Opportunities to Support Nonprofits
Combating Poverty in Our Neighborhoods

2019 DONOR CATALOG
Dear Donor Advisor,

We are pleased to share with you this “catalog” of grant requests that the North Texas Community Foundation has received through our current ToolBox Grants Program: **Building Nonprofit Capacity to Combat Poverty in Our Neighborhoods**.

ToolBox Grants began in 2010 as a vehicle for the Community Foundation and its community of funders to give Tarrant County nonprofits necessary tools to make a larger impact. As in previous years, we are inviting our donor advisors, other foundations and individuals to join with us to provide coordinated funding for the cycle. All grants will be directed to strengthen the leadership, operational efficiency, or organizational effectiveness of nonprofits serving Tarrant County neighborhoods where the need is greatest.

Please consider the prospective recipient organizations and their requests. We hope you’ll find one or more that you want to support with a grant from your fund. Just let us know which organization you want to support and for how much. If your preferred organization is approved by the ToolBox Grants Committee – comprising board members, fundholders and community representatives – we’ll make sure the organization receives your grant.

You can be assured that the Community Foundation will commit its dollars – and those you choose to award – only to the very best proposals. Through this investment, we can improve outcomes for our neighborhoods and produce enduring benefits for our community.

Sincerely,

[Images of Michael Appleman and Garrett March]

**Michael Appleman**
Grants Committee Chair

**Garrett March**
Community Programs Coordinator
The North Texas Community Foundation’s ToolBox Grants Program aims to help nonprofits build organizational capacity through leadership development, improving organizational effectiveness, and improving operational efficiency. Since its inception in 2010, the ToolBox Grants program has provided more than $2 million in grants for critical capacity building to more than 100 nonprofits serving Tarrant County. The 2018-2020 grant cycle is focusing on nonprofits serving the neighborhoods with the highest poverty levels in Tarrant County.

**2018 - 2020 TOOLBOX NEIGHBORHOODS**

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AB Christian Learning Center’s mission is to strengthen and improve the academic performance of vulnerable students by taking a holistic approach to addressing their needs.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Stop Six

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$8,500 to purchase computers, computer accessories and software to improve student literacy outcomes

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“As a member of Read Fort Worth's 100 x 25 initiative, our goal is to ensure that all 3rd grade students are reading on grade level by 2025. By providing additional out of school time support to struggling readers through much needed on-line reading programs, we can improve the trajectory for meeting that goal for all students.”

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Investing in the ToolBox Grants Program is easy...

1. Decide whether you want to direct your grant recommendation to the general grant pool or to a specific proposal.

2. Use the form in the back of this catalog to indicate your grant choices.

3. Email your grant recommendation to gmarch@northtexascf.org or sign and fax your recommendation to 817.632.8711 by **Monday, April 8th**.

*If you are interested in learning more about any of the enclosed grant proposals, please contact Garrett March at 817.877.0702 or gmarch@northtexascf.org.*
**Alliance for Children**  
**www.allianceforchildren.org**

Alliance For Children’s mission is to protect Tarrant County children from abuse through teemed investigations, healing services and community education.

**Neighborhood(s)**  
All Neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**  
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**  
$15,000 for a consultant to develop a strategic plan and execute three full-day sessions for board and key staff

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**

“We 25% of our clients live in ToolBox neighborhoods; almost 50% of those are in Stop Six/E. Seminary. With disproportionate rates of child abuse in areas of poverty, increasing our organizational effectiveness will improve outcomes for EVERY child who needs us.”

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**Arlington Charities, Inc.**  
**www.arlingtoncharities.org**

Arlington Charities is the largest and only client choice food pantry in Arlington. They help to stabilize those who are low income and homeless by helping them cover their most basic needs.

**Neighborhood(s)**  
Central-East Arlington

**Capacity Building Area**  
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**  
$14,200 for consultant services for strategic planning and operational effectiveness

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**

“Access to services could be expanded, moving more clients toward self-sufficiency. Our clients come from the most economically challenged areas in Arlington and represent a varied array of demographics including seniors, college students and children. Comprehensive, data-driven plans will allow us to improve current services and implement new ones.”
Arlington Life Shelter provides a safety net for the community and surrounding areas by providing food, clothing and shelter. Additional needs assessments determine specific support necessary to ensure stability outside the shelter.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Central-East Arlington

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$12,500 for staff, board and primary volunteers to receive training in Trauma Informed Care

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Training will ensure the entire staff, board and volunteers understand the impact trauma has on homelessness. There are three primary outcomes for this training: 1) Improve support services & intervention strategies 2) Recognize, prevent and cope with compassion fatigue of front-line staff and 3) Understand the effect that trauma has on stabilizing the homeless population.”

