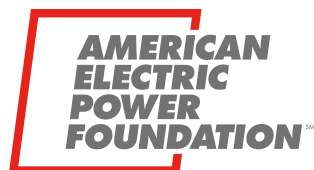


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The American Electric Power in its twelfth year continues to focus on improving lives and communities by addressing basic human needs for food and safe shelter, and by enhancing education from early childhood through higher education – specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

The AEP Foundation complements a tradition of corporate philanthropy

by AEP 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.

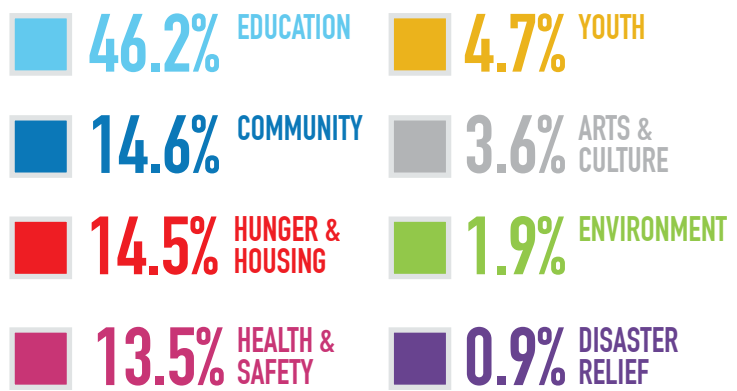
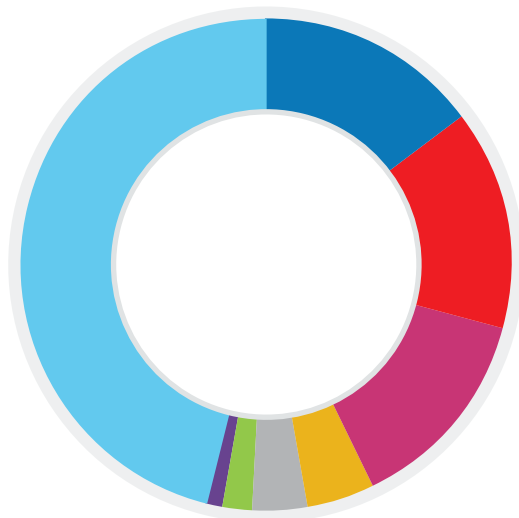
The Foundation is funded by AEP and its utility operating units. The Foundation in 2016 made investments totaling nearly \$7.7 million to 93 benefiting organizations and communities in our 11-state service area and beyond.

Learn more about AEP Foundation giving in 2016, including gifts to recipient organizations, by viewing the focus area pages.



AEP FOUNDATION

GIVING BY PROGRAM AREA





EDUCATION

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The AEP Foundation's signature [Credits CountSM](#) dual enrollment program continues to create pathways to career exploration and preparation. In 2016 the Foundation made a five-year, \$800,000 commitment to Ivy Tech Foundation. The grant will help middle and high school students in Marion, Indiana, explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and careers while completing a high school diploma and simultaneously earning college credits.

The AEP Foundation since 2014 has committed more than \$12.6 million to implement Credits Count in six states. Other Credits Count partners are Columbus (Ohio) State Community College, Bossier Parish (Louisiana) Community College, Tulsa (Oklahoma) Community College and Ashland (Kentucky) Community and Technical College.

Two additional Credits Count partners were announced in 2017 Laredo (Texas) Community College

received a five-year, \$1.6 million grant to become the sixth Credits Count partner. Bridge Valley Community and Technical College in South Charleston, West Virginia, received a five-year, \$1.58 million grant to become the seventh Credits Count partner.

Ivy Tech is partnering with two high schools and middle schools in Marion to work with students and their families to explore STEM careers. The program is expected to reach nearly 2,500 students to

assess college readiness. About 375 of those will participate in a summer bridge program to improve math, science and English skills. About 550 middle school students will participate in STEM exploration experiences. And at least 700 students are expected to earn college credit while completing high school.

