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for all
generations



The Francis Family Foundation

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Introduction. Since 1913, when Parker Browne Francis II first launched the Oxygen Gas Company in Kansas City, Missouri, the Francis family has continued to be an inspirational and influential force in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In 1951, as the company grew and developed into a major national manufacturer and supplier of industrial and medical gases, Parker B. Francis II established a foundation bearing his name to help promote education and research in the fields of anesthesiology and related pulmonary sciences. Parker B. Francis III also established a foundation to fund his interests in education, and arts and culture. Since the two foundations merged in 1989 to become the Francis Family Foundation, the pattern of grantmaking made today still reflects the interests of the founding donors. For more information about the history of the Francis Family Foundation, please visit www.francisfoundation.org.

Today, thanks to the vision of Parker B. Francis and his son John B. Francis, the Francis Family Foundation celebrates 59 years of philanthropy, including the funding of the Parker B. Francis Pulmonary Fellowship Program and support of educational and arts programs geographically located within the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. It is in the context of this history that the 2010 Annual Report honors the accomplishments of more than 260 grants representing a social investment of more than \$5.6 million. While John B. Francis and his wife Mary Harris Francis are both deceased, stewardship of the Foundation was passed to their children – Ann F. Barhoum, David V. Francis, J. Scott Francis and Susan Neves – and four non-family Board members – Gregory Glore, Mary Lou Jaramillo, Charles Schellhorn and Katie Wendel. Susan Neves has since retired from the Board. The Foundation is also served by two community advisors: David Oliver and Susan Stanton. In 2008, the Foundation Board of Directors created an updated Strategic Plan, which identified three major funding priorities: Pulmonary Research, Lifelong Learning and Arts & Culture.

Parker B. Francis Pulmonary Fellowship Program. In 1975, John Byers Francis created the Pulmonary Fellowship program in honor of his father, Parker B. Francis II. Since then, the Foundation has contributed more than \$52 million in support of more than 780 Fellows. In 2010, Fellowship grants totaled \$2 million in support of 40 Fellows. For more information, visit www.francisfellowships.org.

Lifelong Learning. In 2010, the Foundation invested more than \$1.4 million in Lifelong Learning grants under the strategic plan. Four grants supported early childhood development efforts in the metro area with an emphasis on professional development for providers and support for advocacy efforts. Examples include support for the Francis Resource Center and the Francis Institute for Child and Youth Development (professional development); and, Kansas Action for Children (advocacy) – a critical player in the movement to expand government support for early education initiatives.

Parents are the key to a child's early development. To strengthen their capacity, the Foundation approved funding for six parent initiative grants, which will help increase school readiness. These programs focus primarily on literacy development and verbal communication in children from birth to age five. Several also take a more comprehensive view of early childhood development with literacy and communication as part of several core training components. The Foundation expects these efforts to lay the groundwork for children's success in school, an important benchmark for the community.

-  **2 Arts & Culture.** As the year 2010 came to an end, the Foundation Board of Directors approved more than \$900,000 through 80 grants to support arts and culture organizations and programs in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Total 2010 investments in arts and culture, including multi-year commitments approved in prior years, crossed the \$1M mark.

Grant Highlights. The Foundation continues to support the many arts and culture institutions that “anchor” a strong and vibrant quality of life in Kansas City including innovative programs of the Charlotte Street Foundation, American Jazz Museum and Mattie Rhodes Art Center. At the same time, through our small arts program, the Foundation seeds both new and emerging organizations, and expands access for children and underserved populations throughout the community. The Foundation also invests in strategies that strengthen the role of arts in the K-12 education process. Ongoing efforts include the expansion of Kansas City Young Audiences’ Arts Partners programming and advocacy efforts of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education. Strengthening professional development strategies for teachers and teaching artists, as well as building a stronger base of public support for arts and education generally are the early targets of this investment.

Our Vision. The Francis Family Foundation envisions current and future generations of well-rounded individuals who are creative, lifelong learners, striving to achieve their fullest potential within their communities.

