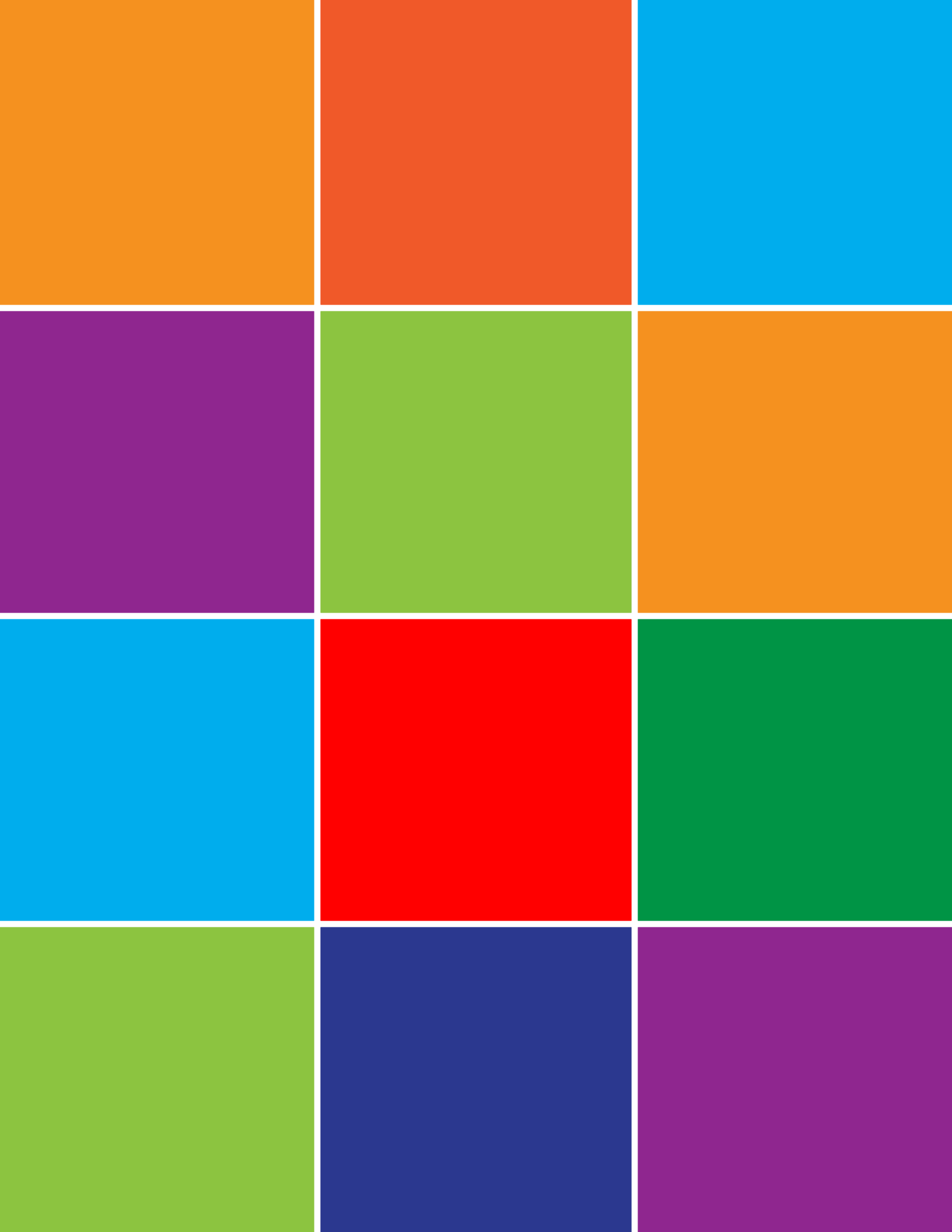


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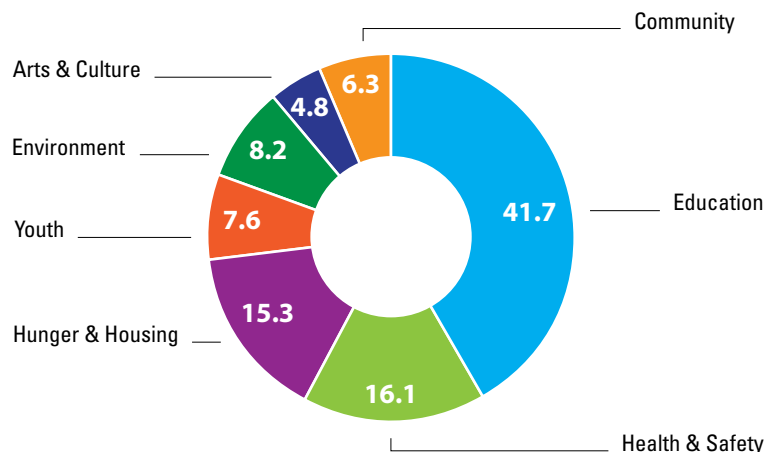
The AEP Foundation complements a tradition of corporate philanthropy by American Electric Power and its regional utilities in support of AEP's community relations goal: "To support and play an active, positive role in the communities where we live and work."

