Grants celebrate Bath’s past, build for our future

In November, Bath Community Fund awarded grants totaling $14,135 to eight local nonprofit organizations, bringing our cumulative grantmaking total to nearly $30,000 since the fund was established less than four years ago.

In conjunction with BCF’s “For Bath, Forever” campaign to raise $2.018 million by the end of Bath’s bicentennial year in 2018, two of this year’s grants will support the township’s bicentennial celebrations.

A $1,000 grant will help underwrite the “Celebrate the Past” family festival at Hale Farm & Village on Feb. 24, 2018. This festival will be the first in a year-long series of events commemorating the township’s 200th anniversary and will also mark the 60th anniversary of Hale Farm.

Another grant awarded this year will honor the township’s bicentennial by supporting the construction of a second picnic shelter at Bath Community Park. The project is a joint effort by the Bath Park Board and Bath Township and will be located between the football and upper soccer fields.

Additional grants will support youth enrichment programs in Bath – a nod to the “forever” element of the fund’s endowment campaign. The following is a full list of grants awarded in 2017:

- **Bath Township**, to support the “Celebrate the Past” family festival at Hale Farm & Village to kick off the yearlong Bath Bicentennial Celebration, $1,000
- **Bath Volunteers for Service**, for the Bath Tour of Distinctive Homes, $135
- **Embracing Futures Inc.**, to support an oral health education program at Hillcrest Elementary School, $1,000
- **Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio**, to support a running-based youth development program for girls in Bath, $1,000
- **Summit County Astronomy Club**, for equipment to make one of the telescopes at the Bath Nature Preserve Observatory handicapped-accessible, $3,000
- **Victory Gallop Inc.**, to support the therapeutic horseback riding program for children with special needs, $3,000
- **Western Reserve Historical Society**, to resurface walking paths in the Goldsmith Garden at Hale Farm & Village to improve guest access and mobility in honor of Hale Farm’s 60th anniversary, $2,000
- A $3,000 grant will make a telescope at the Bath observatory handicapped-accessible.

For Bath, Forever

With an endowment of more than $2 million, BCF will be able to grant at least $100,000 back into our community every year, forever.

**Goal:** $2.018 million

$474,851.59*

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*as of Nov. 8, 2017

Multiply our impact

In our second year of awarding grants, Bath Community Fund received 16 funding requests totaling nearly $56,000 from deserving nonprofits (four times the amount we had available to grant!). By helping us grow the endowment, you can ensure that so many more of those pressing needs will be met for current and future generations of Bath residents. Learn more online at www.BathCommunityFund.org or mail in your tax-deductible gift with the donation envelope included in this magazine.