Our Values. The Francis Family Foundation believes in:

- **Excellence** – We are committed to standards of excellence in our operations and grant making activities.
- **Accessibility** – We believe all members of our communities should have the opportunity to participate fully in educational, cultural and social activities, and believe we should seek ways to improve access to these activities to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, ethnicities, financial abilities and physical and mental abilities.
- **Diversity and Inclusiveness** – We believe in the rich diversity of the greater Kansas City area, and promote inclusiveness in the way we work and in our grant making activities. We seek to celebrate our common experiences and concerns through our grants.
- **Community** – We embrace and promote a strong sense of community and seek opportunities with great potential for strengthening community life and the urban fabric.
- **Innovation and Creativity** – We value the creative process among people of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage excellence and innovation in our grant making activities.
- **Lifelong Learning** – We promote lifelong learning as a key factor in developing active, well-rounded and contributing individuals in our communities.
- **Collaboration** – We encourage and model collaboration among funders and community organizations.
- **Integrity and Sustainability** – We maintain and promote fiscal and program integrity in our operations and grant making activities to ensure the sustainability of organizations that enrich community life.
- **Planning and Evaluation** – We believe in planning and evaluation as critical methods to assess the effectiveness of our grant making so we can make a difference.



Non-arts organization funded for arts programming

Children's TLC

Childrens Therapeutic Learning Center Inc

Centerbased Preschool Art Support

To help provide art instruction including painting, drawing, sculpting, designing, singing, dancing, imagination, and exploring using a wide variety of artist materials and techniques, all in an atmosphere of fun and success.

\$3,000

DeLaSalle Education Center

Art & Culture Program

To help support in-school art as well as after school art and drama clubs.

\$7,000

Front Porch Alliance-Kansas City Inc

Arts for Hearts

To bring cultural arts education, including drawing/painting, sculpting, music, drama and dance, directly to the youth participants, thus eliminating barriers such as transportation and cost.

\$2,500

Genesis Promise Academy

Genesis School Inc

West African Music and Dance Program

To support the students of the Genesis Promise Academy with high-quality instruction in the arts that helps them succeed in their academic and creative pursuits.

\$5,000

Gordon Parks Elementary School

Fine Arts Fridays

To support integration of the arts into Gordon Parks Elementary's academic curriculum including engaging all students in the fine arts through visiting artists, field trips and workshops.

\$4,000

Guadalupe Centers, Inc.

Quinceanera Transformada

To help launch a semester course exploring the meanings and significance of the Latino Quinceanera Experience (Coming of Age) and plans for a gallery exhibit and community celebration around this theme.

\$3,000

Marillac Center

Expressive Arts Therapy Program

To help support a full spectrum of music, art and recreational therapy as a means of reconciling emotional conflicts and helping troubled children and adolescents learn to positively and creatively express themselves.

\$3,000

Niles Home for Children

Performance Music Program

To help provide sheet music and lesson books as well as professional instruction to initiate vocal and instrumental performance music program for students of Niles Prep Behavior Management School/Day Treatment Program and residents of Residential Treatment Program, using donated instruments.

\$2,500

Park University

International Center for Music Concert Series

To help foster the exchange of master teacher/performers, renowned young musicians, and programs from countries across the globe, enabling students and community audiences to experience the wealth of music impacting generations.

\$2,000

reStart, Inc.

Arts at reStart for Children & Youth

To help support a comprehensive, interactive arts program to homeless children and youth that includes hands-on arts instruction, on and off-site, guided by professional artists and volunteers, ending with presentations of participants work.

\$2,500

Seton Center Family & Health Services

Seton Center Inc

Bringing the Arts to Seton High School

To assist integration of the arts in many forms into the lives of Seton High Students, raising their awareness, experience, and creativity.

\$4,000

The small arts grant program provides support that promotes grassroots arts and culture programs throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

Synergy Services, Inc.**YRC Arts Program**

To help provide arts classes, workshops and performances annually benefitting homeless, runaway and street youth between the ages of 12 and 21, as well as youth from nearby neighborhoods.

