

Local nonprofits receive more than \$75K in grants

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The Kenosha Community Foundation has awarded 24 grants totaling more than \$75,000 to nonprofit organizations and projects that serve Kenosha County residents.

The grants are from five of its Field of Interest endowment funds: ANVK Field of Interest Endowment, Kenosha Arts Fund, LaFave Family Fund, the OMC Legacy Fund and the Women's Fund.



Greil

“Each year, grants from the foundation’s Field of Interest funds support a diverse set of programs and initiatives that serve critical needs, spur innovation and/or improve the health of our community,” said KCF Executive Director Amy Greil. “On behalf of our board and staff, we are thrilled to approve another round of grants. “It was a special opportunity this year to review three grant ap-

plications to the new ANVK Field of Interest Fund that directs grant support to serve seniors, those with disabilities, and homebound individuals,” she said.

She highlighted Kenosha YMCA, which recently began a KCF organizational endowment and has since been awarded grants from three distinct fields to support a range of programs spanning safety (Safety Around Water), education (Frank Elementary Achievers Program) and health/nutrition (Feeding Families) projects.

Grant awards

The full list of grants awarded is posted online at the Community Foundation’s website kenosha-foundation.org.

From the ANVK Field of Interest Endowment, which is new this year, three grants were made to organizations for programs that support services for elderly and/or disabled residents of Kenosha, particularly homebound, with the goal of enhancing health and

safety to assist them to live and remain in their home:

- Assistive Device Project/Kenosha Achievement Center
- Senior Nutrition Program/Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services (KAFASI)
- Nourishing Independence/Kenosha County Food Bank

From the Foundation’s Kenosha Arts Fund, three grants were made to organizations offering arts programming with the purpose of enhancing the culture, economy, and quality of life in Kenosha County:

- Creative Connections/Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse
- Art Classes for Individuals with Special Needs/Kenosha Achievement Center
- Amplifying Community Missions and Voices/Kenosha Community Media

From the LaFave Family Fund (established by the estate of Susann LaFave), eight grants were made to organizations for programs that further education,

particularly to promoting the humanities, the arts, tolerance, and communication:

- Anti-Stigma Campaign/Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse
- Art Supplies for Adults with Special Needs/Kenosha Achievement Center
- Amplifying Community Missions and Voices/Kenosha Community Media
- Adventures in Family Literacy/Kenosha Literacy Council
- Weaving Cultural and Environmental Narratives/Kenosha Public Museums Foundation
- Frank Elementary Achievers Program/Kenosha YMCA
- Kindness Bracelets/Peace Learning Circles
- Dr. Martin Luther King Annual Celebration/UW Parkside-Office of Multicultural Student Affairs

In addition to the grants awarded to non-profit organizations, each year the LaFave Family Fund supports a scholarship at Marquette University’s College of Communications (Susann La-

Fave’s alma mater).

From the Outboard Marine Corporation Legacy Fund, four grants targeting youth programs to:

- 2025 Summer Camp/ELCA Outreach Center
- VR Technology for Innovative Prevention/Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse
- Sprouts Playgroup/Kenosha Achievement Center
- Safety Around Water/Kenosha YMCA

From the Foundation’s Women’s Fund, six grants to programs that benefit women and children to:

- Girls Gymnastics/Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha
- Women’s Hygiene/Grace Welcome Center
- ‘Loved One’s’ Support Group/Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse
- EIP Parent Coaching/Kenosha Achievement Center
- Women in Focus/Kenosha Literacy Council
- Feeding Families/Kenosha YMCA.