The Credits Count program enables participating high school students to earn up to 12 college credit hours 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.

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

The AEP Foundation supports a number of programs in addition to Credits Count to help high school and college students prepare for careers. See below for information on Battelle for Kids, FutureReady Columbus, Governor's Scholars Program Foundation, Junior Achievement, New College, Ohio Northern University, Texas Tech, Victoria College, and the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education.



EDUCATION

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017:

[American Association of Blacks in Energy AABE, Columbus Ohio Chapter](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant for academic and book scholarships for 15 central Ohio students attending accredited colleges and universities.

[Ashland Community & Technical College](#)

Ashland, Kentucky -- \$167,375 grant as part of a five-year, \$815,000 pledge for [ACTC Credits CountSM](#) for

Lawrence County: All in for STEM. The dual enrollment program will enable students at three middle schools to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers and students at Lawrence County High School to pursue STEM education and careers while earning college credit and completing a high school diploma.

[Battelle for Kids](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge for the Ohio Appalachian Collaborative 2.0 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.

[Boosier Parish Community College Foundation Inc.](#)

Bossier City, Louisiana -- \$281,755 grant as part of a five-year, \$1.4 million pledge for [Credits Count](#) 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. The program in cooperation with Bossier and Caddo parish schools expects to serve about 400 students annually.

[The Columbus Foundation for the FutureReady Columbus Fund](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$400,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for FutureReady Columbus, a public-private partnership created to ensure that all Columbus children and youth have the skills needed to be successful in school and in life. FutureReady Columbus will focus initially on early childhood education, public policy and community engagement.

[Columbus State Community College Development Foundation Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$1,084,513 grant as part of a five-year, \$5 million pledge for [Credits CountSM College and Career Success 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. In 2016, middle school students attended the [Young Men of Color in STEM Career Conference](#), a one-day intensive study of STEM careers including hands-on challenges, near-peer mentorship from college students and inspirational speakers.

[Coshocton County Head Start Inc.](#)

Coshocton, Ohio -- \$25,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to create four state-of-the-art early learning classrooms in a renovated space that will house both Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The renovation will offer enhanced learning environments and a one-stop resource for participating families.

[Dubuque County Historical Society](#)

Dubuque, Iowa -- \$25,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for [RiverWorks Discovery: A Journey of Imagination and Exploration](#), a traveling exhibit to inform students about the importance of commerce, culture, conservation and careers on American rivers. The exhibit is expected to reach more than 750,000 people in six cities with enhanced educational programs over two years.

[The Elizabeth Richardson Center Inc.](#)

Springdale, Arkansas -- \$10,000 grant to provide an interactive learning environment for pre-school children with developmental disabilities. The children, ages 3-5, are expected to work and play in small groups to solve puzzles and problems that develop core literacy and math skills and promote social-emotional and cognitive skills for academic success.

[Friends of the Conservatory](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant as part of a three-year pledge for the [Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) master plan to create a two-acre Children's Garden. The garden will be a safe environment for children to explore nature, play outdoors and learn about STEM subjects and art through formal and informal instruction. The Conservatory expects educational tours to increase by 20 percent and informal education programs to grow by 50 percent as schools and families utilize the new garden.

Governor's Scholars Program Foundation Inc.

Frankfort, Kentucky -- \$10,000 grant to complete 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.

Ivy Tech Foundation Inc.

Muncie, Indiana -- \$161,252.57 as the first installment of a five-year, \$800,000 pledge to bring the Credits CountSM career exploration and dual enrollment program to students in grades 8-12 in Marion Community Schools in concert with the [Ivy Tech Community College](#) Marion Campus. The program will include a four-week, project-based summer STEM experience with blocks designed for eighth-grade students at McCulloch Junior High and for students at Marion High School.

Junior Achievement of Central Ohio Inc.

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to expand student programs to develop entrepreneurial thinking, 21st century workforce skills, and understanding of personal and business finances. JA expects to reach more than 24,000 central Ohio students and enlist more than 2,500 volunteers in programs that relate classroom learning to real life experiences.

