

Human Services 2023 Awards

Organization	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Description	County(ies) Served
Adults Working and Advocating for Kids Empowerment (AWAKE)	Swain's First Children's Advocacy Center!	\$20,000	to establish an advocacy center for abused children.	Swain
Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project	Growing Minds: Preparing Local Food in Underserved Preschools	\$20,000	to purchase cooking equipment and local food for underserved preschools.	Buncombe - WNCReg
Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust	Permanently Affordable Homeownership	\$20,000	to support home ownership for diverse, under-resourced people.	Buncombe
Baptist Children's Homes of NC	HOMEbase Improvements	\$20,000	to support a program that serves college students who have aged out of foster care and independent students without family support.	Jackson
BeLoved Asheville	Expand BeLoved Free Farmers Markets with a Refrigerated Box Truck	\$20,000	for a refrigerated box truck that will increase the amount of fresh food provided for people experiencing food insecurity.	Buncombe
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina	Igniting the Power of Youth in WNC	\$20,000	to pair mentors with under-resourced youth.	Buncombe - WNCReg
Black Wall Street AVL	10,000 Connections: Connecting our Region for Everyone to Thrive	\$20,000	to establish a business incubator cohort to enhance the capacity and revenues of black and brown-owned businesses.	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison
Blue Ridge Hope	Hopeworks	\$15,000	to help under-resourced 11 to 18-year-olds with academic support and personal development.	Rutherford
Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau	Support for academic programming and out-of-school care in Highlands	\$20,000	for an academic support program for K-12 under-resourced students.	Macon, Jackson
Buncombe Alternatives	Human Services Grant	\$20,000	for a court process for first-time offenders ages 11-17 with the intent to reduce recidivism through restorative justice.	Buncombe
Buncombe Partnership for Children	Healthy Families America - Buncombe Expansion	\$20,000	for a home visitation program that serves parents facing challenges that are considered risk indicators for maltreatment.	Buncombe

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Burke County United Way	Empowering Financial Self-Sufficiency Through One-to-One Financial Coaching	\$20,000	to provide one-on-one financial coaching and case management services to economically-disadvantaged people.	Burke
Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry	A Project to Increase the Cold Storage Capacity of Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Inc.	\$15,000	for a refrigerator, freezer and other equipment needed to increase its pantry's capacity for fresh food.	Henderson, Buncombe
CareNet Counseling of Marion	CareNet West Human Services Patient Subsidy	\$20,000	to subsidize the costs of mental health treatment for patients who are uninsured or underinsured.	McDowell, Burke, Avery, Buncombe, Mitchell, Yancey, Rutherford
Carolina Day School/Horizons	Horizons at Carolina Day Program Expansion	\$20,000	for an enrichment program that is continuous from K to 8th grade for under-resourced students.	Buncombe
Centro Comunitario Hispano-Americano	Continue and Expand programming for LatinX Students in Transylvania county	\$20,000	to provide academic support for English-learning students.	Transylvania
Children First/Communities In Schools of Buncombe County	Student & Family Supports – Basic Needs, Wrap Around, Resources and Referral	\$20,000	to meet basic needs of students and their families and to provide academic and emotional support and referrals for other services.	Buncombe
Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas	Western Carolina Childhood Cancer Safety Net	\$20,000	to help low-income families access medical care for a child with cancer.	Henderson - WNCReg
Christmount Christian Assembly	Christmount Adapted Programs	\$20,000	for year-round programs that serve children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.	Buncombe
Circles of Jackson County	Full Time Client Services Coordinator	\$10,000	to help people move out of poverty and towards self-sufficiency.	Jackson

