



THREE ARCHES FOUNDATION – Year in Review

2022 marks the start of our fifth year as Three Arches Foundation (TAF). To date, over \$5.6 million in funding has been conveyed to 36 nonprofit organizations that work to make it easier for people to navigate, understand, and use information and services to take care of their behavioral and physical health. Whether continuing established services or launching new programs, we are humbled by the perseverance, focus and flexibility of our grant partners – past and present, as they strive to carry out their missions in an ever-changing pandemic environment.

With input from our grant partners, the Foundation’s grant making process continues to evolve. Listening to grantees broadens our knowledge of issues impacting access to care, deepens our understanding of systemic causes for health outcome disparities and builds trusting, dynamic relationships. These conversations have led to greater insight as to how TAF can increase its value to grantees and in turn, make it easier for our grant partners to serve the community.

Recent grants

From creating healthy environments for safe aging in place to offering specialized programs for victims of trauma and abuse, TAF grantees work every day to improve health and well-being in the community. Our grants fund pilot projects, new initiative launches, sustainment of existing programs and services, and joint collaborations.

Noteworthy highlights from the 21 grants made in 2021:

- **\$2.0 million in annual grant funding.** 2021 marked TAF’s second consecutive year of increased philanthropic investment towards purposeful efforts that address access to care
- **7 multi-year grants,** representing 52% of annual grant cycle funding, extend TAF’s commitment to amplify and sustain the health, growth and effectiveness of grantee initiatives
- **8 first-time grant recipients** expand TAF’s ability to impact healthcare access to diverse populations
- **2 grants for general operating support** provide autonomy, through unrestricted funding, for these grant partners to advance their mission
- **20% increase in funding for youth-focused behavioral health** responds to the escalating need for access to mental health services and programs, school-based care coordination and caregiver support due to increased trauma and distress related to the pandemic
- **4 grants supporting healthy aging in place** will help reduce health inequities, provide affordable care, create safe environments and assist older adults in controlling and improving their mental and physical health at home
- **4 grant partners address substance use and addiction** by removing barriers, providing trauma-informed programs and services, and fostering a climate of safe recovery in response to an existing crisis exposed and worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic

To further complement annual grant cycle funding and increase value across the community, TAF continued to participate in the Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund Phase II coalition. In addition, expanded funding allocations now include strategic grant making for innovative initiatives that serve to incubate ideas and potential catalysts for systemic change to advance community health and well-being. Also newly established in 2021, immediate funding is now available to support an unbudgeted and/or unforeseen emergent need experienced by a nonprofit organization.

The path ahead

TAF's dedicated board of directors and talented staff guide the foundation through both long-term strategic issues and day-to-day operations. In order to enhance TAF's ability to serve the community better, we continue to deliberately expand our understanding and awareness of equity in philanthropy and healthcare, and the importance of diverse voices and inclusive behavior to the TAF mission. We carry a great sense of responsibility to these learnings, principles, and practices. While deepening our knowledge of the many life factors that impact access to care, we aspire to apply an equity lens to every aspect of our work.

It is timely to undertake a period of introspection to affirm TAF's fundamental values, build on its strengths and clarify programmatic direction – all while considering what we bring into practice as a philanthropic partner. To this end, our goal is to complete an Organizational Assessment & Visioning exercise by mid-2022.

Finally, our sincere gratitude and appreciation to TAF board members that completed their terms during 2021: Jay Foran, Pam Gill and Jim Hekman. Their high engagement and numerous contributions to the development of Three Arches Foundation's culture and practices during its formative years far exceeded expectations and will have a lasting impact on the organization.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Three Arches Foundation. The 2022 Annual Grant Cycle will open on May 1st. Please be sure to visit our site for the latest news and to learn more about the inspiring work of TAF grant partners through our "*Feature Grant Stories*."

To learn more about our 2021 grant awards, please visit threearchesfoundation.org – and be sure to connect with us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter @ThreeArchesFnd](#) for the latest news and information