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**Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County, Inc.**

The Arts Council provides leadership and funding to local arts organizations, enhances the visual environment of our city and offers a venue for artists, art organizations and the community.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/ Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six; Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for a consultant to develop and implement strategies to grow the Arts Council Endowment

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The GO! Arts Program funds efforts that bring the performing, visual and interdisciplinary arts into traditionally underserved communities of Fort Worth. Increasing income from the endowment will stabilize and increase grant funding, specifically GO! Art grants, which fund services in low-income neighborhoods.”
Cancer Care Services

www.cancercareservices.org

Cancer Care Services provides financial and emotional support services to cancer patients, caregivers and survivors in our community of all income levels. Their programs optimize patient access to care and provide a resource for health care professionals.

Neighborhood(s)
Central-East Arlington; Como

Capacity Building Area
Organizational Effectiveness

Request
$15,000 to fund outreach efforts, including hiring a consultant, to improve their reach into Como and East Arlington

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“Cancer is currently the leading cause of death in Tarrant County. When the barriers to service access have been removed and community influencers join with Cancer Care Services as a neighborhood partner, the number and overall percentage of total clients served in the targeted neighborhoods will increase.”

Camp Fire First Texas

www.campfirefw.org

Camp Fire prepares children and youth to succeed and thrive with coeducational programs that include camping, child and youth development, outdoor environmental education, teen leadership development, out-of-school programs and early childhood educator professional development.

Neighborhood(s)
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/ Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St

Capacity Building Area
Organizational Effectiveness

Request
$15,000 to fund outreach efforts, including hiring a consultant, a curriculum writer, a data evaluation consultant and 10% of the Project Director’s salary as they develop a new early childhood apprenticeship program

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“We will create a comprehensive plan aligning early education coursework and on the job learning for college credit in partnership with Tarrant County Workforce Solutions, TXAEYC, Tarrant County College & Tarleton State University.”
Cassata Catholic High School

Cassata takes a unique approach to helping students overcome barriers to completing high school, while preparing them to become contributing citizens after graduation. Most Cassata students have had difficulties in traditional schools.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$10,950 to obtain the Center for Nonprofit Management’s evaluation consulting services and a customized online data tracking portal called CNM-Pact

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“As many Cassata students come from the surrounding Historic Southside area, as well as other ToolBox neighborhoods, CNM evaluation and consulting services will help Cassata identify why the students enroll, what programs are working for different segments of students, and what services could better meet the needs of our students and their parents.”

Catholic Charities Fort Worth

CCFW provides services to those in need, advocates compassion and justice in society, and calls all people of good will to do the same. CCFW has a goal to end poverty, and a belief that it is possible.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase a new primary agency file server

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“This project is a proactive best-practice to ensure all digital files at CCFW remain safe and accessible. With proper, secure data storage, we are better able to collect and track client data internally. We are also more readily available to enter into data-sharing agreements with other providers who are working with our clients living in the ToolBox neighborhoods, and throughout our service area.”
Child Care Associates
www.childcareassociates.org

Child Care Associates is the largest child development nonprofit in North Texas. CCA operates Head Start child development centers, provides Early Head Start Services and operates the Child Care Management Services to assist parents with child care costs.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to hire a strategic fundraising consultant, develop marketing materials and manage project implementation as they seek to launch the Early Learning Innovation Studio - a model classroom for upgrading early education classrooms program.

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“This project builds our capacity to raise funds and promote the importance of quality early education classrooms. CCA currently serves children from 979 families from the ToolBox neighborhoods. Pending success in fundraising, CCA intends to use the design as a master plan for improving centers operated by CCA over time, including ToolBox neighborhoods.”

