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Delaplaine Foundation officers, from left, are George B. Delaplaine Jr., chairman; Edward S. Delaplaine II; Marlene B. Young, president; Philip W. Hammond, treasurer; and George B. Delaplaine III, secretary.

Delaplaine Foundation Inc. has announced its 2016 grant cycle concluded with the awarding of 120 grants to 114 nonprofit organizations for a record high of \$1,435,000 in grants funded, marking the largest annual grant distribution in the foundation's 15-year history, according to Marlene B. Young, Foundation president and trustee.

“We received applications with requests well in excess of \$2 million during our most recent grant cycle. The board is pleased to note that with the nearly 200 applications that were received, we approved funding that resulted in 74 percent of dollars awarded going to qualified Frederick County nonprofits whose missions closely align with that of our Foundation. The foundation focuses on programs and projects that promote the arts, health and human services, higher education, historic preservation and spiritual enlightenment. We are always looking for new, innovative programs that mesh with our mission in addition to supporting others that reinforce our long-term focus,” Young said.

She noted that the foundation has awarded \$12.3 million dollars in grant funding since its founding in 2001.

“As a private philanthropic organization, we believe that we and other funders are uniquely positioned to make a profound difference by advancing community enrichment through promoting collaboration in identifying and meeting needs, first in our local community and then beyond,” said George B. Delaplaine Jr., foundation chairman. “We are committed to being a force for lasting impact through strategically focused grant funding.”

Delaplaine Foundation has advanced the annual deadline for grant application submission to Oct. 1 for 2017.

For additional information, to submit a grant application, or to see a full list of organizations who have received funding from Delaplaine Foundation Inc., visit www.delaplainefoundation.org.