

INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION

2021
a year in review

The mission of the Independence Foundation is to build leadership, provide services, and encourage systems and cultural change through the support of organizations in the fields of healthcare, human services, legal aid, and the arts. The Foundation invests in people and programs that protect, improve and enrich the life experiences of residents of Philadelphia and its surrounding Pennsylvania counties, with a focus on the vulnerable and excluded. Its work is based on the belief that a region that promotes physical well-being, provides equal access to justice and services, and appreciates the value of the arts will thrive for generations to come.

OUR MISSION

VALUES STATEMENT

The following principles serve as important guidelines for Independence Foundation, and reflect the values of our board and staff. We are aware of the immense responsibility we carry and the privilege we hold as philanthropists, and want to ensure that our work reaches and benefits those in need through the prudent use of Foundation resources. We make a commitment to the community we serve that we will strive to uphold these values in all our decision-making.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND HUMANITY

We celebrate diversity, in all its broad definitions. We know that our work, and the work of our grantees, is stronger when it is informed by a rich diversity of individuals, perspectives, viewpoints, and lived experiences.

We value people above systems, and we understand that underlying and historical systemic barriers have barred many individuals from equal access to opportunities and resources. We strive to understand and re-imagine those systems and support those people and programs whose work seeks to change them, thus enriching our collective humanity and increasing equitable access for all people.

TRUST AND MUTUAL RESPECT

We rely on the unique knowledge and experience of our grantees in making Foundation decisions on how to utilize grant money and resources to best address their needs. We trust their wisdom, and approach all grantees as partners in a mutual and collaborative effort.

INTELLECTUAL HUMILITY

We strive to create a culture of openness and learning among our grantees, and are adaptable and curious in our own thinking. We welcome the expertise and knowledge of others. We listen before we speak. We recognize the power that comes with our position as philanthropists, and seek to understand and minimize the impact it may have on our honest and equal relationships with others.

LEADERSHIP BEYOND GRANTMAKING

We appreciate our unique position to facilitate opportunities for sharing knowledge, creating connections and collaboration, and building leadership. We facilitate forums in which individuals engaged in meaningful work learn from one another. We share our knowledge freely, and believe that shared knowledge is beneficial for all.



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**ORGANIZATIONS
FUNDED IN 2021**

213

**GRANTS
IN 2021**

380



**PAID IN
GRANTS
IN 2021**

\$4,572,502





ARTS AND CULTURE

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

**ARTS AND
CULTURE GRANTS
IN 2021**

135





**we support a variety
of opportunities for
involvement and
participation in the arts**

arts + culture grants paid in 2021

\$986,250



 **health care**

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICES



HEALTH CARE GRANTS IN 2021

30



health care grants paid in 2021

\$927,000

**we prioritize funding
that makes high quality,
comprehensive primary
care accessible**



 **human services**

HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS IN 2021

130





human services grants paid in 2021

\$1,047,250

we support programs
that empower less
advantaged to achieve
self-sufficiency

HEALTH + HUMAN SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED IN 2021

3*

* Two fellowships were funded by Independence Foundation, one by Philadelphia Health Partnership



WOMEN'S CENTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

health + human services fellowships paid in 2021

\$91,351

new for 2021, independence
foundation and philadelphia
health partnership
established the health &
human services fellowships
to promote a diverse
nonprofit leadership pipeline



legal aid

**LEGAL AID
GRANTS
IN 2021
48**





legal aid grants paid in 2021

\$630,500

**we support organizations that
address civil legal issues
confronting individuals from
diverse populations including
people who are indigent,
elderly, disabled or homeless**



paid in support of 12 public interest law fellowships in 2021

**through fellowship grants
we bring some of the best
and brightest law school
graduates to the area to work
with local organizations
providing free legal services**

\$662,151

SINCE 1996 OVER

\$9,500,000

**HAS BEEN PAID IN
SUPPORT OF 111 FELLOWS
WORKING IN THE PUBLIC
INTEREST LAW SECTOR**





reentry, recidivism + restorative justice

READY, WILLING & ABLE



REENTRY, RECIDIVISM + RESTORATIVE JUSTICE GRANTS IN 2021

37



reentry, recidivism & restorative justice paid in 2021

\$228,000

in 2021, independence foundation started a new funding stream around the effects of incarceration.