\$2,500

Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation**Healing Arts - First Friday Concerts**

To support The First Friday Concert Series is a vital element in TMC's Center for Healing Arts, employing music to enrich patient care and enhance the hospital environment.

\$5,000

United Inner City Services**St. Mark Child and Family Development Center**

To help provide a unique approach to early childhood education through arts and culture based activities and environment.

\$4,000

Arts & Culture**Small Arts Grant Fund****Small arts & culture organizations funded to support a program****Arts in Prison****Conducting Hope**

To help support a documentary film that tells the story of the East Hills Singers at Lansing Correctional Facility, the only prison choir in the country that performs outside prison walls, teaching inmates responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and most importantly, gives them hope.

\$7,000

Azteca De Greater Kansas City**Azteca de Greater Kansas City Fiesta**

To support a Fiesta that promotes culture, community, and gives back to the community, as well raising funds to provide scholarships.

\$7,000

Cultural Crossroads Inc**"Hello, World!" and "Is This Your New Year?"**

To help support two art programs offered as workshops throughout the region. "Hello, World!" teaches children words of greeting in different languages and includes decorating T-shirts as wearable art. In "Is This Your New Year?" children learn when and how the beginning of a new year is celebrated in other societies through expression of the arts and crafts of other cultures.

\$2,500

University of Missouri-Kansas City**Curators Of The University Of Missouri****KCArtistLink**

To help support a consortium of nonprofit organizations to create professional development programs and a network of resources for business development that seeks to improve living and working conditions for artists residing in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

\$7,000

YWCA of Greater Kansas City**Young Womens Christian Association****YWCA 2nd Friday Arts Outreach and Exhibits**

To provide access to arts and cultural events for children, families and the under served in the urban core of Kansas City, Kansas.

\$10,000

Dream Studio LLC**True Light Family Resource Center****Olu's Dream the Musical (the dream of a community)**

To help support a musical production based on the Harper Collins title "Olu's Dream" that will move throughout the city of Kansas City motivating children of all ages to dream.

\$7,000

My Mother's Club, a 60-minute documentary

film that centers on the African American women's social clubs in Kansas City during the late 1940's to 1960's, will preserve a very valuable piece of Kansas City history. The project, sponsored by **The Reel Images Film and Video Group**, began in the fall of 2009 with an initial grant from the Black Community Fund, and has now garnered wide community support and partnerships.

Emily A Silverman Memorial Fund

Summer Dance Program 2011

To help support Em's Spotlight's summer program introducing the joy of dance to children with limited opportunities in conjunction with the Upper Room, through free dance lessons along, two nights of dance recitals that include costumes, professional pictures, DVD of program dinner and transportation to the recital.

\$3,000

The Kansas City Boys Choir

The Kansas City Boys Choir A Not- For-Profit Corporation

Annual Winter Concert Program

To help support the annual holiday musical production for the community.

\$2,000

Kansas City Music Teachers Association

Multi-Piano Concerts "Musikopoly"

To help feature 36 performers on 18 grand pianos simultaneously playing duet repertoire under the direction of a conductor. Presented in two one-hour concerts with performers comprised of students of all ages and levels of abilities paired with their teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends.

\$1,000

Liberty Symphony Orchestra

Liberty Symphony Orchestra Inc

Community Youth Concert

To help provide elementary and middle school age students the opportunity to experience live classical music performances in a youth-friendly environment.

\$2,000

Musical Theater Heritage Inc

Live Performances at Off Center Theater at Crown Center

To help underwrite the 2011 Season: Gypsy, Evita, the holiday concert, and six Musical Mondays.

\$2,500

Quixotic Performance Fusion

Kidzotic

To help provide arts education that combines several disciplines for students to choose from.

\$7,000

Reel Images Film & Video Group

My Mother's Club

To help produce a documentary film centering on the African American women's social clubs in Kansas City during the late 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's, told from the perspective of daughters of club members. Focus is on the impact of these clubs on Kansas City's African American community through their social activities, volunteerism, and social activism.

