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## The Provident Bank Foundation Announces Second Cycle 2016 Major Grant Recipients

*More than \$102,500 awarded to New Jersey and Pennsylvania projects and programs*

**MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY (September 1, 2016)** – [The Provident Bank Foundation](#) (PBF) is pleased to announce the recipients of its Second Cycle 2016 Major Grants, totaling more than \$102,500 for projects and programs across New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

A Major Grant funds projects and/or programs that address one or more of PBF's funding priority areas – community enrichment, education and health, youth and families – in a significant way. Major Grants provide between \$5,000 and \$25,000 in funding, and emphasize the support of sustainable community enhancement and short-term change.

“The Provident Bank Foundation seeks to build relationships with organizations that have the capacity and drive to create change,” said Jane Kurek, Executive Director, The Provident Bank Foundation. “From education and health initiatives to economic and community enrichment, each of the selected organizations seek to enhance the quality of life in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.”

Several of the recipients of PBF's Second Cycle 2016 Major Grants are as follows:

[The Thomas Edison State College Foundation](#)

The **\$10,000** in funding will support The Thomas Edison State College Foundation's Military and Veteran Career Enhancement Initiative, and enhancements to the Military and Veteran Portal (MVP). The Military and Veteran Career Enhancement Initiative is a partnership with Thomas Edison State College and ten community colleges in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. MVP guides active-duty service members and veterans to better understand how their military training can be transferred as credit toward a college degree, view potential degree programs aligned with their military training, and estimate their education costs all before they apply for University admission.

**NEW JERSEY – SPECIFIC**

[YWCA of Bergen County](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will support Empower U(niversity): Girls Leadership Academy, a 10-month, small-group mentorship and empowerment experience designed to educate and engage high school sophomore girls through experiential learning, leadership lessons, and social action. Topics covered include empowered leadership, financial literacy, STEM, self-awareness, civic engagement, mind and body wellness, and media literacy. YWCA Bergen County is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

#### [New City Kids of Hudson County](#)

The **\$7,500** in funding will support The Teen Life Internship Program, which provides leadership development, job experience, life skills training, and college support opportunities to at-risk high school students. The mission of New City Kids is "Loving kids for change to create a community of academic, leadership, musical, and spiritual development." Support from PBF will allow more teens to receive work experience, career exposure, adult mentors, and life skills training. These teens will increase their GPA and SAT scores, apply for financial aid, and go to college.

#### [All Saints Community Service and Development Corporation of Hudson County](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will support All Saints Community Service and Development Corporation's Health & Wellness Activities for Jubilee Center Children's Program, a year round program for more than 110 at-risk, low-income youth in Hoboken. Through Health & Wellness Activities, All Saints Community Service and Development Corporation encourages children to lead healthy lives and educate them on the importance of nutritious eating. They provide 500+ healthy meals weekly, as well as evidence-based health workshops in an effort to alleviate the problems of hunger, lack of nutritious food options, and lack of awareness or opportunities to participate in wellness and fitness activities.

#### [Count Basie Theatre of Monmouth, Ocean, and Middlesex Counties](#)

The **\$7,500** in funding will be used to provide arts education and community outreach for underprivileged students within the Red Bank, Keansburg, and Long Branch public school districts.

#### [Collier Youth Services of Monmouth County](#)

The **\$10,000** in funding will be used to support Sanctuary Model for Young Women in Crisis. Collier Youth Services operates two residences for young women, Collier Group Home and Collier House, which provide housing, counseling, and life skills training. The mission of Collier Youth Services is to empower at-risk youth to grow toward their potential in an environment of belonging, dignity, and hope. This mission is built on an unwavering belief in the worth and potential of all individuals and their capacity for change.

#### [Mayo Performing Arts Center \(MPAC\) of Morris County](#)

The **\$7,500** in funding will support Music Student of the Month, a recognition program with the objective of honoring the achievements of middle and high school music students from Morris County. MPAC education staff members work with Morris County teachers who nominate students for musical aptitude combined with leadership skills, strength of character and artistic contributions to their school community.

#### [Monmouth Medical Center Southern Campus Foundation of Monmouth and Ocean Counties](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will support the Better Health program, a commitment to promoting health and wellness among older adults. The Better Health program at MMCS was conceived because they believe that diet, exercise and socialization are the key components to healthy living.

