The Sharing Montgomery Fund brings together donors who share our passion around building more equitable, just, and enriching communities. Together with our generous community of givers and grant committee members, we discover and grow high-impact nonprofits supporting our low-income neighbors across Montgomery County to live, work, and thrive.

Our support has been especially crucial these past few years to help our nonprofit partners step up to meet the increased demand and assist those hit hardest by the pandemic.

**Strategically Responding to the County’s Changing Needs**

We are delighted to report that **Sharing Montgomery made $470,000 in grants to 29 organizations this spring**. Key highlights include:

- **Sharpening Our Focus on Recovery**: We chose to prioritize our neighbors hit hardest by the pandemic and invested in solutions to their most pressing needs, including health access, food security, mental health and wellbeing, support for kids and youth returning to school, and strategies to help families recover and build pathways out of poverty.

- **Equipping Nonprofits for the Challenges Ahead**: We decided to make our grants 100% flexible, empowering our trusted nonprofit leaders to deploy each dollar wherever it is most needed. We also supported three capacity building partners to provide the direct-service grantees with intensive leadership, financial, evaluation, and strategic planning support. This additional support will help our grantees pivot, innovate, and deepen their impact throughout the community.

- **Making Game-Changing Investments**: In addition to doubling the size of our average grant from ($5,000 to $10,000), for the first time in Sharing Montgomery history, we offered larger multiyear grants to a select cohort of nonprofits. In addition to providing more stability during volatile times, these significant investments will enable this cohort to plan and implement bold, visionary goals for lasting impact – both for their organizations and the community they serve.

**We are excited to invest in these strategic changemakers!**

Continue reading to learn more about the work of these impressive organizations and how gifts to Sharing Montgomery make a lasting difference across our community.

To learn more and make a gift today, contact Anna Hargrave at 301-495-3036 x161 or ahargrave@thecommunityfoundation.org.
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Asian American LEAD supports low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youths with academic development, decision-making for their academic futures, leadership skills and improved healthy concepts of self through after-school, summer and mentoring programs.

BlackRock Center for the Arts seeks to provide art access for all, with special programming geared to support the well-being of low-income children. In response to the pandemic, BlackRock also launched the very first service consolidation hub, bringing together key food security, health, and academic partners to help low-income families in the Up-County area.

Care for Your Health provides culturally sensitive in-home health care to elders. Patients are served by trained staff from their own community in touch with their circumstances and needs.

Career Catchers provides personalized employment and job skills counseling for low-income and chronically under-employed residents, particularly domestic violence victims, homeless, foreign-born, adults with disabilities, and the previously incarcerated.

Community Health and Empowerment through Education and Research (CHEER) distributes and delivers healthy food for people with diabetes and those severely hit by COVID-19. It also trains health workers to support individuals seeking to improve their health, encourages mutual support networks, andfacilitates community actions to help local neighborhoods thrive.

CollegeTracks works to improve college access and retention rates for students at risk of not attending college, primarily first-generation, low-income, minority, and immigrant youth. Its network of staff and volunteers help students to both get accepted and secure enough financial support to persist in college.

Black and Brown Coalition for Educational Equity and Excellence brings together youth-serving nonprofits and community stakeholders to advocate for equitable budgeting and policies. When the pandemic struck and schools were forced to operate virtually, the Black & Brown Coalition shined a light on the trauma and learning loss disproportionately experienced by lower-income, Black and Latino children. Its leadership was instrumental in advocating for and launching strategic interventions that helped thousands of students.

Sharing Montgomery is proud to make a $100,000 multiyear commitment to the Black & Brown Coalition as it galvanizes parents, nonprofits, school system, and government leaders work together to equip students with the support they need to recover and pursue high academic goals.
Community Bridges, Inc. empowers girls in elementary, middle, and high schools to discover their unique identity, voice and potential through leadership development, college and career readiness, family support, and mentoring.

Crittenton Services Greater Washington helps teenage girls achieve academic success, make healthy choices and chart their own bright futures. Its virtual and school-based programs teach teenage girls to value their education, build healthy relationships, speak up for their own needs, and explore paths toward college and careers.

EveryMind empowers individuals to reach optimal mental wellness by providing community and school-based mental health and social services, life-saving crisis prevention and intervention work, service coordination for veterans, and community education and advocacy.

Family Services/Sheppard Pratt provides clinical health services, rehabilitation services, services to children youth and families, and community and family services such as Linkages to Learning and domestic violence supports.

