

# 2025 NEW HANOVER COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

## Q2, 2025 Quarterly Report



New Hanover County  
Schools students take  
part in the YMCA's  
Schools in Pools  
program.





# Letter from the President & CEO

The second quarter of 2025 built on momentum and meaningful investment for The Endowment. Together with our grantees and partners, we helped advance opportunities that strengthen our community today while laying the foundation for a brighter future and enduring impact in New Hanover County.

So far this year, The Endowment has committed or awarded approximately \$25 million as of the end of the second quarter. In April, we announced 111 Community and Capacity Grants totaling \$500,000 to local nonprofit and community-serving organizations. These awards reflect our commitment to empowering the people and programs working every day to improve lives across New Hanover County. From education and health equity to community safety and development, these investments fuel grassroots solutions that make a difference.

We also announced more than \$3.5 million in seven new grants that expand food access for seniors, promote housing stability, strengthen community assets, and bolster services for our residents.

Importantly, we are also investing in New Hanover County's children and youth by enabling and augmenting early learning, tutoring, mentoring, and after-school opportunities.

These steps forward reflect the heart of our mission: to partner with you in building a healthier, safer, and more resilient New Hanover County where everyone can share in the promise of opportunity. By the end of this year, The Endowment will have committed and deployed \$55 million into our organizations and neighborhoods.

There is, of course, more to do. We will do or work in deep partnership with the New Hanover County community we have been called to serve, guided by data, shaped by lived experience, and driven by the shared belief that together we can create transformational change.



In service, with  
gratitude,

**Sophie Dagenais**  
Interim President  
and CEO



# EDUCATION

## Grants Awarded Q2 2025

Students engaging with the latest technology through the New Hanover Healthcare Partnership, gaining hands-on experience for future careers.

### North Carolina Aquarium Society



**Announced Q1 2025: \$7,500,000**  
**Drawdown Q2 2025: \$2,000,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

Funds requested will support new education spaces designed to maximize our service to NH County teachers and students as part of the overall expansion and renovation of NCAFF. The project includes new classrooms, space for live animal encounters, an outdoor classroom, a new deck walkway to the marsh for experiential learning, and an entry pavilion to provide a secure entrance for student groups.

### El Cuerpo



**\$444,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

To augment tutoring & enrichment services and provide academic support, mentorship, and social resources to students at Mary C Williams and Myrtle Grove Middle School and their families.

### Soaring as Eagles Outreach Ministry Inc



**\$125,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

To support Pre-K Jumpstart, Saturday Academy, Lunch and Learn Parent Empowerment, and Inspired Minds STEM education programs for low-income families.

### Union Missionary Baptist Church



**\$400,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

To support the operation of the Union Missionary Baptist Church After School program.

### Britt Foundation



**\$4,528**  
**Pillar: Education**

To support two students from NHC Impact Zones (high % of students facing challenges like poverty and homelessness) to travel to Estes Park, Colorado for an 8-weeks adventure-based learning opportunity.

### Brooklyn Arts Music Academy



**\$4,949**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,949**  
**Pillar: Education**

To purchase and implement GiveSmart fundraising software.

### Cape Fear Literacy Council



**\$3,690**  
**Pillar: Education**

To train staff members through online training, 2 conference opportunities and a CompTIAA+ certification through Cape Fear Community College.

### Cape Fear Literacy Council



**\$4,447**  
**Pillar: Education**

To retain a local Bonner Fellows program college student on staff and provide four more hours a week of health literacy work coverage for 17 weeks.

### Caridad Inc.



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

To provide financial support to new mothers and mitigate financial distress.

### Carolina Beach Mural Project



**\$2,500**  
**Pillar: Education**

To offer two internship opportunities to young artists from underserved communities in the county and nurture local talent.

### Child Development Center



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Education**

To support an 8-week summer program ensuring for children with disabilities.

### Education Without Walls



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Education**

To help develop and implement a tiered fee-for-service tuition model, aimed at creating a sustainable funding source.

