

2019 Annual Report



The Bedford Community Health Foundation is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the health of Bedford residents through grants, scholarships, and initiatives. By working closely with citizens and stakeholders, we identify Bedford’s health needs, allowing us to provide grant dollars where they will make the most impact.

To date, we have provided over **6.2 million dollars** to a wide array of healthcare programs, including access to healthy food, advocacy for children, prescription assistance to seniors, dental services, mental health services, programs for at-risk youth, and many more.

In 2019, BCHF awarded over \$17,850 to Bedford students pursuing careers in healthcare. 27 students received the scholarship funds.

Another major activity of 2018 was the Community Health Needs Assessment. BCHF partnered with Centra, Community Access Network, United Way of Central Virginia, Central Virginia Health District, and Greater Lynchburg Community Trust on the Bedford area Community Health Needs Assessment. This assessment of the current and emerging health needs of Bedford provides the community with the data and information necessary to address a set of prioritized needs.

The priority areas as identified by the community are Poor Eating Habits, Access to Mental Health Services, Access to Affordable Housing, Substance Abuse, and Transportation. Now in 2019, BCHF is working with numerous organizations on strategic plans to directly address these and other community health needs.

The Bedford Community Health Foundation also works in the community to address the health needs of those living in poverty. Our Bridges Initiative provided funding to multiple organizations to provide dental and mental health services, education about resources available and creating a connection to community for many Bedford residents experiencing poverty.

2019 Grant Recipients

Bed Co. School of Practical Nursing Scholarships	\$2,645	Bedford Central Library	\$7,000
Bedford Co. School Nutrition Program	\$17,850	Bedford County Schools	\$5,675
ARC of Central VA	\$2,400	Centra/Bedford Co. Schools	\$500
Friends of Bedford Hospice House	\$10,000	SML Good Neighbors	\$8,645
Brook Hill Farm	\$6,000	CASA of Central VA	\$1,500
Children’s Trust	\$5,000	Feed the Need	\$5,000
American Red Cross	\$7,500	Food For Kids	\$8,831
Bedford Christian Ministries	\$5,000	The Doorways	\$5,000
Free Clinic of Central VA	\$5,000	Girls on the Run	\$5,000
Patrick Henry Family Services	\$7,000	Lynchburg Daily Bread	\$9,000
VA Cooperative Extension	\$2,735	Lake Christian Ministries	\$10,000
Bedco Cares	\$3,412	English Meadows	\$1,600
CVACL-Bedford Ride	\$2,345	BCHF Bridges Initiative	\$18,104
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		2019 TOTAL	\$171,742

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Summary of Grants to Date

Health Education – School Children and Adults	\$	428,107
Mental Health/Abuse Prevention	\$	254,871
Rescue Squad/Emergency Care	\$	683,580
Fitness & Physical Therapy	\$	249,735
Free Clinics & Prescriptive Assistance	\$	412,198
Preventive Medicine in Schools	\$	206,358
Charity Care	\$	434,144
Dental Care	\$	150,000
Hospital & Nursing Home Equipment & Facilities	\$	237,383
Nursing and Allied Health Education	\$	1,195,537
Mammography Screenings & Equipment	\$	222,802
Adult Day Care	\$	341,238
Physicians & Specialists Recruitment	\$	149,446
Bedford School Nurse Initiative	\$	156,478
Hospice	\$	226,154
Miscellaneous Health Care Programs	\$	301,008
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	\$	566,707
Total Grants to Date	\$	6,215,746

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