



SPARTANBURG COUNTY
FOUNDATION

FALL 2022 GRANT CYCLE

Continuous Improvement



Robert Hett Chapman III
Center for
Philanthropy



Spartanburg
County
Foundation®

\$88,180

*in Continuous
Improvement Grants
awarded to 6 nonprofit
organizations.*

The Continuous Improvement categories are:
Quality of Life
Educational Achievement
Economic Mobility

Quality of Life



IMPROVING THE OVERALL
WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS

Including, but not limited to:

- Community/Cultural Programs
- Physical Activities
- Accessible Outdoor Spaces
- Car for Uninsured/Underinsured
- Bilingual/Multilingual Staffing
- Mental Health Programs
- Mobile Food Markets

Quality of Life Grant

Recipient

**St. Luke's Free
Medical Clinic**



\$15,000 to help fund a part-time bilingual
Spanish speaking interpreter

- According to data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2020 five-year average estimates show that 21% (4,622) of the Hispanic population in Spartanburg County aged 19-64 are uninsured.
- Goal: To meet the access to care needs of a growing Hispanic and Latino population who disproportionately suffer from chronic disease by providing more uninsured Hispanic and Latino residents of Spartanburg County with quality health care.



Educational Achievement



REDUCING BARRIERS TO
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Providing supportive services
and programs for K-12
students, access to post-
secondary education and
careers, and opportunities for
return-to-learn adults.

Educational Achievement Grant Recipients



**Hope Remains
Ranch**



**Spartanburg
Art Museum**



**Spartanburg
Philharmoni**

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HOPE REMAINS RANCH

\$10,000 to help create experiential learning labs for at-risk students from ages five to twenty-one

- The students participating in the experiential learning labs are at risk of failing in a traditional classroom setting. Many students have ACEs. There are two learning lab groups: Wranglers (ages 13 - 21) and Buckaroos (ages 5 - 12)
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events that occur in a child's life prior to the age of 18 and can harm a child's brain and its development. This can result in long-term negative health and social outcomes.
- Children who have experienced trauma are 15 times more likely to attempt suicide. Young children exposed to five or more significant adverse childhood experiences in the first three years of childhood face a 76% likelihood of having one or more delays in their language, emotional or brain development.





\$12,000 to help implement a new youth outreach and creative career development program for ages fifteen to eighteen

- When the pandemic closed their former youth outreach program, COLORs, it allowed the Spartanburg Art Museum to assess community needs. They found a lack of afterschool opportunities for older teenagers.
- The afterschool program will work to reach underserved youth living in low-income households. This program will deliver creative career job development opportunities by grouping students with professional creatives.
- This program is modeled after a program called Art Works at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts.





\$15,000 to help fund a part-time program manager to lead implementation of educational and youth programming.

- The Spartanburg Philharmonic's youth and education programming has seen growth over the past several years. Up to this point many of those programs have been primarily volunteer run.
- In 2019, the Philharmonic launched a youth orchestra for 9th - 12th grade. Within twelve months, they expanded to include a junior youth orchestra. They served 82 students the first year and now serve over 130 students.
- Americans for the Arts reports that 72% of Americans believe “the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity.”



Economic Mobility



IMPROVING THE POTENTIAL FOR
UPWARD ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Programs such as:
Job Training/Certification
Job Search/Placement
Financial Coaching
Small/Minority Business
Development
Transportation Programs
Home Ownership Assistance
Program

Economic Mobility Grant Recipients



Homes of Hope



**Upstate Workforce
Futures
Corporation
ACHIEVE**





\$10,000 to fund financial education for housing clients and Hope Connects.

- Homes of Hope is bringing 107 affordable rental housing units to Spartanburg County. Twenty-eight homes are already completed.
- They work with clients to provide financial training, mentorship, and to create individual roadmaps to success. Hope connects is a client resource management tool to match client needs with available resources.
- A recent study by South Carolina Housing showed that 31 percent of households simply could not make ends meet due to housing costs. The poverty level in Spartanburg, SC is 14%, higher than the national average of around 12%;





\$26,180 to replace a van to continue to provide transportation services to youth in the ACHIEVE program

- The ACHIEVE program helps youth that have not been successful in a traditional classroom setting complete their GED. They also assist them with other needs: acquiring a license, job training, job placement, etc.
- Transportation is a huge barrier in Spartanburg County. Removing this barrier is a key component of this program's success. Many students live in areas where there is no bus route and family and friends aren't able to transport them or are unreliable.
The program serves out-of-school youth ages 16 - 24 who are often the hardest to serve. The students are expelled, dropped out, or have a diploma but are not employed or attending college.

