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**The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Announces Local, State  
Giving Totaled \$15.7 million in 2023  
*Foundation has given more than \$1.3 billion in grants since 1985***

**Milwaukee, WI** – [The Bradley Foundation](#) announced today that it gave \$15.7 million in grants to dozens of organizations throughout Milwaukee and Wisconsin in 2023. This year's giving builds on the Foundation's long legacy of supporting a vibrant civil society in the tradition of its namesakes, Lynde and Harry Bradley, who were 20<sup>th</sup> century industrialists and philanthropists.

"Like any city, Milwaukee has its share of deeply rooted problems that citizens and leaders must vigilantly work on," said Rick Graber, president and CEO of The Bradley Foundation. "At the same time, our city has so much to be proud of, particularly during a challenging time for urban areas. Our downtown is experiencing a revitalization, our arts and cultural scene is alive and well, and investment and charitable giving in the community are strong. The Foundation is pleased to play a role in making Milwaukee a vibrant place to work and raise a family by supporting the civic institutions that work to strengthen it."

Since its establishment in 1985, the Foundation has made over 15,000 grants totaling over \$1.3 billion to more than 2,000 organizations. Of that, over \$400 million has gone to groups within Wisconsin.

The Foundation's local giving supports a wide range of organizations led by people who are deeply committed to addressing Milwaukee's issues.

"One of the best aspects of working in philanthropy is meeting the people who are so purpose-driven that they can't rest until a problem is solved," said Graber. "It's easy to feel disheartened and overwhelmed by the nature of today's challenges. Yet you don't have to look far to find people whose commitment to improving lives has transformed neighborhoods and strengthened families."

The following are just a few of the outstanding Bradley Foundation grant recipients in Milwaukee throughout 2023:

## **ARTS & CULTURE**

[Bel Canto Chorus](#) \$40,000 to support general operations. Milwaukee's oldest continually performing arts group, Bel Canto Chorus has been part of the community for 92 years. Every season brings a dynamic array of offerings, including their popular Christmas concerts at St. Josephat Basilica, which often sell out. Bel Canto is known for its collaborations with area choral and orchestral ensembles.

[Milwaukee Public Library Foundation \(MPLF\)](#) \$90,000 to support general operations. MPLF supports the improvement of the library's branches, the enrichment of its collections, and the expansion of its programs. It is committed to ensuring that the library system serves as a bedrock for an informed citizenry and an important institution of civil society. With MPLF's support, the library system offers everything from credit counseling, to French lessons, to creative theme nights that draw hundreds of community residents.

## **COMMUNITIES & FAMILIES**

[Neu-Life Community Resource Center](#) \$800,000 to support a capital campaign and \$90,000 to support general operations. Neu-Life is a faith-based organization on Milwaukee's near north side that helps young people become independent, resilient, and self-reliant adults. Serving more than 2,000 kids annually, over half of its current staff are former participants in its programs. Neu-Life recently launched a capital campaign for the construction of a multi-purpose community center that will provide safe and affordable housing for those who age out of its youth programs but still need the support of a community. Neu Vue will create space for its many growing programs.

[Greater Galilee Community Development Corporation \(GG\)](#) \$100,000 to support general operations. GG is the outreach arm of Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on Milwaukee's near north side. Its mission is to promote self-help among residents of the community through social engagement and intergenerational learning activities. Its Greater Life Community Center helps do just that by serving as a gathering spot for families and by coordinating health literacy programs, screenings, exercise classes, and various other wellness activities with community partners. GG recently became a partner in a significant citywide initiative to improve chronic health outcomes.

## **EDUCATION**

[Bader Hillel Academy \(BHA\)](#) \$25,000 to support general operations. BHA provides a comprehensive Judaic and secular education to students in grades K through 8. The school aims to infuse a commitment in students' families to sustaining Jewish religious and cultural traditions and instilling the values associated with ethical behavior and responsibility to one's family and community.

[Bader Hillel High \(BHH\)](#) \$25,000 to support general operations. BHH uses traditional and new education models to create an academically rigorous, yet flexible environment to meet each student's needs. Its Judaic studies that emphasize relevance and meaning to 21st-century students include Tanach, Mishna, Talmud, Jewish Law, and ethics. BHH students come from 17 different states and are accepted into top universities across the country.

**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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