best legal practices for a healthy nonprofit.

PROJECT FUNDING: The project budget is \$207,000: \$194,000 for staff and \$13,000 for rent, travel, marketing and telecommunications. Pro Bono Partnership has \$21,000 in revenue from special events and individual donations and \$162,500 committed from the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund, \$1,900 from the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, and \$1,500 to be requested from the PSEG Foundation, leaving a balance of \$20,100. Pro Bono Partnership's annual operating budget is \$2.6 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS: 2015 - \$15,000.

PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP (Cont.)

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Suzy's Fund (L405)	\$25,000	\$10,000
Miracle-Gro Fund (L309)	35,000	<u>10,000</u> \$20,000

FUND STRATEGY: Both unrestricted.

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## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RECIPIENT: THE SAFE CENTER LI  
15 Grumman Road West, Suite 1000  
Bethpage, New York 11714  
(516) 465-4700  
Stephen G. Bondi – Board Chair  
Sandy Oliva – Paid Staff Head

AMOUNT: \$20,000 (one year)

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To provide trauma-informed mental health services to young victims of sexual abuse.

NATURE OF PROJECT: Victims of child sexual abuse who are often exposed to multiple sexual assaults before the age of 18 have higher incidences of drug and alcohol abuse, mental and chronic health disorders, sexual promiscuity, and suicide attempts.

Youth organizations and the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force for Long Island report increases in child sexual abuse caseloads, but there are not enough free, trauma-informed treatment services to address the growing demand; those that do exist have large waiting lists. Appropriate and timely interventions are essential to help youth survivors of sexual assault live healthy and productive lives.

In 2014, the Safe Center LI was created through the merger of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect to treat the multiple co-occurring disorders that are present in many distressed families. Built on more than three decades of service and expertise, the Safe Center is the only agency in Nassau County that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in one location. It is the primary agency used by medical institutions, law enforcement, and social service agencies to refer victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The organization's services are free of charge and include transitional housing, counseling, case management, financial assistance, and advocacy provided by a highly trained and compassionate staff of professionals. It recently established Human Trafficking Services to support the increased referrals of adults and children involved in commercial sexual exploitation. In conjunction with the 2008 Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act that ended the prosecution of minors under prostitution charges, children who are involved in the commercial sexual exploitation in Nassau County are referred to the Safe Center LI for shelter, forensic interviews, advocacy, and health and mental health services. The organization provides services to nearly 140 children yearly.

This year, the Safe Center LI will:

- hire an additional full time bilingual child counselor to increase its capacity to serve adolescent victims;

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- provide individual and family therapy, advocacy, case management, and referrals to other service providers serving 15 youth; and
- monitor the progress of the youth at intake and during treatment.

The one-year program budget is \$562,000: \$435,000 for personnel including the counselors, advocates, and directors, \$28,000 for program expenses, and \$99,000 for administration. It has raised \$387,000 from Nassau County and New York State departments, \$130,000 from Asofsky Family and Newsday Charities/McCormick Foundations and the United Way of Long Island. A proposal is pending with the Horace and Amy Hagedorn Foundation.

Without effective intervention and support, adolescent victims of sexual assault are at risk for repeated victimization, developing significant health and mental health problems, and difficulties achieving self-sufficiency in adulthood. The Safe Center LI has the expertise, services, and partnerships to help traumatized youth and their families. We recommend a one-year grant of \$20,000.

The organization's annual operating budget is \$6.2 million.

GRANTS IN LAST 5 YEARS:

None.

<u>FUND SOURCE:</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGETED INCOME</u>	<u>INCOME USED FOR THIS GRANT</u>
Frances Herman Family Fund (L406)	\$19,000	\$19,000
Leone Scott Wise Fund (3479)	16,000	<u>1,000</u>
		\$20,000

FUND STRATEGY:

Frances Herman:

Abused, neglected and underprivileged children.

Leone Scott Wise:

Teens in Nassau suffering from emotional difficulties.

