The Orchid Giving Circle
Slate of Semi-Finalist Grantees – 2019

Organization: APIA Scholarship Fund (Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund)
Mission: To make a difference in the lives of APIA students by providing them with resources that increase their access to higher education, which serves as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a more vibrant America.
Website: www.apiasf.org
Category/Sector: Education
Approved Grant Amount: $15,000
What we will be funding: APIA Scholarship Fund provides culturally appropriate wraparound services, mentoring, academic career support and national network of APIA students and training. This grant will provide funding for six deserving and need based undergraduate female APIA Scholars in North Texas.

Organization: Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth
Mission: To provide service to those in need, to advocate for compassion and justice in the structures of society, and to call all people of good will to do the same.
Website: www.CatholicCharitiesFortWorth.org
Category/Sector: Economic Security
Approved Grant Amount: $10,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding for the Refugee Match Grant program which helps refugees from Asian countries like Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma etc. reach economic self-sufficiency within six months of arrival in the U.S. through employment support, case management, and limited financial assistance.

Organization: Chetna
Mission: Chetna recognizes the unique challenges that South Asian victims of domestic violence face, and provides culture specific services to empower and support the journey from victim to survivor. Chetna aims to prevent violence through advocacy, education, and outreach.
Website: www.chetna-dfw.org
Category/Sector: Domestic Violence
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding for the confidential helpline and provide financial assistance for rent, utilities, household items, and transportation for domestic violence victims from the South Asian community.

Organization: Crow Museum of Asian Art of The University of Texas at Dallas
Mission: To inspire and promote learning and dialogue about the arts and cultures of Asia through our exhibitions, the research and preservation of our collections, artistic and educational programming, and visitor experience and engagement.
Website: www.crowmuseum.org
Category/Sector: Arts & Culture
Approved Grant Amount: $10,000

What we will be funding: With the recent January 1, 2019 merger of Crow Museum with University of Texas at Dallas, this grant will provide funding to support focus groups and visits to Crow Museum by increasing awareness through PR and marketing, engagement with UT Dallas student and faculty populations and the Asian residents living in the surrounding geographic areas.

Organization: Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance
Mission: To teach the history of the Holocaust and advancing human rights to combat prejudice, hatred and indifference.
Website: www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org
Category/Sector: Education
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000

What we will be funding: This grant will support the Asian American Rights strand of the American Ideals, Realities and Repair interactive kiosks in the Pivot to America Wing.

Organization: Dallas Chinese Community Center
Mission: To promote Chinese culture and to foster diversity through educational, cultural and recreational programs and activities that enrich the lives of immigrants and broader American society.
Website: www.dallasccc.org
Category/Sector: Education
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000

What we will be funding: This grant will support programs and services designed to inspire Asians to move up, through learning and networking, to do better and to improve their quality of life.
Organization: Healing Hands Ministries, Inc.
Mission: To provide high quality, affordable medical, dental care and behavioral healthcare to those in need in Dallas County regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality or ability to pay.
Website: www.healinghandsdallas.org
Category/Sector: Health
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding to help defray the cost of medical, dental and behavioral healthcare for uninsured and underinsured Burmese women.

Organization: DFW Hub Center for Health
Mission: To help Asian women and children in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex by providing them with a variety of health services such as free health screenings, health education talks, one-on-one doctor consultations, and much more. We strive to promote the holistic well-being of the community via free health services in hopes of empowering and educating them.
Website: www.ahealthhub.org
Category/Sector: Health
Approved Grant Amount: $7,500
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding for Bhutanese women’s physical and mental health through mammograms, yoga, care packages, etc.

Organization: Heart House
Mission: To use education as a catalyst to combat poverty and promote equity for the most vulnerable in the city: refugee children.
Website: www.hearthousedallas.org
Category/Sector: Education
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding to support the Head Heart and Hands (H3) Social Emotional Learning Program for refugee children in Vickery Meadow from various Asian countries including Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, etc.

Organization: Ignite
Mission: IGNITE is a movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of civic and political leaders. Their programs target high school and college-aged women who are passionate about improving their communities but may not always understand the role of political leadership in the process. They teach young women to think critically about policy issues, train them to run for office, and introduce them to elected women who inspire them and provide opportunities for the young women to expand their networks as they step into public service.
Website: www.ignitenational.org
Category/Sector: Civic Engagement
Approved Grant Amount: $10,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding to recruit and train AAPI young women in civic engagement through programming and voter registration drives as well as mobilize AAPI communities to be counted in the 2020 census.

Organization: Literacy Achieves
Mission: To equip non-English speaking adults and their young children with English literacy and life skills to promote self-sufficiency and the overall well-being of our students, their families and the greater community.
Website: www.LiteracyAchieves.org

Category/Sector: Education
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding to support the Family Literacy Program in Vickery Meadow serving refugees both adults and children from various Asian countries including Bhutan, Burma, Nepal etc.

Organization: Mosaic Family Services, Inc.
Mission: To support, educate, and empower the individuals and families of the multicultural communities we serve. We are the only agency in North Texas with the specialized range of services and multilingual staff to meet the needs of refugee families, battered immigrants, and victims of human trafficking.
Website: www.mosaicservices.org

Category/Sector: Health
Approved Grant Amount: $10,000
What we will be funding: This grant will help fund the partial salary for a case manager in the Refugee Health Access Services program, serving 120 Asian women and girls in the Dallas area.

Organization: Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, Inc. DBA The Senior Source
Mission: To enhance the overall quality of life and empower all older adults in greater Dallas to thrive.
Website: www.theseniorsource.org

Category/Sector: Economic Security/Seniors
Approved Grant Amount: $12,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding for the Transportation and Translation Services for Asian Foster Grandparent program.
Organization: Texas Muslim Women’s Foundation, Inc.
Mission: To empower and support all women and their families through Education, Outreach, Philanthropy and Social Services.
Website: www.tmwf.org
Category/Sector: Domestic Violence
Approved Grant Amount: $20,000
What we will be funding: This grant will provide funding for the TMWF Peace in the Home: Culturally Specialized Family Violence Program (PIH-DV) focusing on the needs of the Muslim Community.