The Foundation provides ongoing resources for charitable initiatives involving higher dollar values and multi-year commitments than AEP's operating companies might be able to provide individually.

Funded by AEP and its utility operating units, the Foundation made investments totaling more than \$8.7 million in 2014 to nearly 115 benefiting organizations and communities in our 11-state service area and beyond.

Learn more about AEP Foundation giving in 2014, including gifts to recipient organizations, by viewing the focus area pages.

2014 AEP Foundation Giving by Program Area



Education

Preparing for the future

The AEP Foundation's signature Credits CountSM dual enrollment program continued to roll out in 2014 with a five-year, \$1.4 million commitment to Bossier Parish Community College Foundation to help students in northwest Louisiana pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education and careers while completing a high school diploma.

[Bossier Parish Community College](#) (BPCC) became the second Credits CountSM grant recipient, following the award in 2013 of a \$5 million, five-year grant to [Columbus State Community College](#) Foundation in Ohio to serve students in up to five Columbus City Schools high schools.

Additional recipients Tulsa (Oklahoma) Community College and Ashland (Kentucky) Community and Technical College were announced in early 2015. With these awards over five years beginning in 2015, the AEP Foundation has announced grants totaling more than \$10.2 million to implement Credits CountSM in four states.

The Credits CountSM program will help middle school students explore STEM careers and fill in learning gaps so they are ready to take college-level courses while still in high school. By graduation, participating students will have earned credits that count toward a career-ready certificate in a STEM-related field or toward a college degree in fields that may include energy, the environment or information technology. Students who achieve a qualifying grade point average are also eligible for college scholarships to continue their post-secondary education.

The accumulation of college credits at no cost while in high school and the potential award of college scholarships address two of the largest barriers to attaining a college degree, especially by youth in underserved populations – college preparedness and affordability.

Major components of the program include middle school STEM experiences, college readiness assessments, tutoring, and a summer bridge program to enhance English and math skills. The program is designed to be replicated in other locations in the AEP service territory.

BPCC will introduce the program in two local high schools and their feeder middle schools. The college expects to help about 500 middle school students explore STEM careers, to assess about 400 students for college readiness, to engage about 200 high school students in dual enrollment, and to have at least 100 students graduate from high school with at least 12 college credits toward a degree or certificate.

Also preparing high school students for the future is the Governor's Scholars Program, which strives to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders by providing academic and leadership growth for rising high school seniors during a five-week summer residential program on college campuses. A \$30,000, three-year grant from the AEP Foundation will help cover the living and educational expenses of participating students during the program, which is designed to help talented Kentucky students recognize the opportunities for higher education and careers within the state.



The AEP Foundation supported educational initiatives of the following organizations in 2014:

After-School All-Stars Ohio

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 grant for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) enrichment classes and High School Readiness/ College Preparation Summer Camp for students from participating schools in Columbus.

Alice Lloyd College

Pippa Passes, Kentucky – \$50,000 as part of a five-year pledge to support the Caney Scholars Program to assist college graduates in completing post-graduate studies.

**American Association of Blacks in Energy
Columbus Ohio Chapter**

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 for college scholarships for students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) or business degrees.

Ballet Metropolitan Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$35,000 to support the BalletMet Dance-in-Schools education outreach programs in central Ohio.

Battelle for Kids

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for the Ohio Appalachian Collaborative initiative to increase opportunities for high school students in Appalachian Ohio to succeed in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) careers or to pursue post-secondary STEM degrees.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$60,000 for the 2014-2015 Project Mentor program matching adults with at-risk middle and high school students in Columbus City Schools.

**Bossier Parish Community College
Foundation Inc.**

Bossier City, Louisiana – \$316,065 as the first installment of a five-year pledge to support the Credits CountSM dual enrollment program to help middle school students explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers and high school students to pursue STEM education and careers while completing a high school diploma.

Childhood League Center

Columbus, Ohio – \$125,000 as the first installment of a two-year capital and endowment campaign pledge for construction of a new educational facility to enable expansion of year-round programming for children with special needs and other children ages birth to six.

Columbus Museum of Art

Columbus, Ohio – \$75,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support the [Art Matters](#) endowment and capital campaign.

Columbus State Community College Development Foundation Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$808,827 as part of the first installment of a five-year pledge to support the [Credits CountSM](#) initiative dual enrollment program to help middle school students explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers and high school students to pursue STEM education and careers while completing a high school diploma.

Columbus Urban League

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as part of a three-year pledge to the Transform CUL – Change Lives and Incite Growth initiative to improve the organization's Head Start and after-school programs, and to enhance wrap-around services to assist families in overcoming poverty.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School

Columbus, Ohio – \$83,333.33 to complete a three-year leadership grant pledge for a new college preparatory school featuring a corporate work study program for all students.

