Heels Together awarded $35,000 in grants to two local nonprofits this past fall. This was the largest amount given out by the group of women since it began in 2015.

Family Scholar House received $20,000 toward A Step Up for Student Moms program to help student mothers enrolled at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. The money will add additional technology to their loaner laptop program, transportation support, and emergency assistance for coursework and credentials costs.

Wesley Hilltop House and PURE Inc. received $15,000 toward its Step Ahead Institute for Leadership. The program will target middle and high school girls living in the Glendale Hill and Haycraft neighborhoods. The objective is to empower and equip the young women from the south side of Elizabethtown with tools they need to step into leadership roles within the community.

Forty-nine Heels Together investors made these grants possible and as investors increase, so will the opportunity to impact our community.

Helping Hand of Hope and the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, shared the impact of the grants they received from Heels Together last year.

“I value the opportunity to be a Heels Together investor because of the collective nature of my investment,” said Beth Avey. “The funds I contribute are combined with those of other Heels Together investors, to make a more significant collective impact. I also love that it’s women coming together to help other women and girls in our community.”

If you are interested in becoming a Heels Together Investor or have a suggestion on a project or program to help women and girls in Hardin County, please contact us at info@ckcf4people.org.
The second annual Granted awards was the pinnacle event during National Community Foundation Week awarding $56,146 to twelve nonprofit organizations from six counties. This competitive grants program offers funding opportunities to meet the ever-changing needs in the region.

“This is the week each year when we celebrate and bring a little attention to the work we do in our communities,” said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. “We strive to enhance our communities by connecting ideas and resources, people and programs and ultimately one generation to the next, weaving the continual thread of giving and good to make a place we all love to live,” she added.

Grants for capacity building were awarded to Bethany Haven, Nelson County, for technology updates and Warm Blessings, Hardin County, to develop a formal volunteer program.

“The Granted award is meaningful to our organization in many ways,” said Dawn Cash, Executive Director for Warm Blessings. “Volunteers make up 97% of the staffing for Warm Blessings. This grant will assist us in increasing our organizational capacity to recruit and effectively train our volunteers to meet the needs of the neighbors we serve in a more professional and informed manner. We are always learning and growing as staff members, and we are now able to share those same learning opportunities with our volunteer staff. Without volunteers and community involvement, we would not be able to meet the needs of our community. And, to know that a donor chose our program and chose to invest in our human capital lets us know we are moving in the right direction,” she added.

Five nonprofits received awards for capital improvements. The Lincoln Museum, LaRue County, to upgrade the lighting system in the museum; Project L.E.A.R.N., Hardin County, to update their learning kitchen; Hope Academy for Kids, Hardin County, to update their literacy area; Grayson County Alliance for a mobile workstation; and Springhaven Domestic Violence Program, Hardin County for a server upgrade.

“The Alliance is always looking for ways to improve workflow or advance our programming. Granted allows us to envision what could be better and ask for the support to make it happen,” said Debbie Childress, Executive Director for Grayson County Alliance. “Funding a smaller project such as our mobile workstation equipment, is making a big impact on our ability to deliver the programs we have and reduce the workload on our staff and volunteers. Funders investing in Granted are really investing in the everyday progress we work hard to make in the non-profit sector.”

Programming grants for five nonprofits expand their work in areas core to their mission. Helping Hand of Hope, Hardin County, for a Gas to Work program; Good Samaritan Center, Breckinridge County, for a food program to help offset increased food costs; Grayson County Ministerial Association to provide financial coaching assistance to their clients; the Community Health Clinic to purchase a dental X-ray sensor; and Breckinridge County United to start an Emerging Entrepreneurs Experience program.

Twenty-six nonprofits submitted applications for programs in three categories: capacity building, capital improvement and programming.

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CKCF’s Home of Philanthropy
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For additional information, please contact Davette Swiney at 270-737-8393 or by email at dswiney@ckcf4people.org.
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