

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*a grantmaking publication of the Community Foundation of Abilene*





## about the **FUTURE FUND**

Future Fund is a membership-supported endowment fund that makes grants to nonprofit organizations serving local children and youth.

Membership dues are pooled into the endowment, and the fund's revenue is used each year to make grants to nonprofits serving local children and youth. ***Future Fund members make this happen!***

As a member, you have the opportunity to serve on the Future Fund grant committee to determine which organizations will receive funding.

Members receive invitations to attend social events where members get together and celebrate the impact made to improve lives of children and youth.

### **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

- \$250 annual** One-year membership for an individual or couple
- \$500 impact-maker** One-year membership, funds are split between grantmaking and endowment.
- \$2,500 lifetime** A Future Fund membership for a lifetime! Can be paid out over a two-year period.

To become a member for the first time or renew an existing or lapsed membership, contact our donor relations team.

# **The Giving Guide COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

The Foundation's grant catalog, ***Community Connections***, gives everyone an opportunity to support current charitable needs in our community!

The CFA has multiple grant cycles each year available for eligible nonprofits based on location and program focus.

***This giving guide is a summary of all proposals we received from eligible nonprofit organizations in our community to the 2025 Future Fund grant cycle.***

This guide also serves as a resource to inform our community about local needs.

Before final grant funds are allocated by a committee, additional contributions from the community, Future Fund members, or donor-advised fundholders can be made to support the grant cycle.

For example, fundholders can recommend a grant be made from their fund to a charitable organization of their choosing, and the CFA staff takes care of the rest.

***In 2024, more than half of funding support for the Future Fund grant cycle came from community contributions and donor-advised funds.***

If you are a fundholder and need a refresher on accessing your fund, we can help. Need information about what it means to start a fund at the Foundation? Let's visit! Contact our donor relations team for next steps.

***Thank you for your continued commitment to building a thriving community!***



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**CHILDREN'S  
ART + LITERACY  
FESTIVAL**

**ABILENE ARTS  
ALLIANCE**

*2025 Children's Art & Literacy  
Festival*

**\$5,000**

**ABILENE  
HUNGER  
COALITION**

**ABILENE BIG COUNTRY  
HUNGER COALITION**

*Free spring and summer meals*

**\$5,000**



**ABILENE I.S.D.**

*Increasing access to healthy homes  
for vulnerable students*

**\$5,000**



**ABILENE PERFORMING  
ARTS COMPANY**

*Production camp assistance*

**\$5,000**



**ABILENE  
PHILHARMONIC**

*Instrument petting zoo at the  
Abilene Zoo and the 2025 CALF*

**\$2,500**



**ABILENE ZOOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY**

*2025 Dream Night*

**\$5,000**



**ALL FOR ONE MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL**

*After school program, 4 ONEYOUTH*

**\$5,000**



**BALLET FOLKLÓRICO  
DE ALVARO MUÑOZ**

*Alegria Mexicana production*

**\$3,000**



**BCFS ABILENE  
TRANSITION CENTER**

*CYD Presents*

**\$4,600**



**BIG BROTHERS  
BIG SISTERS LONE STAR**

*High School Bigs*

**\$5,000**



**COURT APPOINTED  
SPECIAL ADVOCATES**

*Big Country "CASA Effect" for  
volunteer recruitment*

**\$5,000**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE BIG COUNTRY, INC.**

*After school healthy snack initiative*

**\$5,000**



**CHILDREN'S PERFORMING  
ARTS SERIES**

*2025 production support*

**\$3,500**



**CHORUS ABILENE**

*Summer music enrichment for  
students*

**\$2,850**



**DAY 1 BAGS**

*Adopt a senior from foster care -  
Class of 2025*

**\$5,015**



**FOR THE CHILDREN  
ABILENE**

*Everybody's birthday party at  
Royal Family KIDS Camp*

**\$3,342**



**HARDIN-SIMMONS  
UNIVERSITY**

*Summer speech camp*

**\$5,000**



**JOSEPH THOMAS  
FOUNDATION**

*JTF financial assistance program*

**\$5,000**



Junior Achievement™  
of Abilene

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF ABILENE

Work readiness K-12 programs and career speakers series

**\$5,000**



### MENTORS CARE

Empowering at-risk students of Wylie High School

**\$5,000**



### MULLIN ABILENE SCHOOL FOR NEW HORIZONS

Launch of maker lab space

**\$4,600**



### NTL. CENTER CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED LITERATURE

Art for All: experiential learning for students

**\$5,000**



NEW HORIZONS  
Keeping Kids First

### NEW HORIZONS RANCH AND CENTER

Mental health treatment and home for children in foster care

**\$5,000**



### NOAH PROJECT

Children's advocacy program

**\$5,000**



### PATHWAYS YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Expanding local foster care capacity: support and resources for children

**\$5,000**



### PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES

Abilene child and family program

**\$5,000**



### RAINBOW BIBLE SCHOOL

Tablet replacements

**\$4,140**



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS**

Program support for Taylor County children and youth

**\$5,000**



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**

Playground for early childhood students

**\$5,000**



**THE GRACE MUSEUM**

2025 summer arts outreach program

**\$2,500**



**THE MENTORING ALLIANCE**

2025 Abilene summer camps

**\$5,000**



**WEST TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK**

Bridge Across Program for youth

**\$2,500**



**WEST TEXAS TRIBUNE**

Young Scholars writing program

**\$5,000**



**YOUNG AUDIENCES OF ABILENE**

YA with CPAS theatre production for Abilene ISD 2nd-grade students

**\$3,390**



**YOUNG LADIES SUCCESS**

YLS Success Conference

**\$5,000**



**YOUTH VOICE, INC.**

Youth Voice musical training and expression

**\$5,000**

# Ready to give? HERE'S HOW:

Thank you for supporting the Future Fund! To make a gift to any of the proposals in this grant catalog, please list your selections in the worksheet below. You can submit your responses by:

**mail** Complete the form below and return this page to: PO Box 1001, Abilene, TX 79604.

**email** List your nonprofit selections and award amounts in an email to: [mcollier@cfabilene.org](mailto:mcollier@cfabilene.org).

**phone** We're here to help. Call 325-676-3883.

Contributions can be made via check; include "Future Fund 2025 Grants" in the memo. Please make checks payable to: Community Foundation of Abilene.

★ **Are you a CFA fundholder?** Complete the last section on this worksheet to recommend grants from a donor-advised fund.

# 2025

**Deadline: Monday, Jan. 27**

NONPROFIT	AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Please attach a list if you need more space.

## Name

First and last name

FIRST	LAST
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## Address

Enter your mailing address

ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP

## For fundholders only

### Fund information

List fund name if you are a fund holder recommending grants from your fund.

FUND NAME
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### Anonymity

Circle "Yes" if you wish to remain anonymous.

YES	NO
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### Signature

Sign here.

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**MEMBERSHIP**



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