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## **The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Grants \$14.5 Million to Local, State Organizations in 2022**

***Foundation has given more than \$1.2 billion in grants since 1985***

**Milwaukee, WI** – [The Bradley Foundation](#) announced today that it gave \$14.5 million in grants to dozens of organizations throughout Milwaukee and Wisconsin in 2022. The Foundation has a rich history of supporting groups that contribute to a vibrant civil society, which is rooted in the vision and values of Lynde and Harry Bradley, who were 20th century industrialists, philanthropists and Milwaukee natives.

“The Bradley brothers cared deeply about Milwaukee and its people,” said Rick Graber, president and CEO of The Bradley Foundation. “Allen-Bradley, the company they built from scratch, became a local economic powerhouse, but it was their philanthropy that helped Milwaukee become a world class city. The Foundation carries on the Bradley legacy today by supporting groups that are essential to arts and culture, education freedom, and strong families across the city and state.”

Since its establishment in 1985, the Foundation has made over 15,000 grants totaling over \$1.2 billion to more than 2,000 organizations. Of that, over \$400 million has gone to groups within Wisconsin.

As in years past, the Foundation’s local giving supports a wide range of organizations whose ground-up approach to problem solving restores communities and encourages civic renewal.

“The leaders of the organizations we support look at a problem, no matter how daunting, and ask themselves how they can solve it, not if they can solve it,” said Graber. “They are relentless in their pursuit, whether it’s helping people turn their lives around, enabling students to discover their purpose, or uniting citizens through the arts. We’re pleased to highlight them and the immeasurable impact they have on the lives they touch.”

The following are just a few of the outstanding Bradley Foundation grant recipients in Wisconsin throughout 2022:

## ARTS & CULTURE

[Milwaukee Ballet Company](#): \$100,000 to support the new Nutcracker campaign. The Nutcracker has been a beloved tradition for generations of Milwaukee families. The new Nutcracker will combine the tradition, nostalgia, and magic of today's production with the excitement of an expanded imaginary world. The choreography, sets, and costumes will all be updated to provide audiences with a fresher version that will retain the familiarity that families have grown to love.

[Optimist Theatre](#): \$10,000 to support general operations. The Optimist Theatre's mission is to bring Shakespeare to audiences of all backgrounds. Since 2010, it has produced Shakespeare in the Park, free productions of a Shakespearean play in green spaces throughout Milwaukee. Their 2022 season brought *Twelfth Night* to multiple sites around the Milwaukee area and beyond.

## COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES

[Beyond Vision](#): \$225,000 to support a capital campaign. Beyond Vision is a nonprofit social enterprise venture that employs people with visual impairment or blindness. Its spacious, state-of-the-art VisABILITY Center in West Allis will allow the organization to expand career opportunities significantly. Beyond Vision will also provide a wellness center featuring adaptive technologies and other services desired by its employees.

[The Phoenix](#): \$150,000 to support general operations. The Phoenix uses the transformative potential of friendship and the healing potential of an active lifestyle to help people in recovery learn to replace destructive habits with healthy and self-fulfilling ones. Its fast-growing, supportive community provides avenues for participants to connect without feeling stigmatized. Eighty-three percent of members in The Phoenix's Wisconsin chapter have remained sober after participating in its programs for three months. Its long-term objective is to chip away at the state's dangerous yet pervasive drinking culture.

[City on a Hill](#): \$90,000 to support general operations. City on a Hill engages residents by offering opportunities for them to realize their full spiritual, social, educational, and economic potential. Notably, it has been successful in sustaining the participation of older teens in mentoring programs that encourage the path of responsibility, independence, and academic success. City on a Hill is developing an alumni program to offer continued support to young adults and re-engage them in transforming the community.

## EDUCATION

[Notre Dame School of Milwaukee](#): \$500,000 to support a capital campaign. Founded in 1996, Notre Dame has grown from an all-girls middle school to include a primary school and an all-boys middle school. Its long waiting lists and steady growth reflect the school's strong reputation in the community. This grant supports Notre Dame's expansion on Milwaukee's near-south side.

[Messmer Catholic Schools](#): \$275,430 to support capital expenses and \$175,000 to support general operations. A foundational school in expanding educational options for parents, Messmer aims to develop each of its 1,200 students academically and spiritually. Messmer is a system of three campuses: Messmer High School, Messmer St. Mary, and Messmer St. Rose. It plans to complete critical updates to each of its charming but aging buildings.

**About The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation** Founded in 1985, the Milwaukee-based Bradley Foundation supports organizations that strengthen families and communities, inform and educate citizens, advance economic growth and encourage self-reliance. The Foundation's approach to philanthropy is guided by four core principles: fidelity to the Constitution with its principles of limited government, federalism, separation of powers, and individual liberties; commitment to free markets; dedication to the formation of informed and capable citizens; and commitment to the institutions of civil society that cultivate individuals capable of self-governance.

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