

2024 Newsletter



Courtesy of the Louisa Arts Center

2023 Grantees



"The first mission of The Free Book Bus is to enable all children and teens to have a home library...The second mission of the bus is reading encouragement..."



"The Louisa Arts Center The Mobile Arts Outreach Program works together with Louisa County Public Schools to bring free art programming and free meals to under-served youth in our community throughout the summer! We will also use the LAC art bus for other community outreach events and classes around the area."



"We collaborate with all organizations and individuals who share similar missions that provide our girls limitless opportunities to unlock their potential."



"Our goal is to make a positive impact on generational poverty and support a culture of achievement through child-centered, dual generation, family self-sufficiency initiatives in Charlottesville."

The 2024 Positive Behavioral Support Grant



In 2024, we disbursed \$6,250.00 to local programs enriching the lives of children by encouraging reading, promoting leadership skills for girls, connecting children to nature, bringing the arts to under-served rural children, and getting low-income children into camps.

Our grants go primarily to enrichment providers in the sciences and humanities. The purpose of disbursements is to strengthen the ability of providers to offer quality enrichment activities for under-served children and for youth who are eligible for public school education. These include but are not limited to: children and qualified youth with disabilities, with emotional and behavioral challenges, who are English Language Learners, who come from low-income families, who live in rural communities, and/or who are at risk for bullying and social isolation.

Positive Behavior Support Grant

From the Piedmont Family YMCA's report on their 2023 Positive Behavior Support Grant

On behalf of the Piedmont Family YMCA Board of Directors, thank you for the 2023 grant to support children with behavioral challenges in YMCA after school and summer programs.

During the grant term, we served 779 children:

- 256 children in YMCA After School for Charlottesville City Schools
- 53 children in YMCA After School for Greene County Schools
- 265 children in YMCA Summer Day Camp
- 205 children in YMCA Power Scholars Academies (summer school)



At the Y, we believe all children should have access to high-quality after school, summer day camp, and power scholars academies, not just those that can afford it Due to the volume of at-risk and under-resourced children we serve on an annual basis, we encounter significant behavioral challenges. During the grant term, we employed 52 school-age staff, who went through evidence-based trainings to support positive behavior and safely de-escalate disruptive behaviors.

Wildrock receives 2024 Positive Behavioral Support Grant

We are very pleased to announce that this year our Positive Behavioral Support Grant was awarded to [Wildrock](#).

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Adjacent to the Patricia Ann Byrom Forest Preserve in Northwest Albemarle, *Wildrock is a nonprofit organization that promotes nature play for health and happiness in a beautiful natural setting. All Wildrock programs incorporate aspects of environmental education and social emotional learning. Their core programs are camps, field trips, after school enrichment, and public hours for their playscape and discovery center.*

Wildrock staff are dedicated to creating and maintaining a safe learning environment for all children. Funding from this grant will provide training in the Mandt System which teaches prevention and de-escalation techniques to help people better safely manage behavior when difficult situations

*happen in school and camp settings.*¹

A call for proposals for the 2025 Positive Behavioral Support Grant will go out in late summer.



Mini Grants

Our mini grants recipients are identified through two primary sources: local news and the CACF Donor Advised Fund Newsletter. This year's recipients are listed on the Page 1 Sidebar. We asked one recipient to talk about what this small grant meant to them. Their artwork is shared in our heading and below.



The Louisa Arts Center is very grateful to the Enrichment Alliance of Virginia for their generous donation of \$500 for our Mobile Arts Outreach Program (MAOP). The money has been used to purchase supplies for arts and craft activities to take out to children in underserved areas of our community. We at the Arts Center, understand that not everyone has the resources or opportunity to come into the Arts Center to enjoy the entertainment and activities we run for our patrons, so we decided to take some of these out to them. It is only with the support of partners like the Enrichment Alliance of Virginia that this is possible.

Ahead in 2024: Going the Distance

We are in the process of developing a new funding stream, "Going the Distance", which will include grants and mini grants to address transportation barriers that limit access to enriching activities during out of school time. Expect announcements about these grants this spring. Meanwhile, you can help us understand your transportation needs. Below are two very quick surveys that will provide us with helpful information as we plan our funding.

If you provide enrichment programming during out-of-school time and have a dedicated vehicle for transportation, please respond to [this survey](#).

If you provide enrichment programming and *do not* have a dedicated vehicle for transportation, please respond to [this survey](#).



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¹ Adapted from Wildrock Positive Behavioral Support Grant Application.