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Colaborativa La Milpa	CIMA Consulta Tu Compa	\$20,000	to provide bilingual support for community services that address housing, domestic violence, and legal and other critical needs.	Buncombe
Council On Aging of Buncombe County	Medications, Medicare, and Meaning for Low Income Beneficiaries	\$20,000	for home-based healthcare that serves elderly patients and includes providing community resources, Medicare counseling and pharmacy review.	Buncombe
Dig In! Yancey Community Garden	Community Agriculture Training Program	\$20,000	to train people to be farmers, which increases the amount of food going to people experiencing food insecurity.	Yancey
Family Place of Transylvania County	Connect, a family crisis intervention collaborative	\$20,000	to provide outreach to families experiencing crisis or engaging in behaviors that can lead to child maltreatment.	Transylvania
Fines Creek Community Association	Fines Creek Community Association (FCCA) MANNA Food Pantry	\$7,700	to support food distribution and operation costs.	Haywood
Grace Episcopal Church	Safe Shelter	\$20,000	to connect shelter residents with social services and permanent housing.	Buncombe
Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team	Healthy Community	\$15,000	for organizing, planning and facilitating efforts to improve the well-being and economic development of local communities.	Graham
Haywood Community College Foundation	Lavender Fund for HCC Students in Need	\$20,000	for emergency aid to economically-disadvantaged students who are at risk of dropping out.	Haywood
Haywood Vocational Opportunities	Transitional Student Services Program	\$20,000	to provide enrichment activities for students 16 or older who have intellectual/developmental disabilities.	Haywood
Heart of Horse Sense	Mental Health Programming for Youth	\$20,000	for an equine-assisted therapy program for youth with mental health challenges.	Madison, Buncombe, Henderson
Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach	Generator to Ensure Safety of Food Storage	\$13,000	for a generator to ensure that food does not spoil during power outages.	Rutherford

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Hope Center of Rutherford County	Transitional Housing-Transportation and Self-Sufficiency	\$20,000	to provide transportation for economically-disadvantaged women recovering from drug addiction or homelessness.	Rutherford
Hunger and Health Coalition	Avery County Pharmacy Program	\$20,000	to provide medication assistance to low-income people.	Avery
IFB Solutions	Workforce Development through Training and Education for Economically Disadvantaged People	\$20,000	for workforce development and to find employment for economically-disadvantaged people, including those who are blind or visually impaired.	Buncombe
KARE (Kids Advocacy Resource Effort)	Continuing Services for Child Victims	\$20,000	to advocate for and provide support to abused children and their families.	Haywood
Learning Shack	Pathways to Prosperity for Appalachian Teens	\$20,000	to provide enrichment, skill-based programs for under-resourced teens.	Yancey, Mitchell, Avery
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church/Grace Place, A Community Table	Five Point Support	\$20,000	to expand its pantry and community meal services to help more people experiencing food insecurity.	Graham
Literacy Together	Middle School Tutoring	\$20,000	to expand a youth literacy program to support struggling middle school students.	Buncombe
Macon County Care Network (CareNet)	Backpack Hunger Relief Program	\$10,000	to provide packs of food to under-resourced youth for weekend meals.	Macon
Macon County Public Health	MountainWise - Swain/Macon Produce Prescription Project	\$20,000	to provide fresh food boxes to low-income families.	Macon, Swain
Macon County Senior Services	Macon County MedAssist Project	\$5,000	for a drive-thru event that will help low-income people get free over-the-counter medications.	Macon
Mediation Center	Family Visitation Program	\$20,000	for supervised visitation and safe child exchange in cases of domestic violence and child sexual abuse.	Buncombe, Henderson, Madison
Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity	Mitchell Yancey HfH Repair Program	\$18,000	to provide home repairs for low-income seniors and to support a volunteer coordinator.	Mitchell, Yancey

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Mountain Housing Opportunities	Essential Home Repair for Very-low income Homeowners	\$20,000	for home repair for low-income people and people with special needs people.	Buncombe, McDowell, Rutherford, Yancey
MusicWorks	MusicWorks Asheville	\$20,000	for an afterschool enrichment program that provides music lessons and academic support to under-resourced elementary students.	Buncombe
NAMI Western Carolina	Mental Health Support for Families	\$20,000	to provide support for families who have loved ones experiencing mental health challenges.	Buncombe, Henderson
One Dozen Who Care	Digital WorkFlow Initiative - Internal Capacity Building and Improved Small Business Productivity	\$20,000	to support efforts to empower, educate and provide economic development opportunities for under-resourced, diverse people.	Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, Swain, Macon
OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling	Free Tax Preparation Project – VITA	\$20,000	for free tax preparation for low-income people.	Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania, Mitchell, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Yancey
OpenDoors of Asheville	Transportation Associate for To & Through College Access and Completion Initiative	\$20,000	to transport students to tutoring sessions and STEAM enrichment activities.	Buncombe
Pardee Memorial Hospital Foundation	Pardee FQHC Pharmacy for Low Income Uninsured/Underinsured Patients	\$20,000	for a new pharmacy that will provide medication for low-income uninsured/underinsured patients.	Henderson, Buncombe, Transylvania, Polk
Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education (PAGE)	MobilePage: Expanding world-class education for girls in WNC	\$20,000	to support underserved adolescent girls attain academic achievement through creative learning experiences.	Madison, Buncombe