Benefits of membership to the program include: health education and preventive screenings, at the hospital and right in residential community locations; access to unique social programming in local communities with a focus on arts, entertainment and friendly competition; a simplified pre-registration for no-wait laboratory and radiology services; and a subscription to the Healthy Aging magazine and the monthly community events calendar.

#### [Adult Day Center of Somerset County](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will be used to support Therapeutic Programming and Healthy Cooking Expansion for the Adult Day Center of Somerset County. The center is a non-profit agency committed to providing extraordinary day care services for the elderly and disabled residents of Somerset County, and support for caregiving families. Both activities will meet the needs of different populations and encourage members to share and learn about their different cultures – expanding their philosophy of acceptance even wider.

#### [Cancer Support Community Central New Jersey of Somerset County](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will be used toward development of the Cancer Support Community Central New Jersey's Support Group Program, which provides critical psychosocial support for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends to reduce the three biggest stressors: unwanted aloneness and loss of control and hope. The program helps participants make connections, decrease depression and stress, and improve life quality. The Cancer Support Community Central New Jersey's mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

#### [John F. Kennedy Medical Center Foundation of Middlesex County](#)

The Foundation supports John F. Kennedy Medical Center in its mission to provide safe, comprehensive and high quality healthcare services to the community regardless of the person's ability to pay, lack of health insurance and whether or not government programs cover the full cost of care. The **\$7,500** in funding will be used to support Plainfield Health Connections, an education and case management program that links chronically ill, low income, minorities with primary medical care and social services and coordinates these resources to support wellness and reduce the cost of the delivery of healthcare. The program addresses the individual needs of each participant and resolves many of the social issues that act as barriers to improved health.

#### [Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will be used to support the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center's (DASACC) Parenting Education Program, which helps mitigate and educate about the traumatic effects of domestic violence through improving appropriate parenting responses to children and bridging the gap by building community connections to resources. This program allows victims to concentrate on developing their parenting knowledge and the skills necessary to maximize positive mother-child relationships.

### **PENNSYLVANIA – SPECIFIC**

#### [Delta Community Supports of Bucks County](#)

The **\$10,000** in funding will be used to transform a component of Delta Community Supports of Bucks County's existing program that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Bucks County to include vocational training and employment experience. Delta Community Support's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals and families through outstanding community based support and mutually rewarding relationships. Delta will be renovating their on-site kitchen, and launching a catering and food preparation business, as well

as allow other local non-profit and community groups to rent or use the space for their own purposes.

#### [Salvation Army of Lehigh Valley](#)

The **\$5,000** in funding will support the Visit Coaching Program, a nurturing, safe program designed to help families work toward reunification - the goal for almost every child that enters the child welfare system. The program pairs a visit coach with parents to help them prepare for every visit; reminding them to focus on their child's needs rather than their own worries about housing, employment, relationships, or addiction issues. By the end of the grant period The Salvation Army expects to support fifteen additional birth families and approximately twenty-five additional foster children with visit coaching services.

#### [Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp. of Lehigh Valley](#)

The **\$7,500** in funding will be used to support Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp.'s Full STEAM Ahead! Early Childhood Education Initiative. The Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp.'s mission is to educate, inspire, inform, and entertain while stimulating and disseminating the exchange of ideas for community enrichment. They will offer school partners, early childhood education providers, parents and youth opportunities to learn about and become engaged in a variety of STEAM-related activities and educational programs.

The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 with the intent of supporting not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other 501(c)(3) organizations that provide valuable services to the communities served by [Provident Bank](#). PBF is committed to strengthening and sustaining its relationships with communities in the bank's marketplace.

"Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$21 million to deserving organizations within the communities The Provident Bank serves," adds Kurek. "In 2016 alone, we've provided more than \$560,000 in grants."

For additional information regarding the grant process and deadlines for each of the funding opportunities and information about PBF, visit <http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org> or call (862) 260-3990.

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#### **About The Provident Bank Foundation**

The Provident Bank Foundation was established in 2003 by The Provident Bank to enhance the quality of life in the region through support of not-for-profit groups, institutions, schools and other 501(c)(3) organizations that provide services in communities served by the Bank. Since inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$21million to not-for-profit organizations and institutions working toward stronger communities. For more information about The Provident Bank Foundation, visit [www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org](http://www.ProvidentNJFoundation.org) or call (862) 260-3990.