\$7,000

Arts & Culture

Small Arts Grant Fund

Small arts & culture organizations receiving general operating support

940 Dance Company

Lawrence Arts Center

\$5,000

Arts Council of Johnson County

\$5,000

Chameleon Theatre Company

Community Childrens Theatre Of Kansas City Mo Inc

\$4,000

Chestnut Fine Arts Center Inc

\$3,000

Halo Foundation

The HALO Center

\$6,000

Kansas City Artists Coalition

\$7,000

Kansas City Chalk And Walk Festival, Inc

\$2,000

Kansas City Chamber Orchestra

\$5,000

Kansas City Jewish Museum Epsten Gallery at Village Shalom <i>Kansas City Jewish Museum Foundation</i> \$3,500	Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre \$5,000
Kansas City Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts \$5,000	New Music Institute Of Kansas City, Inc. (newEar) \$5,500
Kansas City Youth Jazz Inc. \$5,000	Störling Dance Theater <i>The Culture House Inc.</i> \$7,000
Kaw Valley Arts & Humanities \$3,500	Storytellers Inc., The \$5,500
KCMetropolis.org \$2,500	Theatre for Young America <i>Theatre For Young America Inc</i> \$7,000
Latino Writers Collective \$3,500	Wylliams/Henry Danse Theatre \$7,000

Arts & Culture

Accessible Arts, Inc. \$10,000
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art \$20,000
American Jazz Museum \$20,000
Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City \$75,000
Arts Incubator of Kansas City \$10,000
Arts Tech \$15,000
Coterie Theatre \$25,000
Folly Theater <i>Performing Arts Foundation Of Kansas City</i> \$15,000

General Operating Support Grants

Harriman-Jewell Series at William Jewell College <i>Trustees of William Jewell College</i> \$15,000
Heart of America Shakespeare Festival \$10,000
Heartland Men's Chorus \$7,500
Kansas City Actors Theatre Inc \$10,000
Kansas City Art Institute \$25,000
Kansas City Ballet Association \$25,000
Kansas City Chorale \$10,000
Kansas City Repertory Theatre \$40,000

The Foundation provides support to organizations, programs and initiatives in arts and culture that promote excellence in artistic and creative expression and enable greater access to arts and culture for children, families and the underserved with a concerted effort at the urban core of greater Kansas City.



Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art
Operating Support designated to Education and
Outreach Expenses
\$20,000

Paul Mesner Puppets
\$10,000

The Charlotte Street Foundation
General Operating Support, and 1-time Strategic
Investment
\$40,000

Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City
\$68,623

Unicorn Theatre
\$10,000

Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City
Wonderscope Inc
\$25,000

Youth Symphony of Kansas City, Inc.
\$10,000

Arts & Culture

Friends of Chamber Music
Chanticleer, Feb. 2011, and "What Makes It Great?"
2010/11
To help underwrite two programs: 1. The early music ensemble, Chanticleer-- a program of 16th-century sacred works by Orlando di Lasso, on February 5, 2011 at the Community of Christ Temple in Independence, Missouri. 2. The Friends' 2010-11 "What Makes It Great?" educational outreach series with composer and commentator Rob Kapilow -- four programs that will bring the joy and wonder of classical music - while unraveling some of its mysteries - to audiences of all ages.
\$15,000

Program or Project Grants

Kansas City Symphony
Youth Education & Outreach
To help bring the transformative power of great music to those who would otherwise not have access.
\$20,000

Lyric Opera of Kansas City
Lyric Opera Of Kansas City Inc
Lyric Education Programs
To help support a broad range of opera programs for young people from kindergarten through 12th grade in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
\$15,000

Mattie Rhodes Counseling & Art Center
Mattie Rhodes Center
After School and Summer Cultural Arts
To help provide critical multicultural arts education for children K-8th through afterschool programming and Summer Art Camp at the Westside Center, and through the Cultural Arts Exploration program at the Northeast location.
\$20,000

Mid-America Arts Alliance
Cultural Programming and Professional Development in the Greater Kansas City Area
To assist in bringing visual arts exhibitions , live performances, and professional development activities to audiences, artists and cultural organizations in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area.
\$15,000

The Musical Bridges program provides one-on-one instruction from UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance graduate students and faculty to 23 promising students in three urban school districts — Kansas City Missouri School District, Hickman Mills School District, and Kansas City Kansas Public Schools — in school year 2010/11. So far, all graduating seniors of the Musical Bridges program have gone on to college, some as music and arts majors.