Chosen Ones
www.chosenones.org

Chosen Ones exists to equip foster and adoptive families through recruiting, connection and support. Their core resource is the Just 4 You Warehouse, which offers essential items for foster children free of charge.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$7,500 to fully automate a currently manual check-in process for their warehouse inventory management.

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Numerous studies have confirmed that a high percentage of CPS cases come from areas that are lower income, with higher crime rates. By serving foster families and children with the necessities, we are lessening the financial and emotional strain on both.”
Christian Community Assistance
www.ccaftworth.org

Christian Community Assistance is a church and community supported agency providing food, clothing, financial aid and case management for people living in poverty in Fort Worth.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/
Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/
Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six;
Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$7,000 to expand their Filemaker software into a donor management system, including training primary users to expand and maximize CCA’s development functions and increase donor funding

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“This project will allow us access to much more data than we currently have to use in development planning and expansion of our donor base. More funding from donors then translates into increasing the volume of food we can give away, expanding our array of services and recruiting more volunteers.”

Clayton Youth Enrichment
www.claytonyouth.org

Clayton has provided 40+ years of high-quality child care and after-school programs to Tarrant County. Their goal is to help prepare children to live great lives.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/
Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/
Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six; Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$13,925 to support social-emotional learning in after-school programs by certifying an in-house trainer, training management staff and buying training materials for staff at 85 sites

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Highly-trained staff acting as social-emotional learning teachers and role models will provide children in our ToolBox neighborhood after-school programs 400-700 program hours per year to learn and practice five core SEL skills: self-awareness; self-management; social awareness; responsible decision-making; and maintaining healthy relationships. Research tells us these skills are critical for students in poverty to reach personal success.”
Cornerstone Assistance Network believes that personal transformation requires meeting a person’s whole needs: emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical. Our programs address three areas: immediate needs, long-term solutions to poverty and long-term remedies to complicated social problems.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for professional fees to build reports in their database and then train staff, allowing them to run reports with the required or requested information for donors and partners

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“CAN provides services to participants in all targeted neighborhoods. Collecting and analyzing data on outcomes achieved in housing, education, finances, and employment will allow CAN programs to better meet the needs of those we serve from each of these neighborhoods.”

Con Mi MADRE empowers young Latinas and their mothers by providing education and support services to increase preparedness, participation and success in post-secondary education. They intentionally engage mothers in their daughter’s educational journey from 6th grade through college graduation.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; E. Seminary/Wichita St

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$9,000 for software, laptops and tablets to track student information and conduct assessments, as well as staff time for their Data Manager

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“By collecting and evaluating program and student outcomes, Con Mi MADRE will more effectively serve current (and future) girls and their mothers. The longitudinal success of our program depends on tracking data for a ten-year period per girl (6th grade through college graduation).”
Early Learning Alliance
www.earlylearningntx.org

ELA works with a wide range of nonprofit organizations, businesses, educators and government leaders throughout Tarrant County to improve the system of early learning. As a result, children in Tarrant County will achieve success – in school and in life.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for a consultant to support ELA members in using Results-Based Accountability (RBA) as they strive toward long-term use and sustainability of RBA in their work

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The data we utilize informs planning and action to “turn the curve” in outcomes for children and families. It is our hope that through RBA we will have more access to data, increased capacity to monitor progress on early childhood outcomes and a greater impact on these neighborhoods.”

Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition
www.fwdpc.org

The Fort Worth Drowning Prevention Coalition is a community collaboration providing affordable drowning prevention, water safety instruction for children and adults and education for parents and caregivers.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/ Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$7,500 to revisit the 2016-2019 strategic plan, including a board retreat with fundraising and governance training

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“By engaging community leadership and addressing tightly held cultural barriers, the FWDPC has equipped and educated more than 800 Como neighbors to be safer in and around water. There have been no more drownings in Como since 2015. Our directors have the potential to implement a vision in which there are no more drownings in Fort Worth.”
Girls Inc. of Tarrant County

www.girlsinctarrant.org

Girls Inc. of Tarrant County inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Programs encourage health, wellness, education, career readiness and independence. Through advocating for girls and their futures, Girls Inc. strives to reduce barriers in girls’ lives.

