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Blue & You Foundation awards 205 mini-grants for health

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (April 4, 2018) — The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas recently awarded 205 mini-grants to community projects throughout the state to help Arkansans live healthier lives.

“These \$1,000 mini-grants are used to fund such things as health fairs, exercise or healthy eating programs, community gardens, health education or the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for use in public buildings,” said Patrick O’Sullivan, executive director of the Blue & You Foundation.

The Blue & You Foundation is a charitable foundation established and funded by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield to promote better health in Arkansas. By providing funding and working with other organizations, the Foundation hopes to support healthcare projects that will benefit all Arkansans.

More information on the mini-grants listed below, and all previous grants, can be found on the Foundation’s website: blueandyoufoundationarkansas.org. The Foundation’s deadline for regular grants, which range from \$5,000 to \$150,000, is July 16, 2018. Applications for regular grants can be made online through the Foundation website.

The Foundation awards approximately \$2.5 million in grants annually to programs that positively affect the health of Arkansans. Any 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, public charity, public school, church, non-profit hospital or governmental organization in Arkansas is eligible to apply for a grant.

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The 2018 mini-grant recipients include:

Organization	City	Condition Targeted
Arkansas Rising Stars, Inc.	Altheimer	Child development
Pregnancy Resource Center for Southwest Arkansas	Arkadelphia	Parenting
Sharp County Sheriff's Dept.	Ash Flat	CPR/first aid/AED
Ashdown School District	Ashdown	CPR/first aid/AED
Mercy Crest Housing, Inc.	Barling	CPR/first aid/AED
Network of Community Options, Inc.	Batesville	Screenings
South Side Bee Branch School	Bee Branch	Access to healthy food
Benton School District	Benton	Exercise /physical activity
Highland Heights Baptist Church	Benton	CPR/first aid/AED
Helen R. Walton Children's Enrichment Center	Bentonville	CPR/first aid/AED
Pedal It Forward NWA, Inc.	Bentonville	Exercise /physical activity
Bismarck Middle School	Bismarck	Exercise /physical activity
New Beginnings Outreach/Hope Outreach Food Bank	Bismarck	Access to healthy food
Black Rock United Methodist Church	Black Rock	Healthy lifestyles
CASA of Tri-Peaks, Inc.	Booneville	Foster child health
County Line High School	Branch	Chronic disease self-management
Boys and Girls Club of Bryant	Bryant	Worksite wellness
Bull Shoals Library	Bull Shoals	Exercise /physical activity
Single Mothers Sisterhood	Bull Shoals	Parenting
Cabot Public Schools	Cabot	Child development
Inside Out Ministries	Camden	Behavioral/ mental health
Cave City First Free Will Baptist Church	Cave City	CPR/first aid/AED
Cave City Police Department	Cave City	CPR/first aid/AED
City of Cherokee Village	Cherokee Village	Exercise /physical activity
City of Chester	Chester	Access to healthy food
City of Clarksville Police Department	Clarksville	CPR/first aid/AED

Organization	City	Condition Targeted
Clarksville-Johnson County Development Foundation, Inc.	Clarksville	Exercise /physical activity
Clarksville School District	Clarksville	Healthy lifestyles
Van Buren County	Clinton	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
CHI St. Vincent Conway Interfaith Clinic	Conway	Quality of care
Ida Burns Elementary	Conway	Healthy lifestyles
Theodore Jones Elementary	Conway	Access to healthy food
Dermott Fire Department	Dermott	CPR/first aid/AED
Mainline Health Systems, Inc.	Dermott	CPR/first aid/AED
Desha First Baptist Church	Desha	CPR/first aid/AED
Good Neighbor Food Cupboard	Diamond City	Hunger
Southeast Arkansas Community Action/Dumas Headstart	Dumas	Nutrition
Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado	El Dorado	Emergency medical services
St. Paul United Methodist Church	El Dorado	Hunger
Elaine Community Opportunity Seekers	Elaine	Access to healthy food
Lee Street Community Center	Elaine	Healthy lifestyles
Evening Shade Police Department	Evening Shade	CPR/first aid/AED
Apple Seeds	Fayetteville	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
Mount Comfort Presbyterian Church	Fayetteville	Access to healthy food
Owl Creek School	Fayetteville	Hydration
Soldier ON Service Dogs	Fayetteville	Behavioral/ mental health
University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. (UofA, Fayetteville)	Fayetteville	Hunger
WelcomeHealth	Fayetteville	Dental
Fordyce Elementary School	Fordyce	Exercise /physical activity
Fordyce High School	Fordyce	Healthy lifestyles
Oscar Hamilton Elementary	Foreman	Dyslexia
3D Outreach, Inc.	Forrest City	Healthy lifestyles
St. Francis County Emergency Management Agency	Forrest City	CPR/first aid/AED