Performing Arts at Johnson County Community College

*Johnson County Community College
Performing Arts Education Program*

To help support a broad range of arts education services including master classes, youth performances, workshops, lecture-demonstrations, and teacher workshops in area schools, community centers, and on the JCCC campus, with attention given to underserved school-age children, and increased collaborative planning and advocacy with community organizations.

\$20,000

Union Station Kansas City, Inc.

Kansas City Museum at Corinthian Hall Education Programs

To help support informal education opportunities focusing on themes of Kansas City local and regional history, on site and in the community.

\$10,000

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Curators Of The University Of Missouri

Musical Bridges Program at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance

To help provide intensive one-on-one musical training to promising 5th-12th graders from Kansas City urban schools.

\$40,000

Arts in Education

Kansas City Young Audiences, Inc.

Arts Partners Expansion 2008-2012

To fund Arts Partners expansion to additional urban/low-income school districts and increase training of school teachers in use of integrating the arts as a teaching tool across disciplines.

\$47,924

Awarded in 2008

Total Grant Amount: \$279,824

Missouri Alliance for Arts Education

MAAE Advocacy Program

To help increase advocacy efforts in the Missouri legislature, public schools, State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education through research, communication, coalition building and organizational capacity building.

\$30,000



Lifelong Learning

FICYD

Foundation Of The Metropolitan Colleges

Francis Resource Center and

FICYD Director

To support the Francis Resource Center as it transitions to a self sustaining community resource.

\$628,745

Kansas Action for Children, Inc.

General Operating Support

and Support for Kansas

Coalition for School Readiness

\$50,000

Early Education System

Metropolitan Council on Early Learning

Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

General Operating Support for the Metropolitan Council on Early Learning (MCEL)

\$180,000

Partnership for Children

General Operating Support

\$25,000

Awarded in 2010

Total Grant Amount: \$50,000

The Foundation supports organizations and their programs and initiatives that improve and strengthen the quality and capacity of the local early childhood care and learning system.

Too many children in greater Kansas City still begin school without the skills necessary to prepare them for success. **Metropolitan Council on Early Learning** — a part of the **Mid-America Regional Council** since 1989 — and numerous community partners have focused on improving both access to and the quality of early learning in our area. While exciting improvements in teacher training, early learning program quality, child care facilities, and access have been made, much work remains.

Lifelong Learning

DeLaSalle Education Center

Parent and Child Education Support Program (PACES)

To help provide safe and quality on-site early childhood education for infants and toddlers of DeLaSalle students while assisting young parents in developing good parenting skills as they strive to reach their educational goals.

\$20,000

Kansas City Area Parents as Teachers Consortium

Olathe Unified School District #233

General Operating Support

\$20,000

Parent's Ability

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.

Public Television 19 Inc

KCPT Reads and The Local Show

To support a family-centered program that builds pre-literacy skills in children, and help launch a weekly show highlighting Greater Kansas City.

\$80,000

Operation Breakthrough

Parent Support Program

To help provide a variety of activities to promote parents' involvement in their children's development, and improve parenting skills.

\$20,000

Reach Out and Read Kansas City
Kansas University Endowment Assoc
General Operating Support
\$50,000

The Family Conservancy
Parent Support Services in Child Care Resource and Referral
To support continual metro area analysis of and responsiveness to families' early education needs in a 14 county bi-state area.
\$60,000

The Foundation provides support to organizations, programs and initiatives that provide parents and family members the skills that instill lifelong learning in all children.