Junior Achievement of East Texas Inc.

Longview, Texas -- \$15,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for the It's My Future career exploration program for middle schools students. Funds will help recruit and train up to 300 volunteers to present the program in middle schools in up to 15 school districts in the Longview area.

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 schools and the community, and for wellness programs.

Meigs Local Enrichment Foundation Inc.

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

New College Foundation

Martinsville, Virginia -- \$50,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge for New College Institute's dual-enrollment [Academy for Engineering & Technology](#) program for local high school students in conjunction with Virginia State University. Students from three southwest Virginia counties can earn college credit and scholarships, and participate in internships in engineering and advanced manufacturing.

Ohio Northern University

Ada, Ohio -- \$25,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for the [ONU Campaign for Engineering](#) for a new building including a power laboratory. The new building will increase space for faculty, capstone design projects and research laboratories.

Ohio University Foundation

Athens, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge to support the [AEP Foundation Watershed Research and Education Program](#) to restore healthier watersheds in southeast Ohio.

Reasoning Mind Inc.

Houston, Texas -- \$75,000 grant to support the [Southern West Virginia Innovative Online Mathematics Initiative](#) to expand online instruction for more than 1,000 additional elementary students, and year-round professional development and classroom support for educators in local schools. The program delivers individualized instruction that frees up teachers to work with individuals or small groups who need additional help. Students' algebra-readiness scores are expected to increase by at least 30 percent.

Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center

Shreveport, Louisiana -- \$150,000 as the first installment of a three-year, \$300,000 pledge for the Get Energized! Traveling Science Carnival Outreach program to bring environmental and energy education to nearly 20,000 disadvantaged elementary students. The interactive exhibits will travel to local schools, libraries, community centers and festivals in northwest Louisiana, east Texas and southwest Arkansas.

Texas Tech Foundation Inc.

Lubbock, Texas -- \$100,000 grant to help establish a [School of Public Health in Abilene](#) to serve and provide educational opportunities to rural west Texas. The school anticipates offering master's and doctoral degrees in biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health services administration, and social and behavioral sciences.

Tulsa Community College Foundation

Tulsa, Oklahoma -- \$328,470 grant as part of a five-year, \$3 million pledge for Credits CountSM program serving Tulsa Public Schools. The program features summer bridge programs following and before the school year for high school students, and centrally located STEM centers to provide year-round pre-teaching of difficult concepts, walk-in and organized tutoring, group study sessions and STEM training for high school faculty. Middle school students participate in a variety of STEM experiences through the year.

Victoria College Foundation Inc.

Victoria, Texas -- \$100,000 grant to help create an associate of applied science degree program in Machining Technology at Victoria College's [Emerging Technology Complex](#). The ETC supports skills training and education, certificate and degree programs, customized training, and dual credit courses for high school students in career and technical programs.

**Virginia Foundation for
Community College Education**

Richmond, Virginia -- \$150,000 grant for the [Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative](#) to increase the high school graduation rate and GED attainment in rural Virginia, increase the number of rural students in post-secondary education, and assist rural residents in developing skills for the 21st century. The initiative includes placing community college employees in local high schools as career coaches who assist students in setting career goals and educational pathways as well as sharing financial aid information. It also includes \$1,000, GED to College grant incentives for GED holders who enroll in a community college.

United Way of Central Ohio Inc.

Columbus, Ohio -- \$100,000 grant for the [Columbus Kids: Ready, Start, Learn!](#) initiative to ensure that children in Franklin County are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. Columbus Kids screens children ages 2-5 in communication, gross and fine motor skills, problem solving, and social emotional development. Case workers provide referrals to services if necessary and work with families to provide early learning resources and tips on how parents can help children develop needed skills. This funding will help reach 1,200 children and their families.



THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES 2017:



HUMAN NEEDS

ADDRESSING THE BASICS

Communities continue to address in new ways the rising need for the basics of human existence – food and shelter.