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St. Francis County Sheriff's Office	Forrest City	CPR/first aid/AED
Fort Smith Children's Emergency Shelter	Fort Smith	Foster child health
Fort Smith Children's Service League	Fort Smith	Child development
Gregory Kistler Treatment Center	Fort Smith	Pediatric safety/injuries
Next Step Day Room	Fort Smith	Charity clinic operation
North Point Fellowship	Fort Smith	Hunger
St. Paul United Methodist Church of Fort Smith	Fort Smith	Child development
Western Arkansas Planning & Frontier MPO	Fort Smith	Exercise /physical activity
Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council	Glenwood	Exercise /physical activity
City of Hardy	Hardy	Child development
Hardy A & P Commission	Hardy	Healthy lifestyles
Main Street Hardy	Hardy	Safety
Boone County Independent Living, Inc.	Harrison	Worksite wellness
Ozark Opportunities, Inc.	Harrison	Dental
Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church of God	Hartford	Hunger
Hector School District	Hector	CPR/first aid/AED
Highland School District	Highland	Access to healthy food
Cooperative Christian Ministries & Clinic	Hot Springs	Emergency medical services
Delta Kappa Kappa	Hot Springs	Healthy lifestyles
Ouachita Regional Counseling and Mental Health Center	Hot Springs	Telehealth
Park Magnet School	Hot Springs	Access to healthy food
Visitors Chapel Church	Hot Springs	Hunger
North Pulaski United Methodist Church	Jacksonville	Cardiac care/heart health
Jasper School District	Jasper	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
Newton County Healthcare Association, Inc.	Jasper	CPR/first aid/AED
Newton County Library	Jasper	CPR/first aid/AED
Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	CPR/first aid/AED
CASA of 2nd Judicial District of AR	Jonesboro	Foster child health

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City of Jonesboro	Jonesboro	CPR/first aid/AED
City of Jonesboro Police Department	Jonesboro	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
CityYouth Ministries, Inc.	Jonesboro	Exercise /physical activity
Jonesboro Animal Control	Jonesboro	CPR/first aid/AED
Jonesboro Economical Transportation	Jonesboro	CPR/first aid/AED
Jonesboro Fire Department	Jonesboro	Safety
Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Department	Jonesboro	CPR/first aid/AED
Math and Science Magnet School	Jonesboro	Hunger
NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	Medical professional education
St. Bernards Hospital Development Foundation	Jonesboro	Worksite wellness
United Way of Northeast Arkansas	Jonesboro	Aging
NEA Eagles, Inc.	Lake City	Safety
Riverside High School	Lake City	Exercise /physical activity
Riverside West Elementary	Lake City	Healthy lifestyles
Lavaca Elementary School	Lavaca	Injury prevention
Lavaca High School	Lavaca	Learning barriers
Advocates for Community and Rural Education	Little Rock	Access to healthy food
Ambitious Girls, Inc.	Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
American Heart Association	Little Rock	Cardiac care/heart health
Arkansas Breastfeeding Coalition	Little Rock	Breastfeeding
Arkansas Department of Human Services	Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
Arkansas Foodbank	Little Rock	Hunger
Arkansas Local Food Network	Little Rock	Nutrition
Arkansas School for the Deaf	Little Rock	Health literacy
Canvas Community United Methodist Church	Little Rock	Charity clinic operation
CARTI Foundation, Inc.	Little Rock	Cancer
Central Arkansas Sports Commission	Little Rock	Exercise /physical activity
Children's Protection Center	Little Rock	Child development

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Community First Alliance	Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
ECO Kidz Project	Little Rock	Safety
Francis A. Allen School for Exceptional Children	Little Rock	Disabilities
Human Rights Campaign Foundation	Little Rock	Access to medical care
LINO for Life	Little Rock	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
LISA Academy	Little Rock	Access to medical care
Oak Forest UMC Matthew 25 Food Pantry	Little Rock	Hunger
Our House, Inc.	Little Rock	CPR/first aid/AED
Partners Against Trafficking Humans	Little Rock	Domestic violence
Quilts for Kids, Inc.	Little Rock	Communication (health worker/patient)
Rockefeller Incentive Elementary	Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkansas	Little Rock	Access to healthy food
Sister Friends United, Inc.	Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
Society of St. Andrew	Little Rock	Hunger
Stephens Elementary School	Little Rock	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
Telcoe Federal Credit Union	Little Rock	Exercise /physical activity
Unitarian Universalist Church of Little Rock	Little Rock	CPR/first aid/AED
University of Arkansas Foundation, Inc. (UALR)	Little Rock	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
Women and Children First: The Center Against Family Violence	Little Rock	Domestic violence
Women's Foundation of Arkansas	Little Rock	Nutrition
WOW Foundation	Little Rock	Exercise /physical activity
Youth Home, Inc.	Little Rock	Behavioral/ mental health
Southern Arkansas University	Magnolia	Medical professional education
Improvement Association of East Arkansas	Marianna	Exercise /physical activity
Marianna Police Department	Marianna	CPR/first aid/AED
Rural Counties Health & Fitness	Marianna	Access to healthy food
Christ-Way	Marion	Health literacy

