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US Wind Force Foundation Names Grant Recipients

Pinnacle Wind Farm Donations Top \$152,000!

Keyser, WV – December 1, 2016 - The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. today announced the recipients of the sixth round of grants from its Community Benefit Fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm. Eleven grants ranging from \$350 to \$4,500 and totaling \$19,350 were allocated to local projects, bringing the five-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$152,250.

Twenty-eight completed grant applications were received and evaluated by a local Allocation Committee made up of nine members of the community. The committee is chaired by Keyser resident Terry Stephens. "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 Stephens.

The 2016 grant recipients are as follows:

2016 Grants		
Applicant	Grant Amount	Purpose
Aging & Family Services of Mineral County	\$1,000	Painting of the Frankfurt Senior Center
Allegany Health Right, Inc.	\$1,000	Providing of dental treatment to low income adults
Boyce-Houser American Legion Post 41	\$3, 500	Installation of an ADA compliant bathroom
Burlington Public Library	\$350	Purchase of shelves and seating

Burlington United Methodist Family Services	\$1,000	Purchase of formula and diapers
Elk District Ambulance Service	\$2,500	Purchases of a generator hook-up and a laptop
Friends of Ashby's Fort, Inc.	\$2,000	Archaeological dig/study
Grace United Methodist Church	\$1, 000	Purchase of new kitchen sinks
Keyser High School	\$1, 500	Installation of fencing for American Chestnut Orchard
Mineral County Family Resource Network	\$4,500	Painting of the exterior and a new roof
Westernport Heritage Society, Inc.	\$1,000	Installation of HVAC system in the Railroad Museum
Total	\$19,350	

The Directors and Officers of the US Wind Force Foundation extend a special thank you to the members of the Allocation Committee: Terry Stephens, Chairman; Cindy Pyles, Vice Chair; Polly Hightower, Secretary; Bill Boggs, Bill Braithwaite, Logan DelSignore, Miranda Kessel, Cliff Wendricks, and Carol Wilson. Their service to the Foundation and their community is greatly appreciated.

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 currently owned by NRG. 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.

Doug Vance, site manager of the wind farm for the parent company NRG, said, "We are extremely pleased to be part of this community. 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.