The Salvation Army in the twin cities of Texarkana in Arkansas and Texas is using a \$10,000 AEP Foundation grant to equip and staff a Digital Literacy Center to provide homeless adults with access and training to computer

concepts and skills that better prepare them for jobs and self-sufficiency. The Salvation Army's Center of Hope Homeless Shelter provides emergency housing for more than 8,000 homeless individuals a year.

Habitat for Humanity in South Bend, Indiana, is using the final \$50,000 AEP Foundation grant of a three-year pledge for an innovative

Neighborhood Revitalization & Job Creation Program. The initiative addresses South Bend's abandoned housing problem through a deconstruction program that offers job training to unemployed individuals. The program recycles reclaimed materials from the abandoned homes for sale through the ReStore program to raise funds for future Habitat homes.

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED BASIC HUMAN NEEDS INITIATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017:

Catholic Social Services Inc.

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for [Our Lady of Guadalupe Center](#) to open the food pantry for a third day each week, to increase the number of clients receiving wrap-around case management services, and to increase opportunities for volunteer led trainings and workshops. Serving a growing Hispanic population on the west side of Columbus, The Guadalupe Center expects to increase food assistance by 30 percent, and to increase by 30 percent the number of people receiving additional services from more than a dozen partner organizations.

Columbus Housing Partnership Inc., dba Homeport.

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to support service coordination for senior and low-income families residing in Homeport's affordable housing communities. Homeport builds and rehabilitates homes and neighborhoods for affordable living. Service coordination addresses barriers that prevent families from staying housed including financial instability, medical issues, employment, or family dynamics by linking residents with resources and services offered by other organizations or providing training such as Homeport's Financial Fitness workshop.

Community Shelter Board

Columbus, Ohio -- \$350,000 grant as part of a five-year, \$1.5 million pledge for [From Homeless to Home: A Collective Campaign To End Homelessness](#), including capital funding for a new emergency shelter for single adults and a new emergency shelter for families. The campaign is a multi-pronged initiative to address growing homelessness through additional housing and case managers who help each person in the homeless system link to employment and job training, support services, medical care and housing resources. The 10-year goal is to double the diversion from homelessness rate to 30 percent, decrease average shelter stay by one-third to 30 days, increase the rate of successful housing outcomes by a third to 40 percent, and be able to provide emergency shelter so no one has to sleep on the streets.

Community Shelter Board

Columbus, Ohio -- \$200,000 grant for current community-wide homeless and housing initiatives. These include services and operating costs for the new family emergency shelter and for the single adult shelter. Funding also supports the model case management system in which "navigators" link single adults in the homeless system to specialty services to assure housing stability, like employment and job training, medical care, mental health and housing resources. Navigators continue working with clients after they are housed to ensure success.

Field of Hope Community Campus

Vinton, Ohio -- \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge for building revitalization to house a local food pantry and regional food bank operation serving Gallia County and the surrounding area. The project in cooperation with Second Harvest Food Bank includes creation of a food pantry including a bulk food receiving and storage space, cooler and freezer spaces, and areas to display food, clothing and small appliances.

Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant for the [Furniture with a Heart social enterprise thrift store](#) operation. The thrift store provides a sustainable source of revenue to support the Furniture Bank's mission of providing furniture to families and individuals struggling with poverty and other severe life challenges.

Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County Inc.

South Bend, Indiana -- \$50,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge for the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization & Job Creation Program. The initiative addresses South Bend's abandoned housing problem through a deconstruction program that offers job training to unemployed individuals and recycles reclaimed materials for sale through the ReStore program to raise funds for future Habitat homes.

Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio

Columbus, Ohio -- \$150,000 grant to assist low-income families build affordable, energy-efficient homes. The grant covers the cost of building one Habitat home and provides \$50,000 to fund the Green Building Initiative aimed at making Habitat homes healthy to live in, energy efficient, and designed for long-term affordability for new homeowners.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Inc.

