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**FREDERICK COUNTY PHILANTHROPIES REPORT ON $14 MILLION IN GRANTS MADE IN 2020**

**[FREDERICK, MARYLAND, SEPTEMBER 2021]** – Eleven major funders of nonprofits and community organizations in Frederick County, Maryland have released a report based on sharing their grantmaking data using a common coding system. These eleven funders include: Ausherman Family Foundation, The Community Foundation of Frederick County, Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., Frederick County Government, Helen J. Serini Foundation, The Kahlert Foundation, Loats Foundations Inc., The Will Group Foundation, Inc., United Way of Frederick County, William E. Cross Foundation, and The Women’s Giving Circle of Frederick County.

This is the first time that comprehensive data about the combined activities of these eleven funders has been available for analysis. The report details the purposes to which nearly $14 million in grants went in calendar year 2020.

Among the key findings in the report are the following:

* Approximately $2 million of the $14 million was for emergency purposes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are in addition to $3.5 million of Coronavirus Relief Funds provided by Frederick County Government to nonprofits, which is not included in this report.
* About 47% of all spending in 2020 went to support nonprofits and community groups engaged with issues of poverty in Frederick County.
* The breakdown of grants by topics/issues receiving total funding in 2020 above $100,000 shows that about half of all grants went to organizations involved with providing human needs:

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|  | **Total Grants** | | |
| **Topic/Issue** | **Regular Grants** | **COVID-19 Emergency** | **Grand Total** |
| Human Needs - All Categories | $5,918,309 | $1,418,719 | $7,337,028 |
| Education - All Categories | $2,139,685 | $145,000 | $2,284,685 |
| Community Development | $1,295,450 | $29,000 | $1,324,450 |
| Arts and Culture | $986,805 | $98,210 | $1,085,015 |
| Personal Development Non-Athletic | $484,909 | $98,017 | $582,926 |
| Religion and Spirituality | $539,564 | $0 | $539,564 |
| Public Services - All Categories | $251,925 | $0 | $251,925 |
| Historic Preservation | $219,598 | $20,000 | $239,598 |

The report also references several recent needs assessments for Frederick County to identify potential gaps in the combined funding priorities of the participating funders. Among the findings are noteworthy gaps related to support for infants and young children, mental/behavioral health and substance use, and persons over the age of 80.

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