Neighborhood(s)
All neighborhoods

Capacity Building Area
Organizational Effectiveness

Request
$15,000 to purchase 28 laptops, two desktops, five external hard drives to back up data and nine iPads for use by program staff who serve girls in the identified ToolBox neighborhoods

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“To date, technology has taken a backseat to program needs, curriculum development and staff training. In order to support our staff members and the girls we serve, we must provide functioning and secure technology. Within the targeted neighborhoods, we have reached a 100% graduation rate for our high school seniors who were active in Girls Inc. programs.”

Guardianship Services, Inc.

www.guardianshipservices.org

GSI’s serves as Guardian of the Person for those who lack capacity to make their own choices, manages money for at-risk clients who are not capable of managing their finances and combats financial exploitation among at-risk adults.

Neighborhood(s)
All neighborhoods

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$15,000 to hire a website development company to design, develop and implement a new website

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“A user-friendly, content-rich website will allow GSI to create more awareness about its vital role in the community. Information about GSI’s programs will increase the number of people avoiding abuse, neglect and exploitation. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring professionals and individuals in the challenged target neighborhoods are familiar with GSI’s website.”
The Hope Center for Autism provides behavioral therapy to children with autism. Our mission is to enable children on the autism spectrum and their families to live more fully functional lives.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/ Northside; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six; Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$14,400 for 50% of the cost to hire an experienced fundraising consultant for a 12-month period

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Our plan will include communication efforts to increase our outreach in the designated ToolBox neighborhoods. Many families in these areas are unaware of the services provided by the Hope Center for Autism in their own neighborhood. By serving those children with autism at an earlier age, we can equip them with the skills for a successful and productive life.”

HOPE Farm

**Neighborhood(s)**
Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$14,700 to purchase hardware for our new Como location opening this year, including the purchase of laptops, classroom tables and chairs, printers, telephones and a washer and dryer set

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“We will be able to provide our program in the Como neighborhood. 97% of the boys who attend HOPE Farm from the early elementary years through high school go to college. 55% of boys show improved behavior at home after six months. Boys with below-grade-level reading scores improved their scores by an average of eight months after just three months.”
Hope Fort Worth
www.hopefortworth.org

Hope Fort Worth mobilizes local churches to make a difference in the lives of foster children in our community. Hope FW brings together the church community to find permanent families for the foster children of our community.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for a feasibility study within the ToolBox neighborhoods to identify faith-based leaders in the community and host a faith-based summit promoting adoption and foster care

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Our goal is to build and support a local culture to keep potential foster/adoptive parents in their local church, receiving ministry from their own congregation and providing support to other foster/adoptive families within their congregation.”

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Justin’s Place
www.justinsplace.org

Justin’s Place exists to impact the life of a child by empowering single mothers in Stop Six to grow mentally, spiritually and physically to live a life free of crisis and walk out of generational poverty.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Stop Six

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to hire a consultant to create a plan to increase the organization’s exposure and build a volunteer portal on the web site

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“By increasing our overall exposure and volunteer expansion, we will increase the number of families we are able to serve. We will expand our capacity to engage volunteers and connect them to service opportunities we offer.”
Leadership ISD
www.leadershipisd.org

Leadership ISD equips diverse community advocates and supports school boards to champion policies and practices that promote equitable access to excellent education for all students. LISD believes that student outcomes will not change until adult behaviors change at every level.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Como; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/ Northside; Stop Six

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to support neighborhood outreach strategies to increase engagement of parents, students, educators and community leaders in public education advocacy in order to improve student outcomes

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Currently, in each of the targeted neighborhoods, students are underperforming. The LISD Tarrant County Neighborhood Outreach project will help families advocate for strong policies and practices that will improve student outcomes in their neighborhoods and thus will create more economic opportunities for children and families.”

Lena Pope
www.lenapope.org

Lena Pope helps create hope, happiness and success for children and families in Tarrant County. They provide a comprehensive range of prevention and early intervention services including education, counseling, family preservation and alternative education.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to pay a contractor to conduct a three-month feasibility study to determine optimum approaches for expanding our early learning model in alignment with Lena Pope’s assets, service model and community need

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Tarrant County faces a lack of affordable, quality early learning options. Lena Pope’s Early Learning Centers intentionally address equity issues by using a subsidized tuition model. Lena Pope’s goal is to expand early learning opportunities within the ToolBox neighborhoods.”
Live Thankfully serves 30 local schools. The LT experience includes leadership workshops, student led food drives, grocery packaging events, meal distributions and programs of integrity. They focus on service and leadership.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside; Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase a new computer, purchase a new donor database and update their current website

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“This project will result in increased operational efficiency allowing for future growth and long term sustainability in the identified Toolbox neighborhoods, along with the entire Live Thankfully community within Fort Worth.”

