



2019 Grant Awards

AACF awarded a total of \$25,000 this year to the following recipients:

Human Capital Investment, Inc – The grant helps to fund the Seeds of Wellness: Leading Intentionally for Future Endeavors (S.O.W. L.I.F.E.) program that provides horticulture training and socialpreneur leadership development exclusively for formally incarcerated minority men 15-50 years of age. This targeted economic development experience will provide tangible action-oriented skills and equip the community with an informed historically underutilized labor force.

Supportive Housing Communities (McCreesh Place, St. Peter Homes) – The grant helped to provide a Peer Support Specialist Training Program for 15 of SHC's formerly homeless residents. The goal of the training is to help participants become financially self-sufficient by obtaining certification and employment as peer support specialists.

Hope Vibes Inc. – The Hope Tank Project provides access to proper hygiene and clean clothes to our homeless neighbors and others currently living in extreme poverty. The grant helped to purchase their first mobile shower and laundry vehicle, consisting of four washer/dryer sets and three fully equipped bathrooms.

S.T.A.R.S. Math & English Academy – The grant helped to expand the number of 3rd-8th graders served by their End-of-Grade (EOG) Boot Camp which enables students to increase their performance on state EOG tests in reading and math. The EOG Boot Camp has been in existence for seven years with positive outcomes.

Winners PLUS, Inc. (Greater Charlotte Summer Arts Camp) – The grant supported the Greater Charlotte Summer Arts Camp for four weeks at the West Charlotte Recreation Center in West Charlotte.