# EDUCATION GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## Education Without Walls



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To provide scholarships to meaningful summer outdoor expeditions for students and ongoing mentorship for a full year at a reduced or no cost.

## Edwin A. Alderman Elementary School PTA



**\$2,990**  
Pillar: **Education**

To acquire supplemental research-backed Geodes learning materials in order to improve reading proficiency for all of the school's third graders.

## Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support the Leadership program for 600+ Girl Scouts, including financial assistance for girl scouts to participate in the various components of the program and purchase supplies.

## Island Montessori Charter School



**\$4,382**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,382**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support critical building repairs.

## New Horizons Elementary School



**\$4,800**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,800**  
Pillar: **Education**

To acquire new instruments and art supplies for the school's Art & Music Program.

## North Carolina American Legion Post 10



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To sponsor 15 expected H.S. students in the coming year to attend the Boy's State program.

## North Carolina Coastal Land Trust



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support participation in Fire in the Pines Festival by purchasing supplies and printing the Find it in the Forest guide for the "field days" drawstring bags for kids.

## Opera House Theatre Company



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To launch the Apprentice Theater Program offered to young artists aged 14-24 to help develop their talents both on and off the stage.

## Pine Valley Elementary PTA



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To enhance and expand the gardens at Pine Valley Elementary School.

## Preservation NC



**\$2,900**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$2,900**  
Pillar: **Education**

To help upgrade the organization's 20-year-old phone system.

## PTA at the International School of Gregory



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To revitalize the school's courtyard by replacing worn flags and adding two outdoor tables.

## Region O Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering



**\$2,717**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$2,727**  
Pillar: **Education**

To replace the Sphero Robot, which helps students develop programming skills.

## Soaring as Eagles Outreach Ministry Inc



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support participation in Fire in the Pines Festival by purchasing supplies and printing the Find it in the Forest guide for the "field days" drawstring bags for kids.

## Thalian Association Community Theatre



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To help cover production/art supply costs for the 2025 Creative Arts Camp at the HBHUSO/Community Arts Center.



# EDUCATION GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## The Children's Museum of Wilmington



**\$5,000.00**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To purchase materials and resources to sustain and enhance educational offerings.

## The Healing Place



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To provide training focused on HR leadership development for staff through FORTE (communications) and SHE-i (Emotional Quotient Inventory).

## Transitions Foundation NC Inc.



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To provide financial assistance to two college students with Autism to participate in, and receive, two courses over two semesters.

## Trinity United Methodist Church



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To provide age-appropriate book bags and hair cuts to children for the school start.

## Union Missionary Baptist Church



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To help fund summer school field trips, in particular, for students who may not be able to afford the cost of participation.

## Union Missionary Baptist Church



**\$4,820**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,820**  
Pillar: **Education**

To train staff, acquire management software, purchase Equipment for students and help fund a grant writer.

## United Way of Cape Fear



**\$4,894**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,894**  
Pillar: **Education**

To provide two age-appropriate books to fourth and fifth graders including at DC Virgo, Freeman, Forest Hills, Snipes, College Park and Wrights Boro schools.

## UNCW Precollege Mentoring Program



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

(formerly known as Mi Casa Mentoring)  
To provide nutritious meals to the students, mentors, and parents in the UNCW Precollege Mentoring Program during designated programs hours.

## WHQR Public Media



**\$4,500**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,500**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support an immersion program for New Hanover County Schools students interested in journalism and local news.

## Wilmington Symphony Orchestra



**\$4,145**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,145**  
Pillar: **Education**

To acquire new instruments and expand educational and performance capabilities.

## Wilmington Symphony Orchestra



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Education**

To develop, produce, and distribute comprehensive informational brochures, flyers, and educational materials tailored to K-12 school teachers and private music instructors.

## Wilmington Virtuosi Brass



**\$2,717**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$2,717**  
Pillar: **Education**

To bring a guest artist for events and/or community engagement opportunities in schools.

