

2017 Impact Grant Semi Finalists

- **Arts Experiences for Students in Harrisonburg**
 - **Project Description Summary:** Any Given Child Harrisonburg, a national partnership with the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., is committed to providing two live arts experiences for every preK-8 child in Harrisonburg City Schools. We are requesting funds specifically to ensure that students can get to events with our partners in and around the Shenandoah Valley. Partnerships are currently engaged with the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, American Boys Choir in New Jersey, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Partnerships and programming continue to develop throughout the year.
 - **Other capital needs:** Education/Artists Trainings: \$16,000 Office Rent/Supplies: \$5,200 Marketing/PR: \$4,500
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Any Given Child Harrisonburg
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/c968io1oftboioa/Arts%20Experiences%20for%20Students%20in%20Harrisonburg.pdf?dl=0>
- **Bicycles for Refugees**
 - **Project Description Summary:** The SVBC has partnered Church World Service Immigration & Refugee Program works with new refugee families and signs up individuals interested in bicycling as transportation. Those individuals then attend a class taught by SVBC members where they learn basic bike skills, safety skills and bicycle related laws. At the end of the 2-hour class, refugees get to take home their bicycle, helmet, bike lock, and bike pump
 - **Other capital needs:** No specific capital or program material needs were cited.
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gxm7rn5kx5ffvga/Bicycles%20for%20Refugees.pdf?dl=0>

- **Community Maker Space - a workshop studio for families**
 - **Project Description Summary:** This learning laboratory will feature work stations, tools, and materials that enable participants to investigate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) topics through hands-on exploration. Making opportunities will include computer programming, stop motion animation, music and movie making, robotics, textile arts, electronics, woodworking and 2D and 3D fabrication. The Maker Space will encompass the values of collaboration, innovation, risk-taking, creativity, and personalized learning. One of our primary goals is to provide entry points to creative problem solving at an early age. In addition to serving EMDM's target maker audience (upper elementary/middle school), we anticipate connectivity between participants of all ages. It is our goal to expand our current high school and college mentoring partnerships to sustain and expand the scope of the Maker Space.
 - **Other capital needs:** Mounted Projector and Screen- \$2,500 Facilitate demonstrations of projects, present student creations, and collaborate with partners through video conferencing. iPad Air Tablets - \$2,000 (\$400 each) Create stop-motion animation, music and movies. Collaborative Furniture - \$1,200 Comfy sofa, coffee table, chairs and whiteboard area for the perfect brain-storming sessions. TechShop Makerspace Academy and travel costs - \$3,500 Three-and-a-half day hands-on, intensive course on how to manage safe and inspirational makerspaces.
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Explore More Discovery Museum (incorporated as Harrisonburg Children's Museum)
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/cqbdoroje18xm9d/Community%20Maker%20Space%20-%20a%20workshop.pdf?dl=0>

- **F.E.E.D - Family Engagement and Empowerment Dinners Program**
 - **Project Description Summary:** F.E.E.D. is designed to empower our low and moderate members and families with the skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare healthy and affordable meals. F.E.E.D. will teach families how to select nutritious and low-cost ingredients and prepare them in ways that provide the best nourishment possible for their families. The F.E.E.D. program is unique in that it will provide use of an industrial kitchen (Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center) and guest presenters to instruct our families.
 - **Other capital needs:** No specific capital or program materials needs were cited.
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/edx1fb2m5szmr2o/FEED%20%20Program%20Boys%20and%20Girls%20Club.pdf?dl=0>

- **Harrisonburg Day Program Sensory Upgrade**
 - **Project Description Summary:** The Harrisonburg Day Program Sensory Upgrade project will help the individuals we support interact with the world around them through the senses of sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch. We will first create a sensory garden in one of the raised beds the Kiwanis of Harrisonburg built this past summer. We will secondly upgrade our current Snoezelen Multi-Sensory room. We will lastly purchase durable tablets for interactive digital programs.
 - **Other capital needs:** Knobby Ball Sets \$20.50, Flashing bouncy ball set 12.50, Vibrating seal \$141.58 or Rabbit \$112.20, Sensory Cat \$68.00, Hourglass sand and water tray \$756.80, Bubbling water panel \$1523.00, Rattle Balls \$12.25, tactile ball set \$46.50, Rubberlite Jingle Bell Ball \$11.25, Shimmering light curtain \$1,635.00, Learning Chair 2,225.00
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Pleasant View, Inc
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8v2uncd1xhr0thu/Harrisonburg%20Day%20Program%20Sensory%20Upgrade.pdf?dl=0>

- **Juvenile Diversion Program**
 - **Project Description Summary:** In Partnership with the 26th District Court Service Unit, this 9-12 week restorative justice program has helped local youth get a second chance since 2010. Youth referred to the program learn the meaning and importance of The First Tee's Nine Core Values (honesty, respect, judgment, courtesy, perseverance, responsibility, sportsmanship, confidence, & integrity) and receive mentorship
 - **Other capital needs:** Expand The National School Program package into additional Harrisonburg & Rockingham County Schools (\$3,250 per school). The package includes SNAG (Starting New at Golf) equipment, curriculum, teaching manuals, and everything needed to run a successful golf program in or outside the gymnasium.
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** The Shenandoah Valley Junior Golf Foundation, Inc. (Doing business as: The First Tee of Harrisonburg)
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/b9yrd6zhw0ucteg/The%20First%20Tee%20Juvenile%20Diversion%20Program.pdf?dl=0>

- **Kitchen Enterprise**
 - **Project Description Summary:** The goal of the OCP Kitchen Enterprise is to provide supportive employment opportunities for community members who exhibit a desire to work and who have demonstrated care for and commitment to the OCP community. The enterprise includes box-lunch catering, a Friday lunch restaurant, and will shortly be producing and selling a new product. We have employed three individuals in the first year.
 - **Other capital needs:** Kitchen repairs and maintenance: \$3,000 Maintenance for community trucks (3): \$1,000
 - **Sponsoring Organization:** Our Community Place
 - **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/d5js37uzqx7og54/Our%20Community%20Place%20Kitchen%20Enterprise.pdf?dl=0>

- **Mobility: The Key to Self-Sufficiency**

- **Project Description Summary:** Our mission is to help low-income working families become more self-sufficient and we do this by assisting them with their vehicle transportation needs. We can assist with repairs and other needs for vehicles they own or help them through an assisted purchase of a good used vehicle including a down payment and guaranteed bank financing. Our overall goal is to keep them mobile and employed!
- **Other capital needs:** Donated vehicles - repairs prior to awarding to clients - \$7,500
- **Sponsoring Organization:** Way to Go, Inc.
- **Link to Full Grant Application:**
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/bm1exnfv3mcfmst/Mobility %20The%20Key%20to%20Self-Sufficiency.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/bm1exnfv3mcfmst/Mobility%20The%20Key%20to%20Self-Sufficiency.pdf?dl=0)

- **We Read to Succeed**

- **Project Description Summary:** We Read to Succeed (WRTS) is a community-wide initiative, led by United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County (UWHR) and its Advisory Council and Leadership Team, to ensure that students in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. WRTS focuses on the areas of school readiness, bolstering pre-literacy skills and preventing summer learning loss. With support from this grant, we will expand our current efforts by providing age-appropriate reading material for Virginia Preschool Initiative and Headstart classes within our areas by expanding our Summer Reading Parties and furthering the distribution of books.
- **Other capital needs:** No specific capital or program materials needs were cited.
- **Sponsoring Organization:** United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County
- **Link to Full Grant Application:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7jssshutmdx6ey/We%20Read%20to%20Succeed.pdf?dl=0>