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LinkED helps identify learning disorders, ADHD and autism, provides professional development and serves adult learners. Fortress YDC serves children and families living in generational poverty through preschool and after-school programming, parent engagement and community workshops to break the cycle of poverty.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside; Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$7,020 for LinkED and Fortress to obtain certification in Emotional Poverty and Getting Ahead to collaboratively train educators and parents of under resourced students

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“LinkED & Fortress will expand their reach into the Butler Place, Historic Southside, Morningside and Como areas of Fort Worth. Emotional Poverty will help educators create safer, more effective classrooms, and Getting Ahead will help parents stabilize their situation.”

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LinkED & Fortress Youth Development

www.link-ed.org

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Live Thankfully

www.livethankfully.org

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**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside; Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

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LVTRise
www.lvtrise.org

The vision of LVTRise is to improve the lives of people living in the Las Vegas Trail area of Fort Worth by increasing public safety, education, quality housing, employment, wages, family stability, physical health and mental well-being.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$14,646 to purchase 10 ecofriendly message boards, as well as the painting, installation, and beautification of the message boards

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Through the LVT Community Message Boards, residents will receive communication regarding access to services provided at the LVTRise Community Center (and surrounding areas). Residents will also have the opportunity to connect with volunteers to create open lines of communication with agencies providing services to LVT.”

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Meals-On-Wheels Inc. of Tarrant County
www.mealsonwheels.org

Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County provides home-delivered meals, professional case management and other needed items or services to elderly and disabled homebound residents of Tarrant County.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for a professional evaluation of existing employee job descriptions, annual evaluation tools and the policy handbook currently in use

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Meals On Wheels provides services in all ToolBox neighborhoods five days a week. 22% of all meals clients resided in the ToolBox neighborhood zip codes in FY 2018. 58 employees will benefit from this project.”
Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth

www.mercy-clinic.org

Mercy Clinic of Fort Worth uses volunteers to serve uninsured medically indigent patients 18 and older in the 76110 zip code. Volunteers provide medical, dental, pharmacy, clerical and security services in both English and Spanish.

Neighborhood(s)
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$15,000 to purchase computers and hardware items to improve our operational efficiency

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“With outdated technology and systems, volunteer time is spent on long processes with medical records and technology issues instead of treating as many patients as possible. Most patients have chronic illnesses, dental health is often neglected, and most do not have health insurance and cannot afford routine care. We stand in the gap.”

Mission Metroplex, Inc.

www.missionarlington.org

Mission Arlington provides a wide range of social service assistance. The Mission Arlington Medical Clinic provides quality, compassionate and free medical care to uninsured and underinsured indigent residents of our community.

Neighborhood(s)
Central-East Arlington

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$11,735 to purchase and deploy hardware necessary for transitioning from paper medical charts to electronic health records

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“Patients will benefit from our transition to electronic data because: 1) our providers will access more robust data 2) volunteer providers will spend more time seeing patients 3) we will be able to more easily share information and 4) our clinic will be more sustainable as we provide better reporting for funders.”
NewDay Services for Children & Families
www.newdayservices.org

NewDay Services offers parents the tools to positively redirect theirs and their children’s lives through educational classes, chaplaincy in the Family/Juvenile Courts and mentoring.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase software licenses for a new database, and training for staff to use the database

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Being a parent today is difficult—especially for those in poverty. Last year we worked with 517 moms/dads in these neighborhoods. The new technology will give us the tools to track participant and financial data, thereby enhancing our program delivery to these high-poverty neighborhoods.”

