

Melvin R. Lane Fund
FY2027-FY2029 Awards

Eight Grant Awards totaling \$1,320,000

\$180,000 over three years to Bounty & Soul to grow and diversify funding by creating a grants and impact position focused on deep engagement with communities and funding partners.

\$180,000 over three years to Food Connection to support long-term growth by hiring a Hub Manager to conduct daily operations and enable senior leadership to focus on fundraising, strategic planning, and sustainability.

\$180,000 over three years to Just Economics to advance strategic planning, strengthen fundraising and financial planning infrastructure, and support leadership transition to ensure long-term stability, adaptability, and growth.

\$150,000 over three years to REACH of Haywood County to build a stronger, more sustainable fundraising program by hiring a Development Officer and utilizing donor management software to expand revenue streams and improve donor communication and results reporting.

\$120,000 over three years to Rutherford Housing Partnership to increase long-term efficiency and sustainability through a unified cloud-based management system, upgraded tools and equipment, and stronger internal processes to support growth, coordination, and data-informed decision making.

\$180,000 over three years to Safelight to improve financial planning by hiring an additional finance staff member to support day-to-day operations while strengthening internal systems and infrastructure to ensure long-term sustainability.

\$150,000 over three years to The Haven of Transylvania County to hire a Development Director to transition fundraising from a reactive approach to a strategic, proactive model that strengthens long-term financial stability and supports organizational growth and program expansion.

\$180,000 over three years to Western North Carolina Community Health Services to build long-term sustainability and visibility by increasing development staff, implementing strategic fundraising initiatives and events, mobilizing an engaged Board, and deepening donor relationships.