## **RECOMMENDED FOR DECLINE**

### **The following proposed activities fall outside the program area's funding guidelines:**

#### **MOMMAS HOUSE**

*Request:* \$15,000 for repair and renovation costs at a transitional house in Hempstead.

#### **MONTAUK OBSERVATORY**

*Request:* \$25,000 to complete the facilities of their observatory.

#### **MORICHES ROTARY HEALTH CAMP**

*Request:* \$15,000 to support Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck operations, a summer camp for children with disabilities.

#### **THREE VILLAGE CHAMBER PLAYERS**

*Request:* \$15,000 to fund the expenses of organizing an international music festival.

### **The following proposals are not recommended for funding:**

#### **BLOSSOM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

*Request:* \$30,000 to expand their current tour of the Shinnecock peninsula, using canoes and kayaks and training youth as tour guides.

*Reason:* Staff and the environmental committee determined that the proposed activities would have nominal effect on the targeted environment. Staff will follow up with the organization to learn more about its work.

#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING BLOCKS FOUNDATION, INC.**

*Request:* \$25,000 to help start an afterschool program in Amityville and Brentwood school districts.

*Reason:* The organization is new, has limited staff and organizational capacity, and has several financial and administrative issues that prevent it from receiving funding directly. The organization is unwilling to consider a fiscal agent.

#### **EDEN II SCHOOL FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN, INC.**

*Request:* \$25,000 to implement, monitor and evaluate a community-based vocational training program.

*Reason:* Staff research concluded that the proposed activities would have limited impact on the target population and therefore not competitive in this cycle.

#### **HERRICKS COMMUNITY FUND, INC.**

*Request:* \$15,000 for salary expenses so they can expand their High School program, COYA-Club of Youth Activities, and Middle School Recreation Program.

*Reason:* The proposal lacked focus and the activities were determined to have limited impact. The request seemed to be for general operating support.

**PROJECT9LINE, INC.**

**Request:** \$5,000 for supplies and other administrative costs for Restorative Yoga Program, Reiki Certification, and Writing.

**Reason:** LICF recently funded a similar program, and there were also questions regarding the governance structure of the organization, which has three related people on a board of six.

**THE PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION CORP.**

**Request:** \$12,499.95 to supply 20 not for profit organizations with promotional videos or programs that can be used to expand their reach and mission. PATV will air the videos and promote organizations' events on their community bulletin board.

**Reason:** Due to a limited amount of resources, this proposal was deemed not as competitive as others in the category. The impact of the work seemed questionable as well; public access television (and all stations) are required to donate a certain amount of airtime to nonprofits.

**The following proposals have been withdrawn:**

**AMERICAN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS INSTITUTE (ASBI)**

**Request:** \$25,000 to educate and engage Long Island businesses for a sustainable economy and society, but bringing their skills, experience and knowledge of organization businesses to Long Island.

**Reason:** While this organization is an important partner to promote sustainability and social issues that affect quality of life, the request does not fit into our fund categories. We will reconsider it when unrestricted funding becomes available.

**CDCLI FUNDING CORP.**

**Request:** \$25,000 to offset administrative costs associated with operating a loan program to help homeowners finance the cost of a new state-of-the-art innovative, alternative on-site wastewater treatment systems to eligible Suffolk County homeowners. This work would supplement Suffolk County's grant program for the same purpose.

**Reason:** Staff research determined that Suffolk County had not finalized important details of its grant program, therefore the request from CDCLI is premature. We will reconsider it when Suffolk County is ready to implement its grant program.

**NEW YORK COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING FUND, INC.**

**Request:** \$30,000 for community residents to participate in a collaborative process to implement a community schools model in Hempstead, train board members on best practices, oversee a forensic audit, and meet with other school districts.

**Reason:** This is important work to reform a poor performing school district, however it doesn't fit into our Wallace Fund guidelines. We will reconsider it when unrestricted funding becomes available.