Worthington, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge for the Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Delaware County Food Pantry capital campaign to renovate a food pantry site and to operate both the fixed and mobile pantries. The fixed site expects to serve about 1,000 families a month, while the mobile pantry anticipates serving about 40 families per trip in underserved areas within the county.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Inc.

Worthington, Ohio -- \$30,000 grant to support for the LSS Food Pantry system consisting of five locations serving clients in 13 central Ohio counties. The system serves about 80,000 individuals and provides more than 2.2 million meals annually.

The Salvation Army

Texarkana, Arkansas -- \$10,000 grant to equip and staff a Digital Literacy Center to provide residents of the Center of Hope Homeless Shelter with access and training to computer concepts and skills. The shelter provides emergency housing for more than 8,000 individuals a year.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

Westerville, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for a capital campaign to purchase a 40,000-square-foot building and expand capacity to address poverty and hunger issues through a food pantry, backpack programs, workforce development program and resource center.

YWCA Columbus

Columbus, Ohio -- \$100,000 grant as part of a five-year pledge to renovate the historic Griswold Building, support operations of the YWCA Family Center and build the YWCA endowment fund. The Griswold Building houses low-income women and administrative offices. The family center offers temporary housing for homeless families and is operating above capacity.



THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED BASIC HUMAN NEEDS INITIATIVES IN 2017



ENVIRONMENT

ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABILITY

Most animal babies are cute, and the [seventh greater one-horned Asian rhino](#) born November 2016 at the International Center for the Preservation of Wilds Animals – also known as [the Wilds](#) – is no exception.

The rhinoceros breeding program at the Wilds in southeastern Ohio includes a successful effort to protect the once nearly extinct southern white rhino. The Wilds

is the only conservation center outside of Africa to produce fourth- and fifth-generation white rhino calves.

An AEP Foundation grant to help build a new Rhino Breeding and Management Facility leverages the successful breeding program the Wilds attributes to ample space, an environment conducive to natural herding structures, and strategic animal management.

The Wilds is a nearly 10,000-acre conservation center developed on reclaimed surface mine lands donated by American Electric Power.

The Wilds is home to more than two dozen animal species and programs to preserve those species, including African painted dogs and dholes at the Mid-sized Carnivore Conservation Center.

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED BASIC HUMAN NEEDS INITIATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2016:

[International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals Inc. \(the Wilds\)](#)

Cumberland, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for construction of a Rhino Breeding and Management Facility to extend a successful southern white rhinoceros breeding program.

[Texas State Aquarium Association](#)

Corpus Christi, Texas -- \$100,000 grant as part of a five-year pledge for 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.



ENVIRONMENT

ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABILITY



COMMUNITY & THE ARTS

CONNECTING TO BENEFIT ALL

Supporting our communities takes many forms, from addressing pressing urban issues to enabling children (and their parents) to explore science and the world around them.

A three-year AEP Foundation to the National Urban League will strengthen a campaign across 95 NUL affiliates to address economic

and urban issues facing underprivileged residents of urban communities. The Empowerment Campus Campaign will help fund a new training and leadership development center to create new leaders ready to return to their home communities to tackle tough issues facing urban populations.

In Muncie, Indiana, a three-year

AEP Foundation grant will help build Discovery Park, a permanent interactive exhibit for kids at the Muncie Children's Museum. Discovery Park will engage children ages 4-10 in science, technology, engineering and math education through a focus on animals, habitats and weather.

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED COMMUNITY AND ARTS INITIATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2017:

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$100,000 to complete a three-year pledge to support the South Side Boys & Girls Club in the new [Reeb Community Center](#). The club offers afterschool and summer programs for up to 600 youth ages 6-18 in a community with a child poverty rate in excess of 60 percent and an unemployment rate of 20 percent.

[The Center for Healthy Families Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to support a continuum of care model for pregnant and parenting teens through community- and school-based programs. The Center serves about 200 teens annually and strives to achieve healthy births, graduation from high school and prevention of subsequent pregnancies.