ETHOS Inc.

Elkhart, Indiana – \$100,000 to complete a two-year pledge in support of the ETHOS Science Center renovation and program renewal campaign.

Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

Nelsonville, Ohio – \$30,000 for the [iBelieve Foundation](#) to expand its summer leadership workshops for high school students in 20 schools in Ohio and West Virginia and to encourage participants to attend college.

Franklin University

Columbus, Ohio – \$40,000 to complete a five-year pledge for campus lighting improvements.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council

Charleston, West Virginia – \$25,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the new [Girl Scout & Volunteer Resource Center](#) featuring the Girls' Zone/Urban Camp.

Girl Scouts Ohio's Heartland Council

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for Girl Scouts science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) outreach and environmental education.

Governor's Scholars Program Foundation Inc.

Frankfort, Kentucky – \$10,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to support the [Governor's Scholars Program](#) to increase the number of talented high school students who pursue educational and career opportunities within Kentucky.

Hilltop Christian Community Development Corp.

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 to complete a two-year pledge for student scholarship funds for [Hilltop Preschool](#) students in Columbus' west-side neighborhood.

I Know I Can

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 as part of a three-year pledge for expansion of college access best practices for Columbus City Schools students and families.

KidsOhio.org

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 to complete a two-year pledge for improving public education for central Ohio's disadvantaged school children.

KIPP Columbus Facilities Fund at The Columbus Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$125,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for [KIPP Columbus](#) to continue expansion of its campus to serve nearly 2,000 underserved children in grades kindergarten-12 by 2020.

Law and Leadership Institute, LLC

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 to complete a four-year pledge for scholarships for 24 high school students a year to increase diversity in law school and the legal profession.

Learn4Life Columbus

Columbus, Ohio – \$200,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to support educators, families, child/family service providers and others to ensure every child and student in Columbus receives the support needed to succeed academically and thrive in a fulfilling career.

Learning Circle Education Services

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 to support the Community Data Strategy and Child-Centric Data Hub to collect and disseminate child- and aggregate-level information from early childhood to post-secondary education, and to support collaboration of 61 education programs to enhance services for children and families.

Louisiana Tech University Foundation Inc.

Ruston, Louisiana – \$250,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for a new [Integrated Engineering and Science Building](#) to enhance teaching of integrated curriculum.

Marburn Academy Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$125,000 to complete a two-year pledge toward construction of a new school building and program delivery to students with dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Mason County Board of Education

Point Pleasant, West Virginia – \$50,000 as part of a 10-year pledge for a new athletic complex for use by the community and for wellness functions.

Meigs Local Enrichment Foundation Inc.

Pomeroy, Ohio – \$50,000 as part of a 10-year pledge for a [multi-purpose community complex](#).

Michigan Education Excellence Foundation

Lansing, Michigan – \$125,000 to complete a two-year pledge for start-up of the [Education Achievement Authority of Michigan](#) public system of schools aimed at improving public education.

New College Foundation

Martinsville, Virginia – \$50,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for New College Institute's dual-enrollment [Academy for Engineering Technology](#) program for local high school students.

Ohio Energy Project

Worthington, Ohio – \$50,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the [AEGIS \(Activating and Energizing Girls' Involvement in Science\)](#) Energy Bike energy education program for middle school girls.

Ohio State University Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 to complete a two-year pledge for [WOSU Public Media's Columbus Neighborhoods](#) community outreach project.

Ohio University Foundation

Athens, Ohio – \$50,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for [watershed research and education program](#) to restore healthier watersheds in southeast Ohio.

Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Inc.

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$10,000 to support the Statewide Rural Initiative for Nonprofit Growth (STRING) to address training, consultation and management deficiencies in rural nonprofits in southern Oklahoma.

Providence House

Shreveport, Louisiana – \$25,000 to complete a three-year pledge for Working to Learn, an incentive-based GED program for homeless adults.

Simon Kenton Council Boy Scouts of America

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 for the [ScoutReach](#) program to benefit at-risk youth in central Ohio through after-school programs in partnership with Columbus City Schools.

St. Stephen's Community House

Columbus, Ohio – \$15,000 for [Project LINK \(Learning Innovation New Knowledge\)](#) to increase the number of blacks in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers and improve achievement of black students in grades kindergarten-12.

Teaching & Learning Collaborative

Worthington, Ohio – \$100,000 grant as the first installment of a two-year pledge to continue and expand the [Bright Start Right Start-Science Education for Early Childhood Teachers](#) program in six states, including implementation of a follow-up program for sites that have hosted the initial program.

Tech Corps Ohio

Columbus, Ohio – \$60,000 to complete a two-year pledge to deploy the [Student TECH CORPS](#) program to train and certify middle and high school students and to enable student-run help desks for participating schools' technology infrastructure.