## Wrightsboro UMC



**\$2,717**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$2,717**  
Pillar: **Education**

To support the Backpacks of Dignity Project providing at least 100 new backpacks filled with school supplies for underserved children

## Young Scientists Academy



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Education**

To launch The Youth Cause Workshop, a STEM program for middle/high school students mainly from scientifically at-risk backgrounds.

Through the New Hanover Healthcare Career Partnership, UNCW students are preparing for careers in healthcare.

# SOCIAL & HEALTH EQUITY

## Grants Awarded Q2 2025

### Bread for Life Senior Pantry (BFL)



**\$100,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$75,000**

**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To fund the purchase of a vehicle and increase access to food and essential non-food items for seniors in New Hanover County.

### 2SHARE, Inc



**\$5,000**

**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To provide mattresses, bed platforms and bedsheets to approximately 20 low income families.

### 4th Trimester Mission



**\$3,170**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$3,170**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support the postpartum doula home visit program and new mother meetups.

### 4th Trimester Mission



**\$1,335**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$1,335**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To provide funds for the certification of the Executive Director in Perinatal Mental Health (PMH-C) through Postpartum Support International.

### Access Dental Care



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To provide support for mobile dental services for older adults in New Hanover County

### ACCESS of Wilmington



**\$5,000**

**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To fund the development and coordination of, and augment, data collection and research in order to improve efficiencies and enhance services for people with disabilities.

### Alliance for Cape Fear Trees



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support the distribution of up to 250 trees to increase canopy coverage in underserved neighborhoods.



# SOCIAL & HEALTH EQUITY GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## Alliance for Cape Fear Trees



**\$4,270**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,270**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support operational tools and services such as QuickBooks, NeonCRM, Year-end tax preparation and professional memberships.

## BAPS Community Outreach



**\$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support organizational capacity and mission.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To launch Futuro Brillante, a program to connect with and engage the latino community from majority low income neighborhoods and augment their participation in the Boys & Girls Clubs.

## Canines for Service, Inc



**\$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To design and implement a comprehensive data collection and analysis initiative through the purchase of 123FormBuilder.

## Cape Fear Cultural Association of India



**\$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support the India Day 2025 event to preserve and promote multi-cultural aspects of ancient and present India and to foster cultural exchange between people of India and Southeastern NC in NHC.

## East Carolina Community Development, Inc



**\$5,000**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To fund a workshop with trained instructors and local artists for seniors.

## Elderhaus



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To fund the replacement of aging and compromised windows and doors at the Elderhaus at the Lake facility.

## Autism Society of NC, Inc.



**\$5,000**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To revamp the social rec space for adults and establish a teenager space to improve communication skills, peer networks, and well-being.

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To support staff and leadership training opportunities addressing cultural sensitivity, language barriers, and unique strategies for engaging and serving the latino community.

## Bread for Life Senior Pantry (BFL)



**\$4,300**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To offset current food price increases and keep supplying at current levels.

## Cape Fear Area Doulas



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To provide financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers and help match them to independent trained doulas.

## Community Enrichment Initiatives Inc



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To fund essential repairs in the greenhouse at the Willowdale farm, which provides resources to food deserts in the county.

## Elderhaus



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To create a foundational benevolent fund with a target initial balance of \$20,000 to provide financial assistance to participants in need.

## Engine Angels



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Social and Health Equity**

To help fund essential car repairs to New Hanover County residents with limited resources.

# SOCIAL & HEALTH EQUITY GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## Fostering Bridges, Inc

**\$4,740**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To support the enhancement of the organization's infrastructure in support of its trauma-informed care programming by enabling digital tools, fundraising capacity, and strategic marketing, including a Zoom subscription.

## Going Beyond the Pink

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To implement and customize a Client Relationship Management (CRM) system in support of its work with breast cancer patients and survivors.

