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Delaplaine Foundation distributes \$2.7 million in grants in 2023

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Love for Lochlin, which provides free flu vaccinations and sepsis awareness education, was one of 165 nonprofit organizations that received a Delaplaine Foundation grant during the 2023 grant cycle. A record number of grants and total funding were distributed. From left: Brad Young, a Love for Lochlin Foundation Board member; founders Brooke and Bill DeSantis; Marlene Young, the president of the Delaplaine Foundation; Jennifer Cooper, the Hood College Nursing Department chair; Beth Gura, a Love for Lochlin Foundation Board member; Meg Page, a Hood nursing student.

The Delaplaine Foundation partnered with 165 nonprofits in 2023, awarding 181 grants totaling 52.7 million.

It was a record number of grants and funding for the organization, according to Marlene Young,

the Delaplaine Foundation's president.

Grant announcements were made on Dec. 1.

Twenty-eight organizations received grants for the first time.

Love for Lochlin, which provides flu vaccinations and promotes flu and sepsis awareness education, was a second-time recipient.

It received \$35,000 for a five-year pilot program to underwrite the salary of a registered nurse to oversee and instruct Hood College, Frederick Community College and Mount St. Mary's University nursing students.

Students assist Love for Lochlin with vaccinations at its remote clinics throughout Frederick County.

During 200-plus clinics, the nursing students and staff administered 3,285 vaccines. They also triaged two patients who were unknowingly experiencing heart attacks and were rushed to the hospital, according to the Delaplaine Foundation.

The African American Resources, Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH) received a multi-year installment grant to continue developing interpretive exhibits in its planned Heritage Center museum, research and cultural facility scheduled to open in 2025.

The Delaplaine Foundation said the breakdown of grants was:

- 36% for human services
- 17% for cultural arts
- 15% for education
- 15% for health
- 15% for historical preservation
- 2% for spiritual enlightenment

Applications for the 2024 grant cycle are available at delaplainefoundation.org/apply-for-funding. The deadline is Oct. 1.