[Columbus Association for the Performing Arts Inc. \(CAPA\)](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for operating support for CAPA's Family Series programming and Festival Latino as well as the CAPA Gala fundraising event.

[Columbus Downtown Development Corp.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$750,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for the [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](#) honoring military veterans. The new memorial and museum will include permanent and temporary exhibits, rooftop sanctuary, auditorium and meeting space anticipated to attract 350,000 visitors annually.

[Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$100,000 grant as part of a five-year pledge for the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Great Libraries Create: A Campaign for Columbus Metropolitan Library to create programs and services that help build successful lives at the library's seven urban, two suburban and main library facilities.

[Columbus Urban League](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$100,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for programs to help low-income families achieve greater financial stability. Funding will provide incentives and financial empowerment coaches to assist up to 400 people through economic transformation, education and family stabilization.

[Columbus Symphony Orchestra Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$125,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for general operating support and repositioning of the orchestra to improve artistic quality and address budgetary realities.

[Community Foundation of the New River Valley Inc.](#)

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

[Muncie Children's Museum Inc.](#)

Muncie, Indiana -- \$100,000 as part of a three-year pledge for Discovery Park, a permanent interactive exhibit for children ages 4-10. The exhibit will engage children in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education through a focus on animals, habitats and weather.

[National Urban League Inc.](#)

New York, New York -- \$116,666.67 grant as part of a three-year pledge for the Urban League Empowerment Campus Campaign to strengthen the Urban League movement across its 95 affiliates to address economic and urban issues facing underprivileged populations in urban communities. The campaign will create a new building for the national office and initiatives including retail space, a civil rights museum, and training and leadership development center.

[Philbrook Museum of Art Inc.](#)

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

[Reeb Community Center](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant as part of a three-year pledge to support the Reeb School Renewal Campaign - Endowment Fund to sustain operating costs of the Center which provides increased access to education, job training and other resources to residents of Columbus' south side. The endowment fund is designed to ensure sustainability of the Center as a community resource linking residents and partner organizations to create pathways to prosperity.

[Shadoart Productions Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge to support the [Shadowbox Academy](#) arts educational program for high school and college students. The program uses a trans-disciplinary approach to the performing arts including mentoring by Shadowbox performers.

Simon Kenton Council Boy Scouts of America Leadership Development Center

Columbus, Ohio -- \$75,000 for the ScoutReach program to benefit at-risk youth in central Ohio through after-school programs in partnership with Columbus City Schools.

Wexner Center Foundation

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to support the Art & Ecology and other programs for the schools at the Wexner Center for the Arts. Art & Ecology enables high school students to learn about the intersections of art and ecological issues at The Ohio State University while earning high school credit.

Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio

Columbus, Ohio -- \$35,000 grant for the YMCA's Lincoln Theatre Performing Arts Summer Camp and Hilltop Summer Day Camp to support enrichment programming to prevent summer learning loss.



THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED COMMUNITY AND ARTS INITIATIVES IN 2017



HEALTH & SAFETY

ENABLING HEALTHIER, SAFER LIVES

Access to fresh foods is one key to healthier lifestyles, and communities in West Virginia and Ohio are among those ensuring that underserved populations consume fresh, locally grown foods.

The United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley in Wheeling, West Virginia, is using a \$20,000 AEP Foundation grant for the [Let's Start Fresh](#) program for people in need. The grant is helping 12 social

service agencies in five West Virginia counties provide a wider variety of fresh fruits and vegetables through food distribution or preparation for people in need.

Local Matters in Columbus, Ohio, is using a \$25,000 AEP Foundation for a variety of nutrition education programs aimed at improving healthy eating. The Seeding the Future: Bringing Critical Nutrition Education and Access to Scale in Ohio initiative includes four

elements: completing a local office and culinary classroom on Columbus' underserved south side; offering free nutrition education classes to low-income residents; creating a facility to train satellite partners in four other Ohio cities; and providing culinary medicine training to doctors at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University hospitals.