United Negro College Fund Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$35,000 for the 31st annual UNCF Walk for Education and for the Campaign for Emergency Student Aid, which provides emergency grants to college seniors to enable them to complete their education.

United Way of Central Ohio

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as part of a three-year pledge to expand the [Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn!](#) initiative to improve kindergarten readiness in the Columbus City Schools district through free learning checkups to detect developmental delays and speech or hearing problems for all children ages 2.5 to 4.

Virginia Highlands Community College Educational Foundation Inc.

Abingdon, Virginia – \$30,000 to support the [Great Expectations](#) education program for foster youth living in Southwest Virginia to help meet students' educational needs as they strive toward careers.

West Liberty University Foundation Inc.

West Liberty, West Virginia – \$25,000 for construction of the [Campbell Hall of Health Sciences](#) to bring together in one location the health science major programs offered by the university.

West Virginia State University Foundation Inc.

Institute, West Virginia – \$150,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support the [Full STEAM Ahead](#) outreach to K-12 students to increase interest in science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics education, and to enhance the university's core research programs in energy.

West Virginia University Foundation Inc.

Morgantown, West Virginia – \$50,000 for the WVU [Engineering Challenge Camps](#) for students in grades 1-12 and the WVU [Tech Camp STEM](#) for students in grades 9-12 to promote STEM education.

Human Needs

Addressing the basics

Communities see a rising need for the basics of human existence – food and shelter. Food banks around the nation, including the [Facing Hunger Food Bank](#) of Huntington, West Virginia, are looking to increase access to nutritious frozen and fresh foods for those families and individuals in need.

A \$25,000 AEP Foundation grant toward installation of a new, commercial food warehouse refrigeration unit to enable the food bank to offer fresh produce, eggs and dairy – foods that are nutrient dense and often the most difficult for low-income families to obtain without charitable assistance. Funding will also be used to purchase these perishable foods to ensure supplies are available as needed for the more than 100,000 clients who visit the food bank each year.

[Rebuilding Together Tulsa](#), Oklahoma, seeks to ensure that homeowners on limited incomes are able to continue to live in their homes through repairs that make the houses weatherproof and eligible for energy efficiency repairs.

A \$50,000 AEP Foundation grant enabled Rebuilding Together Tulsa to make necessary roof repairs to homes of seniors, people with disabilities and other low-income homeowners. The roof repairs, in turn, made the houses eligible for energy efficiency repairs or updates such as attic insulation, replacement of broken windows, sealing cracks around doors and windows, installing energy efficient lighting and water-conserving fixtures that enhance the livability of the residences and reduce energy costs for the homeowners.



The AEP Foundation supported basic human needs initiatives of the following organizations in 2014:

Children’s Hunger Alliance

Columbus, Ohio – \$150,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the [Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools](#) initiative to empower middle school children to improve their health with comprehensive nutrition education and physical fitness programs.

Children’s Hunger Alliance

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 as part of a three-year pledge to support expansion of the [Summer Meal Program](#) for students in central Ohio.

Church Community Services Inc.

Elkhart, Indiana – \$34,421 to purchase and install an [emergency generator at the Food Bank of Elkhart County](#).

Columbus Housing Partnership Inc. dba Homeport

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 to help [Homeport](#) link families to partners and service providers to address unique needs around housing and to provide after-school and summer enrichment programs for children of low-income families.

Community Action Program Commission of Lancaster-Fairfield County

Lancaster, Ohio – \$50,000 to assist in rehabilitation of the historic [Rutherford House](#) to provide supportive housing for homeless families with special needs.

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma Inc.

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$30,000 to support the [Food for Kids Backpack Program](#) to provide nutritious, kid-friendly meals to food insecure students to take home Fridays after school.

Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana

Fort Wayne, Indiana – \$125,000 to complete a two-year pledge to the [Hunger: Help Us Fill the Need](#) capital campaign to upgrade the facility and equipment and expand and enhance operations.

Community Shelter Board

Columbus, Ohio – \$75,000 for implementation of the [Rebuilding Lives](#) strategic plan to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the community’s efforts to decrease the number of people who experience homelessness.

Community Shelter Board

Columbus, Ohio – \$150,000 as the first installment of a five-year pledge to support [From Homelessness to Home: A Collective Campaign to End Homelessness](#), a transformational model for addressing homelessness through increased diversion, decreased length of shelter stays, improved housing outcomes and decreased returns to shelter.

Facing Hunger Food Bank (formerly Huntington Area Food Bank Inc.)

Huntington, West Virginia – \$25,000 to support installation of a new food warehouse refrigeration unit to accommodate frozen and fresh foods.

Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio

Columbus, Ohio – \$150,000 to support construction of a new Columbus Habitat home and Habitat’s Green Building Initiative to build affordable, energy-efficient homes in partnership with low-income families.

