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Media Release

The Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund of The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region Grants \$30,126 to Local Nonprofits

FREDERICKSBURG, VA – The Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund (<https://www.cfrrr.org/apply/the-duff-mcduff-green-jr-fund/>) of The Community Foundation has awarded \$30,126 to 5 regional nonprofits. This funding, grants up to \$7,500, supports organizations that are working to promote recreation opportunities in the community, benefit our region’s youth and advance local historic and cultural preservation.

Center For African American Genealogical Research Inc

Project: The Liberty Line in Fredericksburg, Virginia

Funding will support research on five subjects identified as abolitionists in the Fredericksburg community during the 18th and 19th centuries. The subjects participated in the Liberty Line, the secret network later known as the Underground Railroad. The project includes architectural surveys, summarizing an interpretive framework of the cultural landscape, and updating the Virginia Cultural Resources Information System (VCRIS) database with the findings. One end goal is to have the sites recognized with state historic markers.

Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Project: Library of Things expansion

In 2022, Central Rappahannock Regional Library established its Library of Things, whose purpose is to extend the library’s mission of inspiring lifelong learning by providing “non-traditional” items to engage and delight customers. The Library of Things currently circulates items such as outdoor games, environmental tools, early childhood literacy packs, and craft kits. This grant will expand the Library of Things with items to further encourage outdoor learning and recreation, such as bird watching and astronomy kits, more outdoor games, and equipment for enjoying the outdoors.

Friends of the Rappahannock

Project: FY24 Girls’ Empowerment & Resilience through Outdoor Skills & Adventure

This new project will increase outdoor program offerings by adding camping gear to our equipment. We will focus on serving girls for our initial "Paddle and Hike to Camp" experiences for summer 2024

including our first ever All Girls Summer Camp week for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders and select weekends in the fall.

Rappahannock CASA Inc.

Project: Updated Adulting Resource Guide for Teens

The project creates a "how-to" manual outlining the steps toward basic independence geared toward teens who may not be able to get this adulting advice otherwise. Aiming to empower teens by giving them the skills to make smart decisions about their future it includes advice like: how to create a resume and find a job; how to open a bank account, secure a driver's license and rent an apartment; how to buy a car and purchase health insurance.

Riverside Foundation for the Performing Arts

Project: 2024 Youth Summer Camp

This project supports the goal of providing musical theatre training to children ages 7-17 through a summer camp for area youth, regardless of need. The training campers receive is a strong vehicle, which enables the participants to increase their individual self-esteem, to hone their abilities, and to develop an interest in the performing arts. The camp is a partnership with Stafford Junction.

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