



A Year in Review with Ausherman Family Foundation

As we reflect on 2024, we are grateful for the Frederick community's collaboration and support, which has helped drive meaningful progress. Last year, we remained focused on addressing immediate community needs through data-informed decision-making and by bringing people together for inclusive conversations. From strengthening nonprofits and supporting leadership transitions to investing in youth initiatives and public spaces, we continue working alongside our partners to create lasting impact. We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Check out some of our biggest successes of the year below!

Grantmaking Impact:

Awarded over **244** grants totaling **\$4,036,100** to local organizations.

Team Growth:

Expanded our team with new staff, trustees, and committee members, including **Laurynn Burks** (Administrative Grants Assistant) and **Joshua Pedersen** (Director of Grantmaking).

County-Wide Youth Council:

Launched in February with **15 youth (ages 12-24)**, engaging in leadership, advocacy, and community initiatives. Supported by **60 youth providers** through the **12-to-24 Collaborative**.

Future Youth Center:

Held an **Official Signing Ceremony** for the Downtown Youth Center at 300 Scotty's Bus Lane, marking a significant milestone toward construction. This future space will **serve as a hub for youth** programming, services, and community engagement.

2024 Nonprofit Summit:

Co-hosted a gathering of **200+ professionals** for networking and skill-building.

Multi-Year Grants:

Provided **sustainable funding** to help nonprofits **grow programs and advance their missions**. These grants are designed to **build organizational capacity, strengthen infrastructure, and promote data-driven decision-making** for long-term impact.

IDEA Grant Program & Equity Initiatives:

Honored with the County's **Human Relations Award** for advancing inclusion, diversity, and accessibility. Hosted **one award night, five training sessions, and a networking event** to strengthen grantees and support community impact.

Community Spaces & Public Art:

Partnered with the City of Frederick on **plans for Westside Regional Park and South End Park**. Celebrated the completion of the **Brunswick Archway** and **Thurmont Mural** public art project.

Leadership Transitions:

Supported multiple nonprofits through leadership transitions, ensuring organizational stability and growth.

Strategic Planning:

Launched a strategic planning process to guide the Foundation's direction and impact over the next several years.

Our Funding

\$824,415
Arts & Culture

\$1,028,739
Children, Youth, and Families

\$1,711,750
Health & Human Services

\$489,056
Public/Society Benefit

\$4,053,960
2024 Total Community Investment

Thank You

We are grateful for our community partners—nonprofits, funders, and government agencies—whose dedication drives lasting impact in Frederick County. We look forward to another year of collaboration and progress!

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Founded in 2001, the Ausherman Family Foundation inspires passion for change in Frederick County, Maryland, by fostering collaboration, driving bold initiatives, and creating inclusive, vibrant spaces. Guided by community needs, we address urgent challenges and create lasting impact.