LifeCare Alliance

Columbus, Ohio – \$86,000 to update the Mound Street facility, including energy efficient interior lighting for the Wellness Service and Columbus Cancer Clinic administrative building and for the 23-year-old kitchen facility.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Inc.

Worthington, Ohio – \$25,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to the Delaware County Food Pantry capital campaign to assist in renovation of an existing site for a new food pantry and to help cover start-up and operating costs.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank

Grove City, Ohio – \$100,000 to provide matching funds for the organization’s Double Your Donation Day, which raised 5.8 million meals for residents of central and eastern Ohio.

Rebuilding Together Tulsa

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$50,000 to provide [roof repairs or replacement](#) for low-income homeowners in order to make the homes eligible for additional energy efficiency repairs.

SAFE Inc.

Welch, West Virginia – \$25,000 to meet the transitional housing needs of domestic violence victims and homeless women and their children in southern West Virginia through programs of [Stop Abusive Family Environments \(SAFE\) Inc.](#)

Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 to support renovation of the [Veterans Resource Center](#), which provides a stable transitional living environment with individual case management and programs designed to help move veterans into employment and independent housing.

YWCA Columbus

Columbus, Ohio – \$200,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support heating and air conditioning upgrades and repairs for the Griswold Building, home to the [women’s affordable housing residency program](#).

YWCA Columbus

Columbus, Ohio – \$200,000 as the first installment of a five-year pledge to support renovation of the Griswold Building which houses women’s residency and administrative offices, to provide operating support for the [YWCA Family Center](#) which provides emergency shelter and critical services to stabilize homeless families in central Ohio, and to help build an endowment.

Environment

Encouraging sustainability

Teaching 11,000 children and adults to use energy more efficiently and sustainably was an objective of the Green Revolution at [The Works - Ohio Center of History, Art & Technology](#) in Newark, Ohio. Funded in part by a \$5,000 grant from the AEP Foundation, the year-long environmental education program also sought to engage Licking County children and adults in school and community activities that raised awareness of alternative energies and energy-related careers.

The Works interactive learning center provided school-based science and art programs, community-based presentations and workshops by experts in the environmental field, and a community open house where local energy-related employers shared information on alternative energy, energy careers and the educational requirements for jobs in environmental and energy fields. The Green Revolution targeted 9,500 students and 1,500 adults over the course of the year.

The AEP Foundation in 2014 started and completed multi-year commitments to two major aquarium expansions that educate and entertain visitors to underwater worlds, encouraging appreciation and conservation of aquatic ecosystems.

A \$500,000, five-year commitment to the Texas State Aquarium through 2018 will help fund the [Caribbean Journey](#), the Corpus Christi aquarium's most ambitious building and program expansion and the final phase of its vision to complement existing facilities featuring wildlife of the Gulf of Mexico. The new Caribbean Journey building will interpret the biodiversity and culture of the Yucatan Peninsula and Western Caribbean Sea. It will also create a new [Center for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\) Education](#) to reach 120,000 students annually.

The AEP Foundation in 2014 also made the final payment of a five-year, \$250,000 grant to help create new “extreme fish” and sea turtle exhibits at the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, Oklahoma. The [Extreme Fishes exhibit](#) features fish species with unique characteristics and a special Extreme Amazon section where children can crawl through underwater tunnels to come eye-to-eye with Amazonian fishes.

The AEP Foundation supported environmental initiatives of the following organizations in 2014:

Appalachian Wildlife Foundation

Corbin, Kentucky – \$30,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support the [Mine Land Stewardship Initiative](#) setting voluntary ecological performance standards for coal mining.

COSI

Columbus, Ohio – \$500,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the [Energy Explorers](#) exhibit as part of COSI's Innovation, Education and Experience strategic investment campaign.

Oklahoma Aquarium Foundation

Jenks, Oklahoma – \$50,000 to complete a five-year pledge for the Extreme Fishes and Sea Turtles Experience exhibits.

Rob & Bessie Welder Wildlife Conservation Foundation

Sinton, Texas – \$50,000 to complete a five-year pledge for construction of the Environmental Conservation Education Facility at the Welder Wildlife Refuge.

Texas State Aquarium

Corpus Christi, Texas – \$75,000 as the first installment of a five-year pledge for creation of the [Caribbean Journey](#) project to advance conservation efforts, showcase marine research and offer entertaining and educationally-enriched programming focused on the wildlife of the Western Caribbean.

The Works Ohio Center of History, Art & Technology

Newark, Ohio – \$5,000 for [Green Revolution](#) environmental education programming and activities at The Works science center as part of a county-wide initiative in Licking County.



