The grant will provide support for student and family arts programming in support of the Northern New Jersey Community Foundation Mural Program centering Black Women’s History in Englewood. Arts Horizons will create and present a theatrical assembly performance and will share the themes of the new public mural. This content will be further incorporated in the Arts Horizons Family Workshop model, addressing the impact of COVID and celebrating contributions and voices of black women artists.

The grant will supplement community-based mental health initiatives to provide individual, family, and group support to those impacted by the COVID pandemic and racial injustice. The grant will pay part of the cost of employing a bi-racial, bi-cultural mental health worker.

The grant supports Discovery of Food Through Song: Early Childhood Music and Nutrition Learning Program. This program teaches nutrition concepts through music. Facilitated in conjunction with Bergen Family Center, the program engages students from pre-K through 2nd grade with the goal of teaching healthy eating through song and to provide Englewood families resources to help alleviate food insecurity.

The grant supports a full time Case Management Program that offers help with food insecurity, mental health issues, rent, legal aid, search for employment and child welfare to a largely low-income Hispanic population. COVID vastly increased the work of the single Case Manager.

The grant will offer young people from Eastern Bergen County membership assistance. These programs have helped youth cope with inconsistencies during pandemic promoting mental and physical health and providing leadership, education and emotional support for scouts and their families.

The grant helps combat food insecurity for the Dinner4Seniors program. The number of recipients has increased dramatically due to the pandemic. This grant will purchase senior packs, allowing seniors to spend less on food and then be able to pay rent and other bills.

This organization creates an inner city minority folk arts project that lends youth cultural self-esteem through music, singing, song and to provide Englewood families resources to help alleviate food insecurity.

The grant supports the Connexions/Concerts with a Cause event to help vulnerable households reduce food insecurity. The funds will provide the opportunity for underserved children in the Bergen County area to attend high quality summer camp with swim lessons in summer 2022. These camp experiences will directly address COVID-19 learning losses associated with social and emotional development.