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Open Arms Health Clinic
www.openarmshealthclinic.org

Open Arms Health Clinic is a volunteer-run free health clinic serving the uninsured and underinsured in Arlington. In addition to primary care, they also offer orthopedics, gynecology, physical therapy, counseling and health education classes.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Central-East Arlington

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$4,820 for the purchase of five new laptop computers

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“About one quarter of OAHC’s patients reside in the Toolbox neighborhoods, with most of those residing in East Arlington. By increasing volunteer efficiency and ensuring that there are adequate supplies for all volunteers, OAHC can expand our life-saving services to more East Arlington residents.”
Opening Doors for Women In Need, Inc.
www.opendoors4women.org

For 15 years Opening Doors For Women In Need has provided a focused reentry program for women and men who have been released from the prison systems, including a job readiness program that provides resume preparation at job fairs.

Neighborhood(s)
Como

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$3,800 to upgrade technical equipment for use in office and off site with the addition of five laptops and four mobile printers

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“ODWIN provides onsite resumes and mock interviews at job fairs. Updated laptop computers and mobile printers will allow us to increase the number of resumes provided onsite.”

Pathfinders
www.pathfinderstc.org

With a mission to eliminate poverty, Pathfinders uses a client-centered approach through mentoring and financial coaching to empower individuals to find pathways to economic stability.

Neighborhood(s)
All neighborhoods

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$15,000 to purchase a network server, mounted TV for training, mobile training unit, 10 new computer workstations, one laptop, 18 Microsoft Office 356 licenses, three Adobe licenses, one QuickBooks license and installation costs

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“With upgraded workstations, training equipment, software and an agency server, less time and resources will be used on outdated and inefficient technology. This will provide more time to develop agency resources, research and implement best practices in our field, and most importantly, guide our clients from poverty to self-sufficiency.”
Presbyterian Night Shelter
www.journeyhome.org

Presbyterian Night Shelter is the starting place where guests can ignite their journey from homeless to home. Through programs and access to critical services and resources, the goal is to position guests to transition to a safe, stable and independent lifestyle.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$15,000 to hire a consultant to lead the development team in Relationship Management training, team building, and coaching, as well as purchase a laptop computer, docking station and monitor for the new Director of Major Gifts

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“By giving the Development team the skills and confidence needed to engage in deeper relationships with donors, the team will secure increased individual gifts, special project gifts, planned gifts and grow and diversify revenue. The increased revenue will support the organization in moving guests out of shelter services and into permanent sustainable housing.”

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Project Transformation Central Texas
www.projecttransformation.org/central-texas

Project Transformation provides high-quality, holistic programming to children in marginalized communities through an eight-week evidence-based program. Their program improves the reading abilities and social-emotional development of children from low-income families while igniting in them a lifetime love of learning.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Central-East Arlington; Como; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six; Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$15,000 to pay a consultant for a one-day event in the spring to strengthen the board through team building and teaching on effective governance and for the development of a strategic plan in the fall

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Nearly half of the students previously enrolled in Project Transformation are from the targeted neighborhoods. Last summer 98% of participants avoided summer learning loss and 70% improved. Several churches in these communities would like to host Project Transformation. A strong board and clear strategic plan will enable us to help more students.”
Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc.

www.proyectoinmigrante.org

Proyecto Immigrant ICS, Inc. serves low-income immigrant families concerning their legal immigration status. They dedicate themselves to serving immigrants who meet the Good Moral Conduct criteria as specified by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase technology that would assist clients in applying for legal residency status at their informational workshops and be used in counseling sessions

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Assisting the low-income immigrant families of the target neighborhoods in attaining legal immigration status will increase their quality of life by making employment opportunities more accessible.”

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Rivertree Academy

www.rivertreeacademy.org

The mission of Rivertree Academy is to educate under-resourced students in Como to live life well by following Jesus, thriving academically and transforming their communities. Our vision is to end the cycle of poverty in every family we serve.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase and install a server system for the school, iPads for the classrooms and an upgraded phone system with intercom functionality

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“With these critical technology upgrades, Rivertree will operate more efficiently and effectively day-to-day. As Rivertree grows, operating efficiently is essential to our ability to add and serve more students, which is our long-term vision!”
Rosa Es Rojo, Inc.

www.rosaesrojo.org

Rosa Es Rojo, Inc. makes wellness and cancer prevention accessible for Latino women by training them on the topics of nutrition, physical activity, emotional health and positive thinking.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$7,500 to train their volunteers to lead their wellness and cancer prevention program “The Rojo Way”

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“250,000 Latinas live in Tarrant County and our goal is to train 10 ambassadors to reach 200 of them, impacting 2,000 total. Our program will be open to all neighborhoods.”