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Penland School of Craft	Thrive at The Hive: Arts Activities for Youth and Families at Spruce Pine Housing Authority	\$19,990	to provide arts education to children from low-income families.	Mitchell
Pisgah Legal Services	Justice for All Program	\$20,000	to provide civil legal services to low-income immigrants.	Buncombe - WNCReg
Rutherford Housing Partnership	Safe Homes	\$20,000	for urgent home repairs for low-income people.	Rutherford
Smart Start of Transylvania County	Jump Start to Kindergarten Expansion and Sustainability	\$20,000	to help children who have not experienced being in a classroom transition to kindergarten.	Transylvania
The Arc of Buncombe County	Crisis Intervention Assistance	\$20,000	to help meet basic needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.	Buncombe
The Cindy Platt Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County	Vehicles for Sustainable Growth	\$20,000	to purchase a 15-seat passenger van that will increase capacity to serve more children in rural communities.	Transylvania
The Community Kitchen	Feeding Those in Need	\$10,500	to buy equipment needed to help make their pantry more efficient.	Haywood
The Hope Center of Hendersonville	Program Building Expansion	\$14,000	to build a laundry room needed for their facility.	Henderson
The Industrial Commons	Accessing Hometown Narratives to Build Inclusivity for All	\$20,000	to raise awareness of cultural and racial diversity through arts-based tours and facilitated conversations.	Burke
The Literacy & Learning Center	The Literacy & Learning Center's Free Educational Programs	\$20,000	for its community learning programs that serve children and adults.	Macon
Thrive	Changing Lives Through Housing	\$20,000	to support case management to help homeless people find and sustain housing	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania

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United Christian Ministries of Jackson County	Hunger Relief for Jackson County	\$20,000	to provide food for low-income people.	Jackson
United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County	Early Warning and Response System: Improving Service Coordination, Delivery and Results	\$20,000	to provide school and community-based organizations with behavioral and academic information of students at risk of not graduating high school.	Buncombe
Verner Center for Early Learning	High-Quality Early Care and Education for Low-Wealth Children	\$20,000	to help subsidize the costs of child care for low-income families.	Buncombe
Veterans Treatment Court of Western North Carolina Foundation	Request for Recovery Housing, Transportation, Access to Medical/Dental, Home/Aid Support	\$20,000	to assist veterans with housing, medical, dental and other basic needs.	Buncombe
We Give a Share (dba Equal Plates Project)	Capacity Building for Local Meal Distribution to Target Communities: Community Outreach Manager	\$20,000	to support the production and delivery of locally sourced meals to people experiencing food insecurity.	Buncombe, McDowell, Madison, Polk, Henderson, Transylvania Yancey
Western Carolina University/Community Care Program	Community Care Program Support	\$20,000	to support law enforcement agencies in finding solutions for community members who frequently interact with police officers for non-criminal reasons.	Jackson -WNCReg
Western North Carolina Community Health Services	Building Capacity at WNCCHS	\$20,000	to purchase technology equipment that will improve capacity and efficiencies and help with staffing.	Buncombe, McDowell
Western North Carolina Workers Center	Workers United Fighting for Justice Program	\$20,000	to help economically-disadvantaged rural immigrant workers address issues of workplace health, safety and aggression.	Henderson, Buncombe, Burke, Macon

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Williams YMCA of Avery County	Better Together - Delaying the Disease	\$20,000	for a fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's disease that will help delay the progression of symptoms.	Avery, Mitchell
Working Wheels	Dependable and affordable transportation options for working families in WNC	\$20,000	to provide affordable cars and car repair for low-income people living in rural communities.	Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Rutherford
Yokefellow Service Center	Power of Hope	\$20,000	to meet critical basic needs of low-income people.	Rutherford
	TOTAL	\$1,373,190		