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED HEALTH AND SAFETY INITIATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2016:

[American Red Cross of Greater Columbus](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$50,000 grant to complete a two-year pledge for Project: Prepare, an initiative to educate up to 250,000 individuals across Ohio on how to plan, prepare or train for emergencies.

[The Children's Health Fund](#)

New York, New York -- \$15,000 grant as part of a three-year pledge for the [West Virginia Children's Health Project](#) mobile clinic to provide medical, mental health and health education services to children in public schools in Cabell, Lincoln, Mason and Wayne counties. The mobile clinic provides primary health care visits for up to 750 children and health education group sessions for up to 3,000 children and parents annually.

[Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence](#)

Worthington, Ohio -- \$30,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to support efforts to interrupt the cycle of domestic violence through public education and assistance to individuals experiencing domestic violence.

[Columbus Police Foundation](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant to complete a three-year pledge for the Columbus Police Community-Centered Leadership Initiative to provide cultural and ethnic diversity training to strengthen collaboration between officers and the community.

[Flying Horse Farms](#)

Mt. Gilead, Ohio -- \$50,000 as the first installment of a two-year pledge to support medically safe camping experiences for children with serious illnesses.

[Local Matters](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 grant for the Seeding the Future: Bringing Critical Nutrition Education and Access to Scale in Ohio initiative. The effort includes completing a local office and culinary classroom on Columbus' south side, offering free nutrition education classes, creating a facility to train satellite partners in four other Ohio cities, and providing culinary medicine training to doctors at Nationwide Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University hospitals.

[Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$250,000 to complete a four-year pledge for [Nationwide Children's Hospital Telemedicine Program](#) bringing specialized medical services to rural communities in southeast Ohio via technology.

[The Ohio State University Foundation](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$250,000 as the first installment of a five-year pledge for annual the [Pelotonia](#) cycling event to raise funds for cancer research. Pelotonia has raised more than \$130 million for cancer research in its first eight annual rides.

[OhioHealth Corp.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$300,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for Bringing Mobile Mammography to Southeast Ohio, an initiative to provide regular screening mammograms and treatment, if necessary, to women in rural areas who face barriers to access to screening and treatment.

[Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio Inc.](#)

Columbus, Ohio -- \$25,000 as the first installment of a three-year pledge for Heroes of the House Program to support more than 4,000 nights of rest for families of seriously ill children in treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

[United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley Inc.](#)

Wheeling, West Virginia -- \$20,000 grant for the [Let's Start Fresh](#) program helping 12 social service agencies in five West Virginia counties provide a wider variety of fresh fruits and vegetables through food distribution or preparation for people in need.



DISASTER RELIEF

HELPING IN TIMES OF NEED

AEP employees care about helping others in time of need, whether in flood-ravaged communities in the AEP service area or on the other side of the world.

The AEP Foundation provided matching funds to three relief

efforts that employees supported in 2016. The Foundation matched employee donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000 to provide assistance following three devastating floods: in Chennai, India in December 2015; in

West Virginia in June, 2016; and in Louisiana in August, 2016.

THE AEP FOUNDATION SUPPORTED DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN 2016:

American Red Cross Louisiana Capital-West Chapter

Baton Rouge, Louisiana -- \$10,740 matching grant for AEP employee donations for disaster relief efforts following mid-August flooding that killed 13 and damaged an estimated 146,000 homes across Louisiana.

American Red Cross

Charleston, West Virginia -- \$50,000 matching grant for AEP employee donations for disaster relief efforts after widespread June flooding led the governor to declare a state of emergency in 44 of West Virginia's 55 counties.

The Salvation Army

Columbus, Ohio -- \$4,820 matching grant for AEP employee donations for disaster relief efforts following the extensive flooding in the city of Chennai on the southeastern coast of India left more than 280 dead and an estimated 57,000 homes structurally damaged.

U.S. Fund for UNICEF

New York, New York -- \$4,820 matching grant for AEP employee donations for disaster relief efforts directed at children following the flooding in Chennai, India.