Community and the Arts

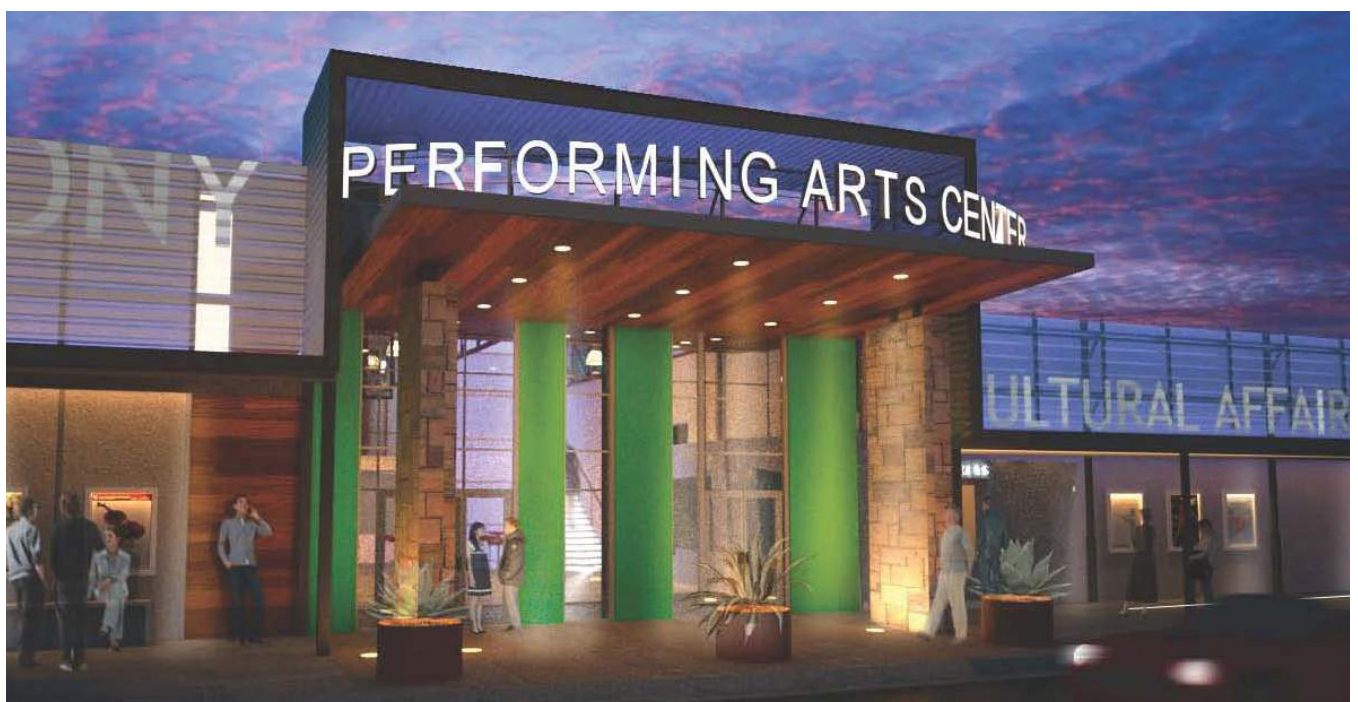
Connecting to benefit all

The [Community Foundation of the New River Valley \(CFNRV\)](#) in western Virginia seeks to cultivate an attitude of a “hand up, not a hand out” among local non-profit recipients that receive funding through its Community Impact Grant Program (CIGP). The goal of the program is to strengthen each organization’s capacity to meet current and future needs, to ensure project sustainability, and to help the grantee organization establish partnerships with other organizations and individuals for long-term benefit.

A \$30,000, three-year commitment from the AEP Foundation enabled the Christiansburg, Virginia-based Community Foundation to award three \$10,000 grants over a three-year period to three non-profits serving Floyd, Giles, Pulaski, and Montgomery counties. Accompanying each grant will be up to 10 hours of in-kind staff services per year in the areas of strategic planning, marketing and communications, graphic design, leadership development, grant writing, volunteer management and fundraising assistance.

Facing rising costs that put budgets under increasing stress, arts organizations across the country are looking at ways to collaborate in order to better serve audiences and foster future viability. The [San Angelo \(Texas\) Performing Arts Coalition Inc.](#) with help from a \$50,000 AEP Foundation grant created a performing arts campus that takes to new heights the collaborative efforts of San Angelo’s four major performing arts organizations – Angelo Civic Theater, San Angelo Symphony, San Angelo Civic Ballet and San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council.

The new arts campus not only provides a common space for the performing arts, but also is revitalizing a dilapidated area of downtown San Angelo, improving operating efficiencies for all participating organizations, and fostering an environment that stimulates local arts programs and attracts outside performing artists and shows. The remodeling of a former warehouse and updating of the San Angelo City Auditorium are expected to make the new facility the premier venue for the performing arts in West Texas.





