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## **US Wind Force Foundation Names West Virginia Area Grant Recipients**

*Local board selects recipients for Pinnacle Wind Farm’s \$22,000 grant distribution*

**Keyser, WV – November 15, 2018** - The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. today announced the recipients of the ninth round of grants from its Community Benefit Fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm, which is operated by Clearway Energy Group. Eighteen grants ranging from \$250 to \$3,000 and totaling \$22,250 were allocated to local projects, bringing the eight-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$213,775.

Thirty-two completed grant applications were received and evaluated by a local Allocation Committee made up of eight members of the community. The committee is chaired by Keyser resident Cindy Pyles. “I appreciate the continued commitment and the amount of effort the Allocation Committee exerted in its review of the grant applications. They did an outstanding job. We appreciate that the developers of the Pinnacle Wind Farm designed a process for allocating grant money that allowed for local decision-making,” said Pyles.

The 2019 grant recipients are as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>American Legion Boyce Houser Post 41</b>	\$2,500.00	Roof Replacement
<b>Junior Shooting Sports Program American Legion Boyce Houser Post 41</b>	\$1,000.00	Building Renovations
<b>Burlington UM Family Services</b>	\$500.00	Furniture for Observation Room

<b>Catamount Children’s Center, Inc.</b>	\$3,000.00	Heating/Air Conditioning Units
<b>County United Way, Inc.</b>	\$1,000.00	Materials for Little Pantries to be Place Throughout Mineral County
<b>Elk District Volunteer Fire Company</b>	\$2,000.00	Roof Replacement
<b>Family Crisis Center, Inc.</b>	\$1,000.00	Computer System and Comfort Packs for Clients
<b>Fort Ashby Public Library</b>	\$500.00	STEAM Kits for Programming Events
<b>Friends of Jennings Randolph Lake, Inc.</b>	\$2,000.00	Addition to Current Pavilion
<b>Highland Arts Unlimited, Inc.</b>	\$500.00	Mural and Public Arts Projects
<b>Keyser High School</b>	\$1,000.00	Purchase of Telescope
<b>Mineral County Historical Society, Inc.</b>	\$500.00	Room Renovation at Museum for Military Display
<b>Mineral County Historical Society, Inc.</b>	\$1,500.00	Computer for Radio Station Infrastructure Enhancement Project
<b>Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown</b>	\$250.00	Assistance for Mineral County families unable to pay donation cost of staying at RMHC Morgantown
<b>Save the Keyser Pool</b>	\$2,000.00	Repairs to Filtration System
<b>Town of Elk Garden (Police Department)</b>	\$1,500.00	Portable Radio, Charger, and Case
<b>Tri-Towns Ministerial Association</b>	\$1,000.00	Demolition and Replacement of Shelving
<b>Westernport Heritage Society, Inc.</b>	\$500.00	Western MD Railroad Station Museum Renovation
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,250.00</b>	

The Directors and Officers of the US Wind Force Foundation extended a special appreciation to the members of the Allocation Committee: Cindy Pyles, Chair; Logan DelSignore, Vice-Chair; Bill Boggs, Rod Ryan, Terry Stephens, Walt Ward, Cliff Wendricks, and Carol Wilson. Their service to the Foundation and their community was a critical part of the process.

Funding for the Foundation’s Community Benefit Fund comes from Pinnacle Wind, LLC, owner and operator of the Pinnacle Wind Farm. The Pinnacle project was developed by US Wind Force and is operated by Clearway Energy Group. The project company agreed to finance the Community Benefit Fund when the project reached commercial operation status in early 2012 and each year for the life of the project.

“We are extremely pleased to be part of this community,” said Doug Vance, site manager with Clearway Energy Group. “It’s nice to know that we can be of help to such worthy projects.”

### **About US Wind Force Foundation, Inc.**

US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., a West Virginia nonprofit corporation, is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. Its primary purpose is to enhance the community by providing funding for projects related to education, historic preservation, public safety, economic development, public recreation, parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, and other similar activities. It will provide funding to select not-for-profit community organizations, and communities, consistent with its charter. To learn more about the US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., visit the website [www.uswff.org](http://www.uswff.org).