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PHILADELPHIA CITY FUND AWARDS NEW COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

\$275,000 to Community-Based Programs That Help Philly Kids Thrive

PHILADELPHIA, PA January 29, 2025 – An after school program that uses running as a platform for teaching girls important life skills. Paid internships that introduce young people to animal rescue services, and prepare them to pursue jobs in animal welfare. A youth leadership initiative that uses bicycle mechanics and riding skills to foster physical health, teamwork, and environmental stewardship among under-resourced youth. These and eight other non-profit organizations will each receive \$25,000 in general operating funding from the [Philadelphia City Fund](#) (PCF) through its Community Fund grant opportunity, which in 2024 highlighted child well-being as its theme.

PCF received 315 applications for the annual grants, which focused on small nonprofit organizations that provide out-of-school time (OST) programs that “nurture healthy minds, bodies, and spirits” of Philadelphia youth from pre-K through 12th grade.

An annual grant opportunity, the Community Fund grants seek to support activities that address Philadelphia’s greatest areas of need, and align with the City’s goals to improve the quality of life for all Philadelphians. For this grant cycle, in order to increase equitable access to OST programming across the city, preference was given to requests from organizations that provide programming in Priority ZIP Codes—19120, 19124, 19132, 19134, 19138, 19139, 19141, and 19144—with 73% of grant funding going to organizations that serve these areas.

The Community Fund grant opportunity is made possible through the Philadelphia City Fund’s partnership with the Philadelphia Marathon Weekend, which allocates a portion of its annual revenues to the Community Fund, allowing participants not only to strive for their personal best and support a charitable cause of their choice, but also to fund community programs that benefit fellow citizens throughout the city.

“Community is key to what we do. The Philadelphia Marathon Weekend is excited to participate with the Philadelphia City Fund in awarding the Community Fund grants to these outstanding youth serving agencies,” comments David G. Wilson, Deputy Managing Director, City of Philadelphia. “We are committed to ensuring our impact can continue to benefit Philadelphians long past race weekend”

Grant recipients offer OST experiences in everything from music and sports, to horseback riding and AI, to art, performing, gardening, meditation, and more.

“Our partnership with the Philadelphia Marathon Weekend makes it possible for a great Philly event to give back to Philadelphians all over the city in different ways,” says Philadelphia City Fund Executive

Director Jody Greenblatt. “We’re proud to prioritize the physical, educational and emotional health of Philadelphia’s young people throughout the city, especially in underserved zip codes.”

To explore the full list of 2024 Community Fund grantees and learn more about their missions, visit <https://philacityfund.org/2024-community-fund> (live as of January 29, 2025).

Learn more about the Community Fund grants opportunity:

www.philacityfund.org/grantmaking/community-fund. Information on the next grant cycle, opening in Spring 2025, will also be posted here. Any additional questions may be directed to cityfund@phila.gov.

The Philadelphia City Fund is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization which serves as the dedicated fiscal sponsor for the City of Philadelphia and leverages public-private partnerships in collaboration with the City, the philanthropic community, and the residents of Philadelphia.

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