The AEP Foundation supported community and arts initiatives of the following organizations in 2014:

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Indiana – \$100,000 to complete a three-year pledge to support the A Home for the Arts campaign.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 for operating support of the [Mentoring Center of Central Ohio](#), which works to increase the quality and quantity of mentoring by providing training directly to mentors and organizational staff training for support of mentoring programs.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to support creation of the [South Side Boys & Girls Club](#), providing programming to students ages 12-19 as part of the new [Reeb Avenue Center](#).

Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Madre

Port Isabel, Texas – \$75,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the Ensuring a Safe Facility for Our Children's Future! campaign to repair and renovate the facility.

Buckeye Ranch Foundation

Grove City, Ohio – \$50,000 to complete a two-year pledge for [The Buckeye Ranch Learn.Care.Give](#) capital campaign to help deliver hope to children struggling with emotional, behavioral or mental health issues.

Carter County Public Library

Olive Hill, Kentucky – \$25,000 for renovation of the library branch in Grayson serving eastern Carter County, including accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades as well as a new public meeting room and new technology.

Center in the Square

Roanoke, Virginia – \$50,000 to complete a five-year pledge for comprehensive updating of and enhancements to the Center in the Square for learning and family fun.

Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA)

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 for operating support for CAPA's Family Series programming and Festival Latino as well as support of the CAPA Gala fundraising event.

Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as the first installment of a five-year pledge to the [Great Libraries Create](#) campaign to revitalize seven urban branches and two suburban branches, and to make transformational changes to the Main Library.

Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 for general operating support of the symphony.

Community Foundation of the New River Valley Inc.

Christiansburg, Virginia – \$10,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for the [Community Impact Grant Program](#) to strengthen area non-profit organizations' ability to address critical needs and make a lasting impact in the community.

Friends of the Conservatory

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 to complete a two-year pledge supporting the [Bruce Munro: Light at Franklin Park Conservatory](#) installation featuring an exhibition of light-based works by the British artist.

Friends of the Texas Historical Commission Inc.

Austin, Texas – \$75,000 for restoration of the [Fulton Mansion](#), a state historic site in Rockport-Fulton that serves students with educational programs on Texas and Aransas County history, development of the Texas cattle industry and other studies.

Habitat for Humanity International Inc.

South Bend, Indiana – \$50,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for [Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County's](#) Neighborhood Revitalization and Job Creation Program including a deconstruction program to remove abandoned housing while providing job training for the unemployed and to salvage items from the abandoned homes for recycling through Habitat's ReStore program.

Leadership Columbus

Columbus, Ohio – \$30,000 to build an endowment for scholarships and programs that motivate, inform and connect individuals to take on challenges and opportunities in the community.

Ligonier Public Library

Ligonier, Indiana – \$10,000 for renovation and expansion of the library, including enlargement of the children's room, creation of a space for teenagers, a technology lab and additional study areas, and accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades.

New Directions Career Center

Columbus, Ohio – \$35,000 for core programming including career counseling, employment-related education and information services to assist women in transforming their lives.

Oklahoma Academy for State Goals

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – \$37,500 to complete a two-year pledge for the Henry L. Bellmon Legacy Fund to enhance nonpartisan, objective research of public policy issues, to expand [Town Hall forums](#) and to underwrite participant scholarships.

Oologah Community Foundation

Oologah, Oklahoma – \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to help [build a new media/community center](#) including a senior center.

Philbrook Museum of Art Inc.

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$25,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to support the free [MyMuseum](#) program introducing children to the arts through hands-on art projects and explorations of art pieces in the museum or gardens.

San Angelo Performing Arts Coalition Inc.

San Angelo, Texas – \$50,000 to support development of the [San Angelo Performing Arts Campus](#) to provide a facility for use by the Angelo Civic Theater, San Angelo Symphony, San Angelo Civic Ballet and the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council.

Shreveport Symphony Orchestra

Shreveport, Louisiana – \$20,000 to complete two-year pledge for the Family Concert Series.

Simon Kenton Council Boy Scouts of America

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the district's Leadership Development Center.

St. Vincent Family Center

Columbus, Ohio – \$100,000 as part of a four-year pledge for the Making Good Kids Better capital campaign supporting mental health prevention, intervention and treatment services for children and families.

Teamwork for Quality Living

Muncie, Indiana – \$10,000 to implement the [Circles of Support](#) community engagement strategy to reduce and end poverty by building individual and community assets in Delaware County.

Tulsa Library Trust

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$125,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to the [Tulsa Central Library Renewed capital campaign](#) to renovate the library into a state-of-the-art, learner-driven, technology-centered facility.

Tulsa's Future Foundation

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$60,000 as part of a five-year pledge for the [Tulsa's Future II initiative](#) focused on community development, quality of life and education as keys to economic development.

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake

Wirtz, Virginia – \$125,000 as part of a two-year pledge to assist in renovating and updating the 48-year-old youth support building and in creating an endowment to assist youth from low-income families in participating in programs at the center.

YMCA of Central Ohio

Columbus, Ohio – \$35,000 for the YMCA Lincoln Theatre performing arts program and the [Hilltop YMCA Summer Day Camp](#) with enrichment programming to prevent summer learning loss.

