

2025 BEACON Grant Highlights

BEACON Grant Impact

The BEACON (Building Economic Access, Community, Opportunity & Networks) Fund drives community development in historically disinvested neighborhoods. By providing operational support to organizations focused on housing, jobs, education, healthcare, and other essential elements required for a thriving community, BEACON aims to illuminate the path for nonprofits to create long-term change.

22 nonprofit grantees | \$590,537 in grants awarded | 70,898 cumulatively served

BEACON Grantees

- 4 Saints Episcopal Food Pantry
- 619 Productions
- Artes de la Rosa
- BRAVE/R Together Tarrant
- Building Pathways
- Community Frontline
- Community Healing and Mental Health Project (CHAMP)
- Como Lions Heart
- Create + Collaborate (C + Co)
- Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Historic Northside District)
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hispanic Real Estate Brokers Association (HERBA)
- Hope Farm
- Jewel’s Comfort Keeper
- Literacy United
- Maroon 9 Community Enrichment Organization
- National Juneteenth Museum
- Northside Inter-Community Agency
- Opening Doors for Women in Need
- Tarrant Co. Academy of Medicine
- The Thank You Darlin’ Foundation
- Water from the Rock



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The 2025 BEACON grant cycle provided one year of operating support to high-performing nonprofit organizations. These highlights reflect both the impact underway, and the continued opportunity to invest in our communities. They are addressing disparities in 28 priority neighborhoods in the following funding priority areas:



Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization



Economic Development



Civic Engagement and Leadership Development



Education and Workforce Training



Health and Wellness



Cultural Expression and Historic Preservation



Justice and Community Safety



Hispanic Real Estate Brokers Association (HREBA)

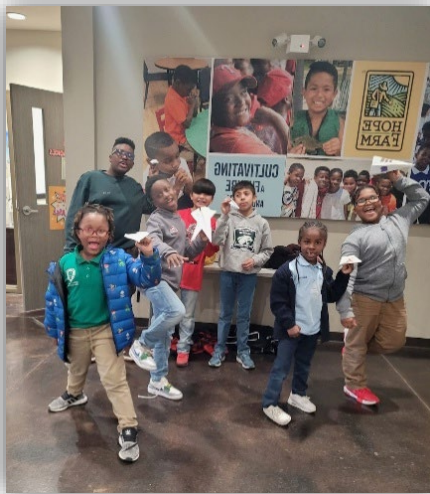
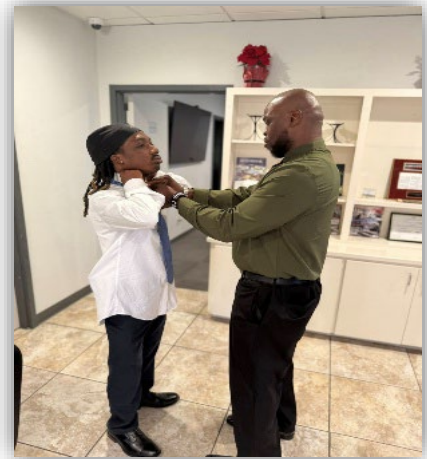
With a **\$13,500 BEACON grant**, the Hispanic Real Estate Brokers Association (HREBA) expanded its housing counseling services by increasing staff capacity and strengthening its client intake, tracking, and reporting systems. By hiring a HUD-certified staff member, HREBA was able to serve **108 families** navigating the homebuying process, including households facing complex financial and medical challenges. This increased capacity enabled families to secure stable, appropriate housing that supports long-term stability and quality of life. One family of four, despite limited income, was able to purchase a three-bedroom home that allowed them to

provide in-home nursing care for their daughter with a severe medical condition—an outcome made possible through targeted housing counseling and individualized support.

Building Pathways, Inc.

With a **\$30,000 BEACON grant**, Building Pathways, Inc. funded a Pathway Coach position to provide mentorship, jobsite coordination, and workforce readiness training for individuals seeking sustainable employment. Through this investment, the organization served **22 participants**, including **10 youth and 12 adults**, offering individualized coaching and employer coordination. As a result, **100% of adult participants** secured full-time employment, and two youth successfully transitioned into the adult cohort and obtained jobs themselves.

This support helped create a clear and attainable pathway from training to long-term employment, strengthening economic stability for participants and their families.



Hope Farm

With **\$40,000 in BEACON funding**, Hope Farm strengthened its holistic leadership development program supporting academic achievement, mentorship, and behavioral growth, while expanding access to tutoring, meals, recreation, and family engagement services across two priority neighborhoods. The organization enrolled and served **96 boys ages 5–18**, with an additional **73 mothers** participating in family support programming. As a result of this comprehensive approach, **97% of participants graduated with a post-secondary**

plan, 100% demonstrated improved behavior within six months, and 80% were reading at or above grade level. Beyond these outcomes, one participant leveraged academic and mentorship support to attend a national leadership program in Washington, D.C., where he gained confidence and clarity in pursuing his goal of becoming a defense attorney despite significant personal barriers.

4 Saints Episcopal Food Pantry

With **\$30,000** in BEACON funding, 4 Saints Episcopal Food Pantry expanded access to nutrient-dense food, strengthened organizational infrastructure, and increased the integration of health services through mobile clinics. Through this investment, the organization served **11,108 families**, representing **50,319 individuals**, distributed **739,000 pounds of food**, and provided critical resources such as **33,008 diaper packages** and **6,512 senior hygiene packages**. Beyond expanding reach, BEACON funding helped improve the quality and coordination of services—fresh produce access increased from **10% to 40%**, and **231 families** now receive weekly care through mobile health clinics. This integrated approach improved access to both nutritious food and preventive health services, supporting healthier outcomes for families across the community.



BEACON Learning Cohort

Executive leaders and senior staff from each grantee organization completed a five-session learning cohort designed to deepen their knowledge of community development and nonprofit management. The cohort featured guest facilitators who were subject-matter experts and experienced practitioners. According to session evaluations, **100% of participants reported being “very clear” or “somewhat clear” on how to apply the concepts covered.**

Session topics included:

1. Introduction to Community Development
2. Listening and Convening
3. Collective Impact and the Backbone Role
4. Your Nonprofits Role in Community Development
5. Nonprofit Sustainability and Growth

To give grantees an early win in their place-based work, they collaborated on Neighborhood Early Action Projects with other organizations serving the same community. These projects created opportunities for joint action and community celebrations. Activities included a community-garden cleanup, a financial literacy festival, the installation of community lending libraries, and community storytelling events.



Thank you to our BEACON Grant Fund Investors!

In a time when our community is facing great challenges, your generosity has made it possible for neighbors to move into homes, for men and women to find career paths, for small businesses to be strengthened, for children to learn to read, for families to participate in the arts, and for people to have access to healthy, quality food. We cannot do this work without you.

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