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US Wind Force Foundation Names Grant Recipients

Pinnacle Wind Farm Donations Top \$191,000!

Keyser, WV – November 15, 2018 - The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. today announced the recipients of the eighth round of grants from its Community Benefit Fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm. Twelve grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 and totaling \$20,775 were allocated to local projects, bringing the eight-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$191,525.

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 2018 grant recipients are as follows:

Applicant	Grant Amount	Purpose
Burlington Public Library	500.00	Purchase of shelving, sign, and flag
Burlington UM Family Services	500.00	Purchase of play equipment for child visitation room for Staggers Recovery House
Developmental Center & Workshop, Inc.	1,500.00	Purchase of a hydraulic pallet jack
Elk District VFC	2,000.00	Replacement of the flooring in the main portion of the fire hall
Elk District VFC (Challenged Hunt Fund)	1,500.00	Construction and stocking of a new hunting blind
Elk Garden Primary School	1,500.00	Purchase of protective safety mats for gymnasium
Fountain Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.	1,000.00	Replacement of current rescue equipment and purchase of gas detection equipment

Highland Arts Unlimited, Inc.	3,000.00	Murals and public arts projects
Mineral County Family Resource Network	1,500.00	Facility renovations
Mineral County Historical Society, Inc.	1,775.00	Purchase of display case, mannequins, and vacuum cleaner for Museum
Westernport Heritage Society, Inc.	1,000.00	Renovation of bathroom
WV Foundation, Inc.	5,000.00	Construction of a Council Circle for Camp Minco
Total	20,775.00	

The Directors and Officers of the US Wind Force Foundation extend a special thank you to the members of the Allocation Committee: Cindy Pyles, Chair; Logan DeSignore, Vice Chair; Bill Boggs, Miranda Kessel, Terry Stephens, Walt Ward, 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 Clearway Energy. 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 Clearway Energy, 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.