## Growing Resilience

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To pilot "mini-programs" such as training three to five residents alongside farm staff, the Cook Together program and The Foodio at the DREAMS Center.

## Hope Abounds Cancer Network

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To support a quarterly full-day retreat that provides cancer patients and their caregivers with comprehensive, encouraging wellness support.

## Purpose International

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To support the job placement program for residents with histories of homelessness, substance use disorder, justice involvement, and limited educational attainment.

## Ruthie Trammel's Champions for Compassion

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To provide funds for ED participation in the Duke Nonprofit Management Intensive Track program and strengthen the Board's capacity and onboarding.

## The Coastal Therapeutic Riding Program

**\$4,875**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,875**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To offer 65 1-hour therapeutic riding sessions to economically disadvantaged students with special needs.

## Fostering Bridges, Inc

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To provide in-home trauma informed caregiver training to 15 families in New Hanover County.

## Going Beyond the Pink

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To train and certify up to 15 Breast Health Peer Educators focusing on underserved communities.

## Growing Resilience

**\$4,894**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,894**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To help fund a health and wellness reimbursement program for staff members in support of the development of the Northside community grocery store and community engagement.

## Low Vision Rehab Solutions Foundation

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To help visually impaired clients with limited means to purchase low or high tech devices (e.g, digital magnifiers) not covered by insurance and promote independence

## Restored Souls Foundation

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To support essential repairs and pedicure equipment to the mobile salon for vulnerable populations, particularly children with disabilities and medically fragile individuals.

## StepUp Wilmington

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To train and certify up to 15 Breast Health Peer Educators focusing on underserved communities.

## The LGBTQ Center of the Cape Fear Coast

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**



To increase the hours of the part-time Program Coordinator to 250 hours to strengthen the internal infrastructure.



# SOCIAL & HEALTH EQUITY GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## The Wilmington Farmers Market



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To promote fresh food access and support the "RAFI" Double Bucks matching funds program, up to \$20, for rising population of SNAP/EBT customers.

## Trauma Institute & Child Trauma Institute



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To continue to provide no-cost Intensive Trauma Therapy to middle and high school students in the Wilmington area who have experienced trauma.

## Wilmington CareNet Counseling Center



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To support the Benevolent Services Initiative through financial assistance for residents who cannot afford mental health therapy.

## Veterans Creative Arts Program



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To support art based programs (classes and workshops) for veterans.

## Veterans Creative Arts Program



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To help fund a grant writer.

## WARM NC



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To purchase essential tools that will increase the safety, efficiency, and quality of home repairs delivered to low-income homeowners across New Hanover County.

## Welcome Home Angel



**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To support the purchase of 2 laptops for staff and student interns, and help fund certifications in Neurasthenics and Aging in Place.

## Wilmington CareNet Counseling Center



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To support the Benevolent Services Initiative through financial assistance for residents who cannot afford mental health therapy.

## Wilmington Housing Authority



**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Social and Health Equity**

To support the Food Access Project, designed to increase access to healthy, nutritious food for households experiencing food insecurity and/or residing in a food desert.



With support from a Community Grant, The Cape Fear Cultural Association of India (CFCAI) brought the community together for the India Day celebration.

A Cameron Arts Museum exhibit, supported by a Community Grant from the Endowment, highlights the creativity and perspectives of artists with disabilities. By showcasing their work, we not only uplift our artists but also foster engagement and connection across our broader community.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Grants Awarded Q2 2025

### Good Shepherd Center



**\$800,000**

**Pillar: Community Development**

To help fund development costs for one project comprising 30 units of permanent supportive housing and the expansion of homeless shelter and services at 812 Martin St

### New Hanover County - Administration



**\$1,600,000**

**Pillar: Community Development**

To support nonprofit and community organizations, programs, and services that the County determines are charitable and effective in service of County residents.

### Cameron Art Museum

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To send the Director of Lifelong Learning and the Deputy Director of Operations to the Southeastern Museums Conference in October 2025 in Montgomery, Alabama.