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Shaken Baby Alliance

www.shakenbaby.org

The Shaken Baby Alliance’s mission is to provide support for victims’ families and professionals, to prevent child abuse and to provide justice for innocent victims.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase an LCD projector, laptop/software and to hire a nonprofit consultant to develop a fundraising strategy and provide board training

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The risk factors for multidimensional poverty augment high risk factors for child abuse including the leading cause of death and disability for children, Shaken Baby Syndrome (Abusive Head Trauma). Increasing SBA’s organizational effectiveness allows our agency to address the ToolBox neighborhoods.”
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC)
www.ahomewithhope.org

TCHC envisions a community where every individual has a place to call home. We serve as a catalyst for community transformation and focus our efforts on evaluating needs, serving as a resource and partner for local agencies, identifying solutions and advocacy.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Central-East Arlington; Diamond Hill-Jarvis/Northside; E. Seminary/ Wichita St; Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$15,000 for facilitating board to board education between partner agencies, TCHC board development and TCHC staff development - specific to facilitating community change

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The identified neighborhoods are impacted by the issue of homelessness. As TCHC strengthens our Housing Crisis System of Care, these neighborhoods will experience a better, more responsive system to meet both neighborhood and individual needs.”

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Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.
www.samaritanhouse.org

Samaritan House is the largest provider of permanent supportive housing in Tarrant County. They have a primary focus of serving those who are low-income, disabled and homeless in Tarrant County.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to purchase new desktop computers and printers for administrative staff, as well as provide professional team building and leadership training for all staff

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Samaritan House has 126 units of permanent supportive housing in the Historic Southside. The grant will enable Samaritan House to not only increase operational efficiency but strengthen the infrastructure of the program and administrative staff as we expand to address the need for more permanent supportive housing in this community.”
Texas Health Resources Foundation

www.texashealth.org/giving

Texas Health Resources Foundation plays a pivotal role in supporting services and programs that impact thousands of Texas Health patients and our greater community. The Foundation upholds the Texas Health mission “to improve the health of the people in the communities we serve.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Central-East Arlington; E. Seminary/Wichita St; Stop Six

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 to engage with a research consultant to conduct a photovoice assessment in three neighborhoods, including materials for the project: digital cameras, incentives, meals for participants, recruitment outreach materials and printing

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The photovoice project will allow community members to identify and represent issues of importance to them as it relates to health in their community. This will help our Community Health Improvement Team have a greater understanding of the need and develop a strategy for health services in the three neighborhoods.”

The First Tee of Fort Worth

www.thefirstteefortworth.org

The First Tee of Fort Worth is a youth development organization committed to providing over 40,000 youth with critical, life-enhancing strategies through utilizing the game of golf as a delivery vehicle for these skills.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/Morningside

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$15,000 for the development of an evaluation tool for programming at Briscoe Elementary, execution of the evaluation and collection and reporting of data

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“By knowing the full impact of our program and curriculum, we will be able to better serve the community through strategic growth, improved program design and implementation and increased ability to communicate the effect of our curriculum on participants lives to future participants, parents, program partners and donors.”
The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation

The Jordan Elizabeth Harris Foundation is a nonprofit agency serving Tarrant County with suicide prevention training and education for children and adults.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$9,700 for the initial training and implementation of the Hope Squad suicide prevention program in three Title I schools in the Las Vegas Trail area

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Hope Squad training empowers schools to create an environment that reduces stigma and encourages a culture of help-seeking. Hope Squad increases knowledge of suicide warning signs, creates positive relationships and educates staff, students, parents.”

The Ladder Alliance

The Ladder Alliance teaches basic and advanced computer skills to women victims of domestic violence and low-income women, providing the tools to lead self-reliant, independent and successful lives.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$12,650 to enhance their website in order to increase visibility, highlight their students’ achievements, create awareness of their events, recognize donors and setup a website recovery and testing environment

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“An enhanced website will allow The Ladder Alliance to reach more stakeholders and help additional people. Our clients primarily come from the identified ToolBox neighborhoods.”
The Parenting Center
www.theparentingcenter.org

The Parenting Center provides parenting education and clinical counseling. They currently serve between 13,000 and 18,000 clients annually, believing that ending child abuse starts with better parenting.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$11,460 for twelve software licenses to help them collect data on their Nest and Family Life Education programs

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“Both programs serve the ToolBox neighborhoods. We will be able to better track who we’re serving, what our outcomes are and then use this data to help us target our recruiting and service efforts to ensure we are reaching all of the clients who may need our services.”