Organization	City	Condition Targeted
Jes LeRe Hama Corp.	Memphis	Public awareness website
Dallas Avenue Baptist Church	Mena	Exercise /physical activity
Pauline Baptist Church	Monticello	CPR/first aid/AED
Montgomery County Health Education Advisory Board	Mount Ida	Exercise /physical activity
Mt. Vernon Baptist Food Pantry	Mount Vernon	Hunger
Service Dogs of Distinction, Inc.	Mount Vernon	Behavioral/ mental health
Care Center Ministries	Mountain Home	Hunger
City of Mountainburg	Mountainburg	Exercise /physical activity
Mountainburg Elementary School	Mountainburg	Exercise /physical activity
Mountainburg High School	Mountainburg	Exercise /physical activity
Mountainburg Middle School	Mountainburg	Exercise /physical activity
City of Mulberry	Mulberry	Emergency medical services
Mulberry Fire and Rescue Auxiliary	Mulberry	Cardiac care/heart health
Mulberry Shop with a Cop	Mulberry	Emergency medical services
Arkansas Thunder Basketball Team	North Little Rock	Communication (health worker/ patient)
Arkansas Transgender Equality Coalition	North Little Rock	Access to medical care
Bearden Productions Performing Arts Studio	North Little Rock	Nutrition
City of North Little Rock	North Little Rock	Aging
Crystal Hill Assembly of God Church	North Little Rock	CPR/first aid/AED
Dixie Community Development Corporation	North Little Rock	Child development
Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church	North Little Rock	Cardiac care/heart health
Graves Memorial Baptist Church	North Little Rock	CPR/first aid/AED
New Hope Baptist Church	North Little Rock	Exercise /physical activity
New Light Church of God in Christ	North Little Rock	Healthy lifestyles
North Little Rock Sports Ministries	North Little Rock	Child development
Roots Art Connection	North Little Rock	Behavioral/ mental health
Worship Center Church of God in Christ	North Little Rock	CPR/first aid/AED

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Agape House	Paragould	Substance abuse
Arkansas Methodist Medical Center Foundation, Inc.	Paragould	Obesity (nutrition and exercise)
Paragould Police Department D.A.R.E.	Paragould	Healthy lifestyles
Pea Ridge School District	Pea Ridge	Child development
Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County	Pine Bluff	Health literacy
Colored Classrooms	Pine Bluff	Sexual health/STDs
FULL Circle 360	Pine Bluff	CPR/first aid/AED
Harmony Baptist Association	Pine Bluff	Parenting
Kiwanis Foundation of Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	CPR/first aid/AED
New Saint Hurricane Baptist Church	Pine Bluff	Healthy lifestyles
Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church	Pine Bluff	CPR/first aid/AED
Unity Christian Fellowship Church	Pine Bluff	Healthy lifestyles
First Baptist Church of Pottsville	Pottsville	CPR/first aid/AED
Alzheimer's Association	Rogers	Alzheimer's
Eastside Elementary School	Rogers	Exercise /physical activity
Tutoring Resources of Arkansas	Rogers	Behavioral/ mental health
Rose Bud High School Baseball Program	Rose Bud	Exercise /physical activity
Russellville Junior High School	Russellville	Cardiac care/heart health
Grant County Unified Community Resource Council, Inc.	Sheridan	Domestic violence
Sheridan School District	Sheridan	Behavioral/ mental health
Victory Baptist Church	Sherwood	CPR/first aid/AED
Smackover-Norphlet School District	Smackover	Exercise /physical activity
Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc.	Springdale	CPR/first aid/AED
Hellstern Middle School	Springdale	Nutrition
Lee Elementary	Springdale	Nutrition
Northwest Arkansas Child Care Resource and Referral Center	Springdale	CPR/first aid/AED
Mission Choices	Star City	Social determinants of health

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Star City ABC	Star City	CPR/first aid/AED
Star City Middle School	Star City	Exercise /physical activity
Strong-Huttig School District	Strong	CPR/first aid/AED
Thida Community Center	Thida	Exercise /physical activity
Trumann Fire Department	Trumann	Trauma
City of Campbell Station	Tuckerman	CPR/first aid/AED
City of Tuckerman Police Department	Tuckerman	CPR/first aid/AED
Main Street Church of Christ	Walnut Ridge	Substance abuse
Bradley County Sheriff Department	Warren	Safety
Warren Police Department	Warren	CPR/first aid/AED
Children's Advocacy Center of Eastern Arkansas (Mid-South Health, Inc.)	West Memphis	Safety
Families in Transition, Inc.	West Memphis	Domestic violence
Disciples Women, First Christian Church	White Hall	Cancer
Mid Marion County Rotary	Yellville	Nutrition
Yellville-Summit Elementary School	Yellville	Hydration

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