Lifelong Learning

PREP-KC
Partnership for Regional Educational Preparation-Kansas City
General Operating Support
\$250,000
Awarded in 2007
Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

Special Programs & Initiatives

Pulmonary Research

The Foundation created the Parker B. Francis Fellowship Program, a national postdoctoral study in pulmonary research in 1975. The Foundation remains its sole benefactor today. The program supports the development of outstanding investigators planning careers in pulmonary research and awards fellowships in fields related to lung biology and pulmonary disease. In 2010, total Foundation grantmaking in support of the Parker B. Francis Fellowships exceeded \$2 million, and supported the work of 40 fellows at the following institutions.

American Thoracic Society
General Operating Support
\$10,000
Awarded in 2009
Total Grant Amount: \$50,000

Thomas L. Petty Aspen Lung Conference
Aspen Lung Conference
To continue the Parker B. Francis Lectureship
To support the Parker B. Francis Lectureship, where lectures are delivered by established, world renowned leaders in the chosen topic related to lung disease, while the abstract presenters usually are young investigators in training (often recipients of PBF Fellowships).
\$3,500
Awarded in 2008
Total Grant Amount: \$10,500

University of Washington
PBF Program Administration



PBF Fellowships

Johns Hopkins University
University of California, San Francisco
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal
Research Center
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Columbia University Medical Center
Dartmouth Medical School
Harvard College
Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University
Johns Hopkins University
Massachusetts General Hospital
National Jewish Medical and Research Center
Northwestern University
Ohio State University

Oregon Health and Science University
St. Michael's Hospital
Stanford University
The Salk Institute
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
University of Alberta
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
University of Manitoba
University of Massachusetts Medical School
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Alabama
University of Washington
University of Western Ontario
University of Wisconsin at Madison
Vanderbilt University
Yale University

Investments in Pulmonary Research are intended to attract, develop and retain the best researchers in the field of pulmonary medicine.

Capital Campaigns

Friends of the Zoo of Kansas City Missouri

Make Your Mark

To support renovation in the capital campaign and help fund the endowment.

\$100,000

Awarded in 2007

Total Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

\$100,000

Awarded in 2008

Total Grant Amount: \$300,000

KCPT - Public Television 19, Inc.

Public Television 19 Inc

KCPT-Improving for You

To support conversion from analog to digital production and broadcasting by upgrading Master Control, Field Equipment, Editing Suites & Studio to continue producing all local programming.

\$80,000

Awarded in 2008

Total Grant Amount: \$250,000

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Nelson Gallery Foundation

Capital Campaign

To support an endowment for youth and family programs at the museum.

\$100,000

Awarded in 2005

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000

Kansas City Ballet Association

Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity

To support renovation of the Power House at Union Station into the permanent home for the Kansas City Ballet and School along with an operating endowment for the building.

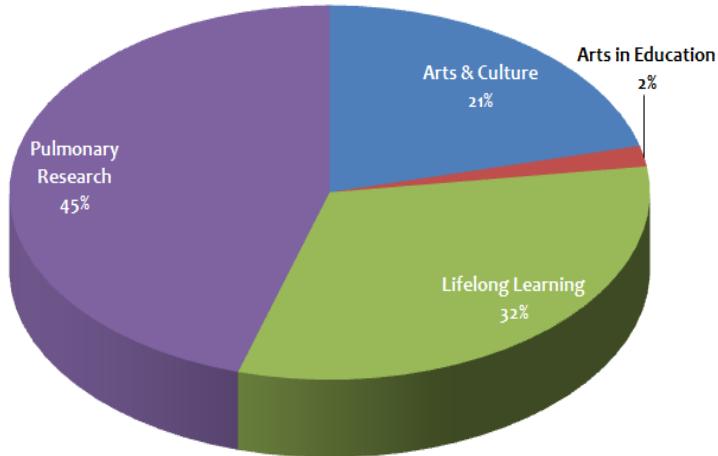
Discretionary Grants

In addition to the awards made, which are consistent with the guidelines in the strategic plan, Foundation Board members may elect to designate a pre-determined amount of money each year for a cause or causes in which each are personally interested. In 2010, 100 awards were made totaling more than \$600,000.

In addition, in response to the economic downturn and increased community need, the following emergency assistance grants were approved.

Financial Highlights

Foundation Grantmaking – Strategic Areas of Interest



Foundation Expense Areas

