Community Leadership Partners
2020 Grant Program Guidelines
Application Deadline: April 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

About Us
The Community Leadership Partners, a giving circle of Hampton Roads Community Foundation, is a group of South Hampton Roads civic leaders who use their resources to improve our region. The Partners share a desire to learn about philanthropic opportunities that support nonprofits’ needs and help strengthen our community.

Focus Area
In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its dramatic and heart-wrenching impacts on our region, the Community Leadership Partners have modified this year’s grantmaking program.

In 2020 the Community Leadership Partners will accept grant requests from the 22 nonprofit organizations it supported in 2018 and 2019 who provide intervention and/or re-engagement programs serving disconnected youth ages 16-24, or provide prevention programs for middle school or high school students who are at high risk of disconnection.

The purpose of this year’s grants program is to support organizations with their efforts to adapt and respond to urgent and essential needs of disconnected youth and young adults who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and middle or high school students at high risk of disconnection. Grants awarded are for organizations that provide direct services, and may be used to support general organizational needs.

Grant applications should explain how the program for which funding is sought addresses your work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and your expectations over the next six months. Please be prepared to explain your work one or more of the following areas described below:

1. Emergency housing
2. Food security
3. Household essentials
4. Mental and behavioral health
5. Prevention services
6. Other programs serving the target audience

All applicants must demonstrate the ability to deliver services in a high-quality manner that adheres to safety protocols associated with social distancing and other public health recommendations.

The Community Leadership Partners will give preference to nonprofits that:

- Collaborate with other organizations to reduce duplication of services
- Use innovative methods incorporating evidence-based best practices
Community Leadership Partners Grants

Community Leadership Partners anticipate awarding grants in the range of $5,000 to $25,000. The Partners reserve the right to award both smaller and larger grants. Due to COVID-19, the Partners will not conduct an in-person site visit.

Note: Only one grant application from any eligible nonprofit organization will be accepted.

Eligible Organizations

Community Leadership Partners will accept grant applications from nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that received a grant from the Community Leadership Partners in 2018 or 2019, and that provide program services and serve clients within any of the five major cities of South Hampton Roads (Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk or Virginia Beach).

The following organizations are invited to apply for 2020 funding:

- Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads
- Community Outreach Coalition
- Don Carey REECH Foundation
- ForKids Inc.
- Friends of Norfolk Department of Human Services
  - Foster Care Division
- Genieve Shelter
- Hampton Roads Workforce Development Corp.
- Hope U Inc.
- Joy Ministries
- National Institute of Learning Development
- New Vision Youth Services
- Park Place Child Life Center
- Samaritan House
- Seton Youth Shelters
- StandUP For Kids
- The Up Center
- Tidewater Friends of Foster Care
- Tidewater Wooden Boat Workshop
- Tidewater Youth Services Foundation
- Together We Can Foundation
- Virginia Beach CASA
- Walk In It

Eligibility Restrictions

The Community Leadership Partners will NOT fund the following:

- Support for specific individuals
- Deficit funding
- Lobbying to influence legislation
- Religious activities
- Multi-year grant requests

How to Apply for Funding

Application Submission — Deadline Friday, April 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Applications must be completed using our online grant application, accessed by clicking here.

HRCF staff are available to provide guidance and answer questions about the application content. Technical assistance will be provided by phone, email, and by appointment, depending on the type and complexity of the assistance requested.
For questions about your proposal, please contact Kate Wilson at kwilson@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 383-6054.

For questions regarding the online application and the HRCF Application Portal, please contact Gina Kelly at gkelly@hamptonroadscf.org or (757) 622-7951.

Review Process
The Community Leadership Partners Grantmaking Committee will review applications and make funding recommendations with the intention of dispersing grants as quickly as possible. Please note that receiving a Community Leadership Partners grant will not preclude an organization from applying or receiving other grants from HRCF or the United Way of South Hampton Roads.

Grantee Reporting
Reporting will be minimal and include submission of a single report through HRCF’s Online Grants Portal, as in the past. The Community Leadership Partners understands that the ability of grantees to collect data during the immediate response to the pandemic is likely to be limited. Grantees will be asked to provide a brief narrative summary and success story. In addition, grantees are expected to report one or more of the following:

- the number of individuals and/or households served, either as an unduplicated count or an informed estimate;
- the total quantity of service provided (e.g., number of meals, number of bed nights, etc.);
- additional data or results collected.

Once grants are dispersed, grantees will have access to the Report form and will be able to submit it when they are ready. A formal deadline for report submission will be communicated at a later date.