YMCA of the Coastal Bend

Corpus Christi, Texas – \$50,000 to complete a four-year pledge for the [Vision for the Future capital campaign](#) to provide a wellness center, teen center, Y-Care and more through the YMCA.

Health & Safety

Enabling healthier, safer lives

Health and safety are often inextricably related, and when both are properly addressed barriers are removed and new opportunities for personal and community growth are created.

For drug-addicted women in southern West Virginia, the Crossroads Recovery Home of the [Strong through Our Plan \(STOP\) Coalition](#) presents a path out of substance abuse and into recovery.

A \$25,000 grant from the AEP Foundation helped enable doubling of the residential facility's capacity to 20 beds. Most recovery home residents are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Since 2009, Crossroads has served more than 110 women from 24 West Virginia counties with programming to help them become and remain clean and sober, further their education, seek employment and become engaged in their communities. Crossroads boasts a one-year post-program sobriety rate – about three times the national average.

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, women and their children who are escaping violence find sanctuary through [Domestic Violence Intervention Services Inc.](#) (DVIS). A \$100,000, two-year commitment from the AEP Foundation will enable construction of a new, 80-bed emergency shelter, a 20-unit transitional living complex, and renovated counseling offices for victims of domestic violence.

With existing facilities at or over capacity nearly every day, the new DVIS/Call Rape shelter will boost capacity by 60 percent, providing a safe, supportive environment with increased security throughout the facility and comprehensive services to meet the emotional and physical needs of survivors and their children. A new transitional living facility will enable Sojourner's Inn to serve 50 percent more survivors and their children with living quarters, trauma-focused counseling and referrals for medical and health services, legal advocacy, education and job training. The renovated DVIS/Call Rape out-patient counseling offices will serve more families and individuals including domestic violence survivors and batterers, sexual assault survivors, and children of domestic violence survivors.

The AEP Foundation supported health and safety initiatives of the following organizations in 2014:

American Heart Association Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 for Heart Walk and My Heart My Life programs to promote heart-healthy lifestyles in central Ohio.

Arthritis Foundation Inc.

Hilliard, Ohio – \$25,000 to support educational programs for low-income and older individuals and renovation of existing space to enhance program delivery.

The Center for Healthy Families Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 for the [Healthy Families Connections](#) collaborative to provide a continuum of care for pregnant and parenting teens through assessments, service coordination and monitoring across partner organizations.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence

Columbus, Ohio – \$30,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support operations aimed at interrupting the cycle of domestic violence through public education and assistance to individuals experiencing domestic violence.

Columbus Police Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to help the Columbus Division of Police provide community-centered training, including cultural and ethnic diversity training, to strengthen collaboration between officers and the community.

Domestic Violence Intervention Services Inc.

Tulsa, Oklahoma – \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to the [Rebuilding Lives Capital Campaign](#) for capital, endowment and program support to build a new 80-bed emergency shelter, 20-unit transitional living complex and counseling offices for victims of domestic violence.

Flying Horse Farms

Mt. Gilead, Ohio – \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for general operating support for this free camp for children with serious illnesses.

Healthy New Albany Inc.

New Albany, Ohio – \$50,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the Healthy New Albany Initiative to promote healthy lifestyles.



Maryhaven Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 to complete a two-year pledge for the [Maryhaven Women’s Center Healthy Mothers, Health Babies campaign](#) to sustain crisis services for women with addictive and mental illness, particularly pregnant women and women and their young children.

Maryhaven Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for expansion of the facility to provide a comprehensive continuum of services to help men, women and adolescents restore their lives from addictive and mental illness.

Mental Health America of Franklin County Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 to support the [pro bono counseling program](#) linking volunteer mental health professionals in the community with those in need who cannot afford mental health counseling.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$250,000 as part of a four-year pledge to support the [Telemedicine Program](#) bringing specialized medical services to rural communities.

Ohio State University Foundation

Columbus, Ohio – \$250,000 as part of a five-year pledge supporting the [Pelotonia](#) cycling event to raise funds for cancer research.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$83,333.33 as part of a three-year pledge for expansion of the Ronald McDonald House facility for families of patients at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

STOP

Gilbert, West Virginia – \$25,000 for expansion of the Strong through Our Plan (STOP) Coalition [Crossroads Recovery Home](#) for women recovering from substance abuse.

Syntero Inc.

Columbus, Ohio – \$20,000 to complete a two-year pledge for a multi-disciplinary, trauma-informed, behavioral health treatment program for children, adults and older adults living in poverty.

Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities Inc.

Fort Wayne, Indiana – \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for The Turnstone of Tomorrow expansion campaign to enhance services for people with disabilities.

Wexner Heritage Village

Columbus, Ohio – \$25,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to support the Comprehensive Wellness Program and Clinic for low-income senior citizens.

