

## Competitive Grant Making Priority Funding Areas

### ARTS

**Program Goal:** To integrate the arts in community development, civic engagement, and social change

**We fund projects that:**

- Revitalize and strengthen communities through economic development
- Use the arts to engage residents in community problem solving and/or advocating for social change

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Program Goal:** To expand quality affordable housing opportunities for all Long Islanders

**We fund projects that:**

- Advance local and statewide policies and practices that promote safe and decent affordable housing options and protect against displacement
- Preserve and create multifamily housing for low-to moderate-income families and individuals
- Build local support for affordable housing developments
- Ensure public investments targeted to community development align with fair housing laws

### EDUCATION

**Program Goal:** To prepare students for success in college and the workforce

**We fund projects that:**

- Build and mobilize public will for greater equity and quality in Long Island's school districts
- Introduce effective in-school and out-of-school academic support programs known to improve student performance specifically in the areas of math, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM)
- Increase accountability and transparency of school administrations to parents and students
- Expand innovative strategies and partnerships for improving low performing middle and high schools

## ENVIRONMENT

**Program Goal:** To protect and preserve Long Island's natural resources, healthy ecosystems and public health

**We fund projects that:**

- Promote sustainable land use, land management, and transportation alternatives
- Support and strengthen open space and farmland preservation efforts
- Improve and protect the health of the region's bodies of water
- Protect drinking water quality
- Preserve biological diversity through habitat conservation and protection
- Minimize climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the development of alternative energy sources and energy conservation, research and public education

*Note: LICF does not fund environmental youth education programs*

## HEALTH

LICF's health grants are primarily for hospitals. Proposals are accepted once a year.

**Program Goals:** To improve the effectiveness, responsiveness, and equity of healthcare for marginalized and underserved communities and populations.

**We fund projects that:**

- Address existing health disparities and improve access to quality healthcare
- In Nassau County, only hospitals are eligible to apply
- In Suffolk County, hospitals and other health care facilities are eligible to apply

## MENTAL HEALTH

**Program Goals:** To improve the effectiveness, responsiveness, and equity of mental health services for veterans

**We fund projects that:**

- Address the mental health needs of veterans and their families
- Raise awareness and respond to the unique needs of women veterans
- Facilitate connection to social and legal services for veterans with mental health issues

## **HUNGER**

**Program Goal:** To reduce or alleviate hunger on Long Island

**We fund projects that:**

- Increase food access for vulnerable populations
- Facilitate connection to social services and other programs (including entitlements, etc.) and/or address root causes of hunger
- Increase participation of eligible youth in free school breakfast and lunch programs

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Program Goal:** To strengthen the capacity of nonprofit organizations to achieve greater community impact

**We fund projects that:**

- Increase the organizational aptitude of nonprofits
- Promote sector-wide best practices and organizational efficiencies
- Ensure diverse leadership in the nonprofit sector
- Foster mergers or consolidations to better serve communities

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**Program Goal:** To advance the well-being and economic self-sufficiency of at risk youth (up to 24 years of age)

**We fund projects that:**

- Expand opportunities for positive youth development and leadership
- Increase access to employment opportunities
- Reduce school suspensions and incarceration
- Support adolescent mental health and addiction treatment

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

The Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund (for progressive social change) from which periodic grants are made.

The All For The East End Fund (Building Stronger Neighborhoods Program) started it's first year of grants in 2014.