culture & the arts

11th Hour Theatre Company
1812 Productions
Act II Playhouse
Al Bustan Seeds of Culture
Arden Theatre Company
Artists U
Artreach
Azuka Theatre
Ballet X
Bearded Ladies Cabaret
Bristol Riverside Theater
Center for Emerging Visual Artists
Chester Children's Chorus
Clay Studio
Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts
CosaCosa Art At Large
Eastern State Penitentiary
EgoPo Productions
Elmwood Park Zoo
Enchantment Theatre Company
First Person Arts
Free Library of Philadelphia
Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance
FringeArts
Hedgerow Theatre
Inis Nua Theatre Company
InterAct Theatre Company
Intercultural Journeys
Lantern Theatre Company
LiveConnections
Mann Center for the Performing Arts
Montgomery Theater
Mural Arts Philadelphia
National Museum of American Jewish History
Network for New Music
New Paradise Laboratories
Opera Philadelphia
Partners for Sacred Spaces
Pennsylvania Ballet Association
People's Light

Philadelphia Folklore Project
Philadelphia Theatre Company
Philadelphia Young Playwrights
Pig Iron Theatre Company
Power Street Theatre
Rosenbach Museum & Library
Simpatico Theatre
Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse
Spiral Q Puppet Theater
Taller Puertorriqueno
Team Sunshine Corporation
Theatre Exile
Theatre Horizon
Theatre in the X
Theatre Philadelphia
Tribe of Fools
Village of Arts and Humanities
Walnut Street Theatre Company
Wilma Theater
World Café Live
Zoological Society of Philadelphia

health care initiative

CARIE
Children First (formerly PCCY)
COLOURS
Community College of Philadelphia Department of Nursing
Congreso
Family Practice and Counseling Network
LCH Community Health
Pennsylvania Health Access Network
Penn's Village
Prevention Point
Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia
Visiting Nurse Association Community Services

human services

ACHIEVEAbility
American Red Cross SE PA Chapter
Associated Services for the Blind
Bernardine Center
Bethesda Project
Broad Street Ministry
Canine Partners for Life
Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired
Chester Eastside

Chester County Food Bank
CYWA (Community Youth & Women's Alliance)
Covenant House PA
Cradles to Crayons
Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre, Inc.
Dignity Housing
Domestic Abuse Project
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Episcopal Community Services
Food Trust
Friends Association
Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia
Handi-crafters
Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy
Housing Alliance of PA
Integrate for Good
Inter-faith Housing Alliance
Ivins Outreach Center
Lutheran Settlement House
MANNA
Manna on Main Street
Multicultural Community Family Services
Neighborhood Gardens Trust
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (Community Gardens)
People's Emergency Center
Philabundance
Planned Parenthood Keystone
Planned Parenthood of S.E. Pennsylvania
Project HOME
Quest Therapeutic Services
Rolling Harvest
SEAMAAC
SHARE Food Program
spArc Services
Special Equestrians
Students Run Philly Style
Supportive Older Women's Network – SOWN
Urban Creators
Urban Tree Connection
Women's Center of Montgomery County
Women's Resource Center

legal aid

AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania
ACLU Pennsylvania
Committee of Seventy
Community Legal Services
Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project

Disabilities Rights Network of PA
Education Law Center of Pennsylvania
Esperanza Immigration Legal Services
HIAS Pennsylvania
Homeless Advocacy Project
Justice At Work
Juvenile Law Center
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP)
Legal Clinic for the Disabled
Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project
Nationalities Service Center
Pennsylvania Health Law Project
Pennsylvania Innocence Project
Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project
Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts
Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity
Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center
Philadelphia VIP
Philadelphia Volunteers for the Arts
Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Regional Housing Legal Services
SeniorLAW Center
Support Center for Child Advocates
Women Against Abuse Legal Center
Women's Law Project

Reentry, Recidivism & Restorative Justice

Ardella's House
Beyond the Bars
Books Through Bars
DeafCAN!
IMPACT Services
New Leash on Life
PAR Recycleworks
Pennsylvania Prison Society
Ready Willing & Able
Sankofa Healing Studio
Sisters Returning Home
Why Not Prosper
Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project
Youth Empowerment for Advancement Hangout

2021

stats

organizations funded

Arts & Culture	72
Health Care	19
Human Services	76
Legal Aid	31
Reentry, Recidivism & Restorative Justice	15
TOTAL	213

grants

Arts & Culture	135
Health Care	30
Human Services	130
Legal Aid	48
Reentry, Recidivism & Restorative Justice	37
TOTAL	380

total funded

Arts & Culture	\$986,250	
Health Care	\$927,000	
Health & Human Services Fellowships	\$91,351	paid in support of 2 fellows
Human Services	\$1,047,250	
Legal Aid	\$630,500	
Law Fellowships	\$662,151	paid in support of 12 fellows
Reentry, Recidivism & Restorative Justice	\$228,000	

Total

\$4,572,502

Thank you

