

2022 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 **6.9 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 2022, BCHF awarded over \$15,500 to Bedford students pursuing careers in healthcare. Six students received scholarship funds.

2022 was a year where everyone in our community was getting back to normal. While the pandemic continued to impact our lives and jobs we responded with resilience. During this time, BCHF continued to

support programs that provided vital services to Bedford's most vulnerable populations.

BCHF primarily focused our funding to support food and feeding programs for families and children, and direct health services to those in need.

BCHF continued its partnership with the **Town of Bedford**. BCHF provided up-front funding for The Otter Bus while the Town was awarded a grant from the VA Department of Rail and Transportation. The grant provides BCHF a percentage of reimbursement each year. As BCHF and the Town continue their partnership they are exploring the potential for a sustainable transportation network to places and businesses in and around the Town of Bedford.

In 2022 Otter Bus ridership was over 3,000. Feedback from riders continue to be positive. As a result, the Otter Bus has increased its days of operation by adding Mondays to its weekly operating schedule. It has even added a stop along its route.

2022 Grant Recipients

Bedford County Dept of Social Services	\$3,500	Bedford Public Library	\$7,000
Scholarships	\$15,500	VA Hunters Who Care	\$9,000
CHIP of Roanoke Valley	\$5,000	SML Good Neighbors	\$8,064
EnCircle	\$8,630	Bedford Christmas Station	\$14,467
Community Access Network	\$2,500	CASA of Central VA	\$7,000
Brook Hill Farm	\$7,000	HumanKind	\$5,000
Children's Trust	\$10,000	Food For Kids	\$8,000
American Red Cross	\$10,000	The Doorways	\$6,000
Agape Center	\$4,527	Covered Chaplaincy	\$1,000
Spring Oaks	\$1,600	Lynchburg Daily Bread	\$13,448
Friends of Bedford Hospice House	\$8,286	Lake Christian Ministries	\$15,000
Children Assistive Technology Services	\$5,000	CVACL	\$11,500
BEDCO Cares	\$1,011	BCHF Bridges Initiative/Emerg/Trans	\$95,551
Patrick Henry Family Services	\$8,000	Bedford County Public Schools	\$5,995
VA Cooperative Extension	\$3,195	Avenel	\$12,000
Anxious for Nothing	\$2,607	Feed the Need	\$7,500
New London Ruritan	\$2,350	Meals on Wheels	\$5,000
Main St. United Methodist Church	\$2,500		

2022 TOTAL \$332,731

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Health Education – School Children and Adults	\$	488,516
Mental Health/Abuse Prevention	\$	358,871
Rescue Squad/Emergency Care	\$	705,580
Fitness & Physical Therapy	\$	264,735
Free Clinics & Prescriptive Assistance	\$	431,198
Preventive Medicine in Schools	\$	206,358
Charity Care	\$	436,411
Dental Care	\$	150,000
Hospital & Nursing Home Equipment & Facilities	\$	262,132
Nursing and Allied Health Education	\$	1,262,221
Mammography Screenings & Equipment	\$	222,802
Adult Day Care	\$	347,238
Physicians & Specialists Recruitment	\$	149,446
Bedford School Nurse Initiative	\$	156,478
Hospice	\$	240,440
Miscellaneous Health Care Programs	\$	711,739
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation	\$	587,207
Total Grants Since Inception	\$	6,981,372

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