The Welman Project
www.thewelmanproject.org

The Welman Project’s mission is to fill a classroom, not a landfill. Serving as a critical conduit between the community and classroom, they collect surplus materials and give them away to teachers, providing creative reuse alternatives to purchasing new supplies.

**Neighborhood(s)**
All neighborhoods

**Capacity Building Area**
Leadership Development

**Request**
$7,500 to hire a development consultant specifically focused on strategic capacity building for start-up nonprofits

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“We currently serve just 11% of the educators working in 39 ToolBox neighborhood schools. By investing in strategic fundraising, we can secure capital necessary to implement a mobile warehouse to deliver supplies to schools. If we can serve each teacher in these schools once, that’s $470,000 of supplies going to schools in ToolBox neighborhoods.”
Travel & Sports Legacy Foundation

The Travel & Sports Legacy Foundation, the nonprofit charitable arm of the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, focuses on assisting youth and adults with educational attainment, financial support and career opportunities in travel, tourism and sports management and providing workforce solutions for tourism industry employers.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Central-East Arlington

**Capacity Building Area**
Organizational Effectiveness

**Request**
$7,500 to develop a needs assessment model that can be used to understand workplace needs and barriers of youth and adults in East Arlington and beyond

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The Community Works Project seeks to understand the workplace needs and cultural barriers in the East Arlington sector and provide employable residents with an opportunity for sustainable jobs and careers in tourism. The program seeks to understand the fundamental concerns of persons in the community including transportation and childcare.”

Trinity Habitat for Humanity

THFH builds new homes, externally repairs existing homes and offers homeownership education classes for qualified low-income families. Through our holistic neighborhood revitalization efforts, THFH works to end poverty through sustainable affordable housing.

**Neighborhood(s)**
Butler Place/Historic Southside/ Morningside; Como

**Capacity Building Area**
Operational Efficiency

**Request**
$7,500 for the development of the REHab mobile application that will improve the efficiency of the Preserve a Home program as well as provide staff training on using the app

**How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?**
“The REHab App will enable Habitat staff to assess properties and order materials efficiently. This app will eliminate the need for multiple cumbersome spreadsheets, reduce errors, and allow more funding to be allocated directly to program costs.”
World Relief Fort Worth
www.worldrelieffortworth.org

World Relief serves around the globe to alleviate poverty, hunger, and “stand with the vulnerable.” World Relief Fort Worth opened its doors in 1980 and has helped to resettle over 16,000 refugees in North Texas.

Neighborhood(s)
E. Seminary/Wichita St

Capacity Building Area
Organizational Effectiveness

Request
$6,000 to purchase 20 laptop computers to be used in ESL/literacy classes offered at Ladera Palms Apartment Homes

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“Ladera Palms Apartment Homes, located in the heart of the E. Seminary/Wichita St. neighborhood, is home to many resettled refugees struggling to find their place. Equipping our ESL/literacy program with laptop computers would advance learning and add a new dimension to how we are able to equip them for success.”

WHHS Cougar Pride Foundation
www.whhscougarpridefoundation.org

The Cougar Pride Foundation began as an initiative by school alumni who saw a need to improve the quality of life for students attending Western Hills High School. By helping provide basic necessities like food and clothing, the foundation helps students stay in school and focus on graduating high school.

Neighborhood(s)
Western Hills (Las Vegas Trail)

Capacity Building Area
Operational Efficiency

Request
$6,993 to purchase software and licensing for a donor database, to implement a text-to-give platform and to cover the cost of a fundraising consultant

How will this impact the neighborhood(s)?
“Many students residing in the Las Vegas Trail area are exposed to crime and drugs everyday. They often have no food when they go home and no positive role models to help guide them. Our Cougar Corner store offers them resources to improve their lives both at school and at home.”
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