### Cameron Art Museum

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support Space Makers exhibit to help engage residents with disabilities and community groups and raise awareness around the contribution of disabled artists.

### Cape Fear Community Land Trust

**\$5,000**

**Pillar: Community Development**

To create an educational video on land trusts and their objectives and impact.

### Chamber Music Wilmington

**\$4,528**

**Pillar: Community Development**

To help support a marketing manager position @ 4 hours per week.

### DREAMS Center for Arts Education

**\$5,000.00**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To implement a strategic marketing initiative designed to increase public awareness, elevate youth voices, and enhance community engagement.

### First Baptist Church Wilmington

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To fund two jobs for adults with developmental disabilities for two hours, four days a week at \$10/hr.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## First Fruit Ministries

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support the renovation of space into a Creative Center.



## Genesis Block Foundation

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To provide financial support to launch an early youth entrepreneurship program oriented toward high-schoolers.



## Genesis Block Foundation

**\$3,870**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$3,870**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To conduct targeted research that will strengthen and scale the shared-use kitchen initiative, Block Eatz.



## Good Shepherd Center

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support two online training opportunities and registration to two industry conferences (12 spots total).



## Independent Works

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support growth through Boomerang (CRM) software license and memberships in The Harrelson Center for Non-Profits, the CF Housing Coalition, One Christian Network, the Chamber of Commerce, and the NC Inclusive Housing Coalition.



## Legal Aid of North Carolina

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To fund the participation of the newly appointed Southeast Regional Manager in Harvard Business School's High Potentials Leadership Program.



## Legal Aid of North Carolina

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support program focused on expungement and restoration of driver's license privileges for low-income residents.



## Lower Cape Fear Historical Society

**\$3,505**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$3,505**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support essential repairs and equipment for better preservation of the archives.



## MedNorth Health Center

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To purchase a Sage Intacct General Ledger as financial management platform and AmpliFund) as grants management software interface.



## One Christian Network

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To produce a short video to help activate and engage the community and help mobilize people to help each other and solve shared challenges.



## WHQR Public Media

**\$4,610**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,610**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To send Station Manager and Development Director to the 2025 Public Media Development and Marketing Conference in Philadelphia (July 7–10).



## Wilmington Virtuosi Brass

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To help fund a new website and invest in marketing to raise the profile of the organization, digitize a music library, design and purchase stand banners, purchase new music, and purchase new instruments.



“These grants are more than just financial support, they are partnerships with the people and organizations working every day to improve lives in our community.”

Sophie Dagenais, Interim President and CEO

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## Port City Playwrights' Project



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support a full-day Board Retreat and to hire a qualified nonprofit arts consultant to facilitate strategic planning.

### Working Films



**\$4,528**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To help fund a consultant to design and facilitate a strategic planning process.

### Young Life



**\$4,500**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,500**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To provide hands-on Student Staff Training Program, a leadership skills training for staff members who are students from under-resourced or marginalized communities.

## The Arts Council of Wilmington/NHC



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support professional bookkeeping and accounting services, including the preparation and filing of IRS Form 990.

### Working Films



**\$5,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

To support Story Leads NHC, a series of film screenings and workshops for middle and high school students in New Hanover County



New Hanover County Schools students visited Cameron Art Museum to experience the Space Makers exhibit, which engages residents with disabilities and community groups while raising awareness of the contributions of disabled artists.



Vigilant Hope received a Capacity Grant to help volunteers create a safe and welcoming space for new residents.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY

Grants Awarded Q2 2025

## Cape Fear Guardian ad Litem Association



**\$44,000**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To promote and support tutoring and extracurricular activities for youth in foster care and provide additional capacity building opportunities for Guardians.

## City of Wilmington Police Department

**\$4,528**

Pillar: **Community Safety**

To support the WPD Police Activity League (PAL), a community engagement program connecting police officers with the youth in their community.

## Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To support professional development and training opportunities for staff through Association of Fundraising Professionals memberships and conference registration, National Network to End Domestic Violence conference registration, NC Coalition against Domestic Violence membership, and National Domestic Violence Hotline membership.

## Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc

**\$1,313**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$1,313**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To plant six Green Giant trees at the emergency shelter to enhance privacy and the environment.

## Five14 Revolution

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To acquire five AquaX Secure Mobile Devices, specialized devices to communicate safely with people at risk and survivors, promote access to critical resources, and maintain confidentiality.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANTS AWARDED | Q2 2025

## Leading Into New Communities, Inc (LINC)

**\$5,000**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$5,000**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To develop a curriculum to help resident leaders cultivate practical skills for healthy & peaceful community-based relationships.

## Leading Into New Communities, Inc (LINC)

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To train and empower community members through certifications to train others at risk of engaging in violence.

## The Carousel Center

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To support the cost of sending medical professionals, forensic interviewers, trauma therapists, and clinical staff to a Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC) Symposium.

## The Carousel Center

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To support the evidence-based Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB) program to reduce or treat youth on youth (ages, 3-14) sexual assault, through weekly 60-90 minutes therapy sessions.

## United Way of Cape Fear

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To help fund staffing, tools, equipment and collateral materials in service of preparedness education.

## Vigilant Hope

**\$4,528**

**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$4,528**  
Pillar: **Community Safety**

To fund two part-time community outreach hosts to guide volunteers and to ensure they are providing a safe and welcoming environment for new residents.



Leading Into New Communities (LINC) received Community and Capacity Grants to train and empower resident leaders with skills to foster safe, peaceful communities.

“By supporting initiatives that address food insecurity, drive entrepreneurship, and improve access to affordable housing in New Hanover County, we are investing in the future of our community and creating the foundation for lasting positive impact.”

Shannon Winslow, Board Chair





# MULTI YEAR PAYMENTS | Q2 2025

## Cape Fear Community College



**Awarded 2023: \$5,500,000**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$687,500.00**  
**Pillar: Education**

This grant supports Cape Fear Community College Foundation's (CFCC) aims to broaden its impact on high school students by discovering and connecting with individuals interested in advanced manufacturing and other industry sectors. The goal is to provide students with post-secondary education, career pathways, and apprenticeship opportunities. Participation in these programs can pave the way to secure local employment in high-demand fields with competitive wages.

## New Hanover County District Attorney's Office



**Awarded 2023: \$3,439,066.00**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$863,238.34**  
**Pillar: Community Safety**

The grant supports the creation of a Community Justice Center (CJC), which will be housed at the Harrelson Center, that will end the generational cycle of violence through early intervention, education, and prevention. The CJC's multidisciplinary team of approximately two dozen professionals will include prosecutors, law enforcement, and direct service providers who will work to solve, prove, and prevent crime; support victims in achieving safety, stability, and self-sufficiency; provide mental health services and rehabilitation to reduce recidivism and improve community safety. The CJC will be open 24 hours a day.

## Cape Fear Community College



**Awarded 2023: \$10,153,633**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$1,700,215**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

Cape Fear Community College, New Hanover County Schools, the University of North Carolina Wilmington's College of Health and Human Services and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce are partnering to revolutionize the health care talent landscape by prioritizing the recruitment, training, and retention of skilled professionals in New Hanover County.

## Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation



**Awarded 2023: \$250,000.00**  
**2025 Q2 Drawdown: \$50,000**  
**Pillar: Community Development**

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“Your help and The Endowment’s assistance made an impossible dream a reality. I was on the verge of dropping out, forced to choose between survival and education.”

