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US Wind Force Foundation Names Grant Recipients

Pinnacle Wind Farm Donations Top \$172,000!

Keyser, WV – November 15, 2017 - The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. today announced the recipients of the seventh round of grants from its Community Benefit Fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm. Nineteen grants ranging from \$250 to \$3,400 and totaling \$20,000 were allocated to local projects, bringing the seven-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$172,250.

Thirty-six 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 2017 grant recipients are as follows:

2017 Grants		
Applicant	Grant Amount	Purpose
Burlington United Methodist Family Service	\$500	Purchase of formula, diaper, clothing, etc. for RFTS clients
Catamount Children’s Center, Inc.	\$3,000	Purchase of new windows
City of Piedmont	\$500	Purchase of a chlorinator pump and upgrade pump house
Elk District Ambulance Service	\$500	Purchase of a laptop
Elk District VFC	\$2, 000	Purchase of turnout gear

Elk District VFC (Challenged Hunt Fund)	\$500	Restoration of hunting blinds
Friends of Ashby's Fort, Inc.	\$500	Archaeological dig/study
Friends of Jennings Randolph Lake, Inc.	\$3,400	Pavilion construction
Highland Arts Unlimited, Inc.	\$2,500	Murals of area scenes, history, notable historical figures, and events
Keyser-Mineral County Library Association	\$250	Purchase hard drives for seven computers
Kitzmilller Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	\$250	Equipment for water rescue team
Mineral County Alternative School	\$250	Recycling program
Mineral County Family Resource Network (Energy Express)	\$1,000	Construction of storage building
Mineral County Historical Society, Inc.	\$2,000	Establishment of a County Museum
New Creek Primary School	\$600	WV Farm Bureau Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab
Piedmont Library, Inc.	\$250	Addition of railing on the stairs and repair of locks
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Morgantown	\$500	Assistance for families unable to pay donation cost of staying at RMHC Morgantown
Tri-Towns Ministerial Association (Food Pantry)	\$500	Purchase of computer, software, and peripherals
Westernport Heritage Society, Inc.	\$1, 000	Western Maryland Railroad Station Museum roof replacement
Total	\$20,000	

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 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.