Future Link provides career counseling, mentoring, tutoring, academic advising, scholarships and internships to help connect disadvantaged youth to post-secondary educational opportunities.

Generation Hope provides cohort and one-on-one mentoring support plus scholarships for low-income teen parents pursuing college degrees. It recently added early childhood programming to equip families with the resources necessary for their children start kindergarten with a strong academic foundation.

Horizons Greater Washington supports students from low-income families for nine years, from kindergarten through eighth grade. The organization works to foster a joyful environment full of academic, artistic and athletic activities that inspire young minds and build a love of learning.

Identity, Inc. works with Latino and other historically underserved youths and their families after school, in the community and on playing fields. Identity helps youths develop social and emotional skills, do better in school, and get ready for work by providing emergency and intensive case management, nonclinical emotional support, counseling and other wraparound services.

IMPACT Silver Spring aims to achieve a racially and economically equitable Montgomery County through building and sustaining opportunities where people can take collaborative action. Its community-building work is rooted in the belief that achieving true equity requires transformation at the individual, interpersonal, neighborhood, and systems levels.
Interfaith Works provides emergency assistance and counseling, vocational services, food distributions, clothing, and shelter for those experiencing homelessness. With volunteers from 165 faith communities, its integrated prevention, stabilization and empowerment programs support homeless and low-income county residents.

Latino Student Fund provides opportunities to build a strong academic foundation for underserved pre-K through 12th grade students. Its year-round, out-of-school-time programs support low-income, academically at-risk students to increase levels of educational attainment.

Mary’s Center provides health care, education and social services to build healthier and stronger communities. In response to COVID-19, Mary’s Center continues to work hard to prevent the spread of the virus by offering testing and vaccinations to community members throughout the Greater Washington region.

Mobile Medical Care, Inc. provides high-quality health care and medications for low-income, homeless, uninsured, and underinsured individuals including those with chronic health conditions. Recent COVID vaccination efforts worked to address health disparities in the county.

Montgomery Housing Partnership, Inc. is a private nonprofit developer of affordable rental housing. Its Community Life programs support young children and their families which ultimately strengthens neighborhoods.

Montgomery Moving Forward is a collective impact initiative which convenes leaders from government, business, philanthropy, education, and nonprofits to solve complex problems facing the county. As a capacity building partner, Sharing Montgomery’s grant empowers MMF’s nonprofit leaders to advocate around pressing issues that affect their clients, especially around challenges related to economic opportunities and early childhood education.

Montgomery County Food Council works to create a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable local food system. Its leadership brought about a coordinated public-private response to the food security crisis sparked by the pandemic, enabling our county government, nonprofits, faith communities, local businesses, farms, and philanthropy to strategically work together to serve 100,000+ residents who did not know where their next meal would come from. Sharing Montgomery is proud to make a $100,000 multiyear commitment to the Food Council to advance its vision of a more efficient, resilient, and equitable food security system for Montgomery County.

Thanks to the Food Council, 100+ food distribution partners worked collaboratively to meet the alarming increase in need spurred by the pandemic.
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montgomery County (NAMI MC) provides comprehensive support, education, advocacy and public awareness to promote recovery so that individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

Nonprofit Montgomery supports local organizations around government relations, advocacy, strategic communications, financial management, metrics tracking, and cross-sector problem solving. As capacity building partner, Sharing Montgomery’s support will enable our direct-service grantees to receive the personalized support and connections that will help them deepen their impact.

Nonprofit Village provides low-cost shared office space plus capacity building resources to help organizations launch and grow. Its flagship SOAR Incubator program provides customized coaching and technical assistance in critical business management to a cohort of nonprofit leaders. As a capacity building partner, Sharing Montgomery’s grant will provide custom support for our grantees to connect with peers and gain supports to advance their work.

Rainbow Community Development Corporation provides food security relief paired with other safety net services including PPE distribution, eviction and utility cutoff prevention, temporary short-term shelter, and job search and resume assistance.

Red Wiggler Community Farm provides comprehensive on-farm training and education programs for adults with developmental disabilities and donates 50% of its organic produce to low-income households throughout Montgomery County.

Shepherd’s Table provides breakfast, lunch and dinner to people experiencing food insecurity. Its Silver Spring location also includes an eye-clinic providing free eye exams, eyeglasses, and cataract and glaucoma treatment.