**Cayla Carner, ADN -**  
CFCC Graduating Class, May 2025







**DAVID STEGALL**

Director of Education  
Hired: 5/22/25



**MARY VAIL WARE**

Director of Community Safety  
Hired: 6/23/25

# New Hires

The Endowment welcomes two highly accomplished and respected leaders to its Programs and Grants team as pillar leads: Dr. David Stegall as Director of Education and Mary Vail Ware as Director of Community Safety. In these roles, they will partner closely with the New Hanover County community to develop long-term, community-rooted solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing New Hanover County. Meet our team and read their full bios [HERE](#).

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Prior to the May Public Meeting, The Endowment's Community Advisory Council (CAC) gathered for a collaborative dinner and quarterly meeting to receive a preview of the Strategic Refresh, hear about recent Programs & Grants activity and share ideas during an open discussion.

This quarter, we celebrated and thanked our outgoing CAC members for their dedicated service, including Adavita Zamora-Duprey, Jamie Stokley, Sara Hobgood, Marrio Jeter, Andrew Richards, Tabitha Cox, and Quanesha Mullins. We thank them for their dedication and contributions which have strengthened our work and deepened our ties to the community.

We also welcomed and onboarded new CAC members, each bringing valuable experience grounded in our New Hanover community:

- **Education:** Nick Rhodes Jr.; Timothy Ryan Jarman
- **Social & Health Equity:** Mireya Lupercio, MSW, LCSW; Sana Y. Rockwell, MPH, M.S.; Abdul Hafeedh bin Abdullah
- **Community Safety:** Evelyn D. Adger
- **Community Development:** Andrew (Andy) Hewitt

On June 26, the CAC held a social with the Board and Endowment staff, a great opportunity to connect, exchange perspectives, and strengthen relationships.

As Q2 closes, the CAC remains focused on the work ahead for the remainder of 2025, committed to fostering dialogue and building connections that help guide the Endowment's work in the community. Meet all our members and read their full bios [HERE](#).







# SPRING 2025 PUBLIC MEETING & BOARD LISTENING SESSION

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, The Endowment hosted a public meeting at Cape Fear Community College's Union Station. The event provided an opportunity to share updates on our current initiatives and introduce our Strategic Refresh. Most importantly, it allowed us to connect directly with community members, hear questions, gather feedback, and learn from community member's perspectives.







## **New Hanover Healthcare Career Partnership**

On June 9, stakeholders from Cape Fear Community College, UNC Wilmington, New Hanover County Schools, and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce gathered at UNCW's Discover Hall and online for an update on the New Hanover Healthcare Career Partnership. Powered by a \$22.3 million investment from The Endowment, this multi-year initiative is tackling the region's healthcare workforce shortage by strengthening education pathways, supporting students in innovative ways, and preparing them for fulfilling careers in New Hanover County. The meeting provided an opportunity to share progress, exchange ideas, and reaffirm our shared commitment to transforming the health of our community.





# 2025 Regional Food Summit

Bringing together community leaders and partners, the 2025 Regional Food Summit on July 17 served as a reminder of what collaboration can achieve. The Endowment co-sponsored the event alongside New Hanover County's Office of Civic Engagement, the Soil & Water Conservation District, Feast Down East, Nourish NC, and the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

Board Chair Shannon Winslow opened the summit with the message: "Food security is not a standalone goal—it's a strategy for building a healthier, more resilient New Hanover County where all children and families thrive."

We extend our thanks to the organizers, grantees, partners, and community leaders whose commitment is creating lasting change across southeastern North Carolina.





## ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT

The New Hanover Community Endowment (The Endowment) emerged from a pivotal moment in New Hanover County's history. Established in 2020 after the transformative sale of New Hanover Regional Medical Center to the non-profit Novant Health, the Endowment is fueled by an initial \$1.3 billion investment from the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners. This visionary act created a perpetual fund to create transformative systemic change, uplift the local economy, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.



### MISSION

To improve the health, education, safety, and economic opportunity of every person in our community.



### VISION

To transform our community so all will thrive.



### VALUES

Integrity, Transparency,  
Inclusivity, Courage,  
Collaboration, Accountability

