

## Delaplaine Foundation awards record amount in grants

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The Frederick Rescue Mission is getting a grant of \$95,000 from the Delaplaine Foundation in the 2024-25 grant cycle. From left: Philip Hammond, the foundation's treasurer; Arnold Farlow, the mission's executive director; and Marlene B. Young, the foundation's president, hold a mock check while standing in front of the mission.

The Delaplaine Foundation has awarded \$2.95 million in grants in the 2024-25 cycle, its highest total in one grant cycle since the foundation began in 2001.

The money is going to 175 nonprofit organizations.

Marlene B. Young, the president of the foundation, said in a press release that 90% of the money

is going to nonprofit organizations that are either based in Frederick County or whose programs and services help county residents.

The grant total of 52,950,400 falls into six categories:

- \$1,206,000 for human services
- \$578,700 for arts and culture
- \$381,500 for historic preservation
- \$359,000 for education
- \$252,700 for health
- \$172,500 for spiritual enlightenment

“In our ongoing commitment to advance our mission, increasingly, our philanthropy is impacted and guided by community assessments and related data that identify the most pressing needs such as data from the 2024 ALICE Report released by the United Way reporting that 32% of families in Frederick County cannot afford basic needs including housing, transportation, childcare, food and healthcare,” Young said. “Data from the most recent Community Needs Assessment and Community Health Assessment and Frederick funders Shared Philanthropic Data & Gaps analysis report that is housed at the Data Driven Frederick Center at Hood College also impacts funding decisions.”

The foundation has an advisory council that helps with the grant decisions.

Applications for the 2025 grant cycle will be accepted until Oct. 1. More information is posted at [delaplainefoundation.org](http://delaplainefoundation.org).