



WELLSPRING FOUNDATION

OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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A message from the Board Chair & the Executive Director

We have been incredibly moved by the work of so many wonderful organizations in our region. There is a high level of collaboration that is occurring across multiple organizations to address the needs of our communities and move towards transformational change.

As we continue to grow as a foundation and work collaboratively with many local organizations, we are excited about the future of our region. In this annual report, we are thrilled to share with you the partnerships and projects we supported from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

After reflecting on our grant application process, we realized the need to implement two grant application categories with separate cycles. The first cycle was dedicated to projects that had smaller funding needs. The HOPE, helping others pursue excellence, grant is designed specifically for organizations requesting one-time funding up to \$25,000 for a project. The HOPE grant cycle will open twice per year until designated funds have been exhausted.

The second grant application cycle was dedicated to larger project requests. The IMPACT, investing in meaningful projects advancing community transformation, grant is designed for organizations requesting either a single-year or multi-year disbursement of funds for projects totaling more than \$25,000. This larger grant application cycle will occur once per year.

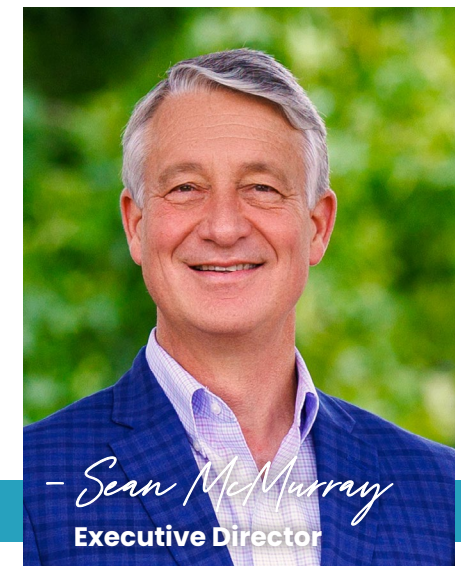
To date, the Wellspring Foundation has committed a total of \$9.16 million to projects supporting our communities. These projects spread their collective impact across our service region which is comprised of the Virginia counties of Washington, Grayson, Russell and Smyth. The projects also touched on one or more of our five areas of interest which are health, children & families, workforce development, education and economic development.

As we dive deeper into the major issues impacting our region, we continue to meet organizations to learn more about the work being done to address these challenges and where collaboration and partnership opportunities exist to enhance the benefits to our communities.

We are grateful to have begun the process of partnering with organizations throughout our four-county service area by providing much-needed resources that will enable them to enhance the health and wellbeing of residents in their respective communities. As we move ahead, we look forward to announcing collaborative efforts that will have a lasting, transformative impact on our region.

Sincerely,

Marvin Gilliam, Chair of the Board of Directors
Sean McMurray, Executive Director



About Us

The Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia was created in late 2021 following the sale of the Foundation's minority ownership stake in Johnston Memorial Hospital (JMH). That sale established Wellspring Foundation as a local, independent private foundation focused on serving the needs of the Virginia residents of Washington, Grayson, Russell and Smyth counties.

The Wellspring Foundation humbly bears the responsibility to care for the funds we've been entrusted to steward. Our mission is to ensure the projects we support and the partnerships we cultivate will have a lasting impact on our region and will promote a healthy and thriving Southwest Virginia for generations to come.

Our Mission

To enhance the health and wellbeing for the Virginia residents of Washington, Grayson, Russell and Smyth counties by cultivating goal-oriented partnerships.

Our Values



Commitment



Compassion



Integrity



Stewardship



Transparency

Service Area & Areas of Interest

Our Vision

Leveraging collaborative partnerships to promote a healthy, thriving region.

Our operating model will emphasize convening people and facilitating discussions to address regional issues. We will accomplish this by:

- Partnering to create systems that support growth and achieve sustainable impact
- Catalyzing new initiatives, programs and projects that fill gaps in our service area
- Grantmaking to non-profit organizations with missions focused on addressing challenges of the communities we serve

2 Grant Opportunities

HOPE Grant

Applications for one-time funding up to \$25,000

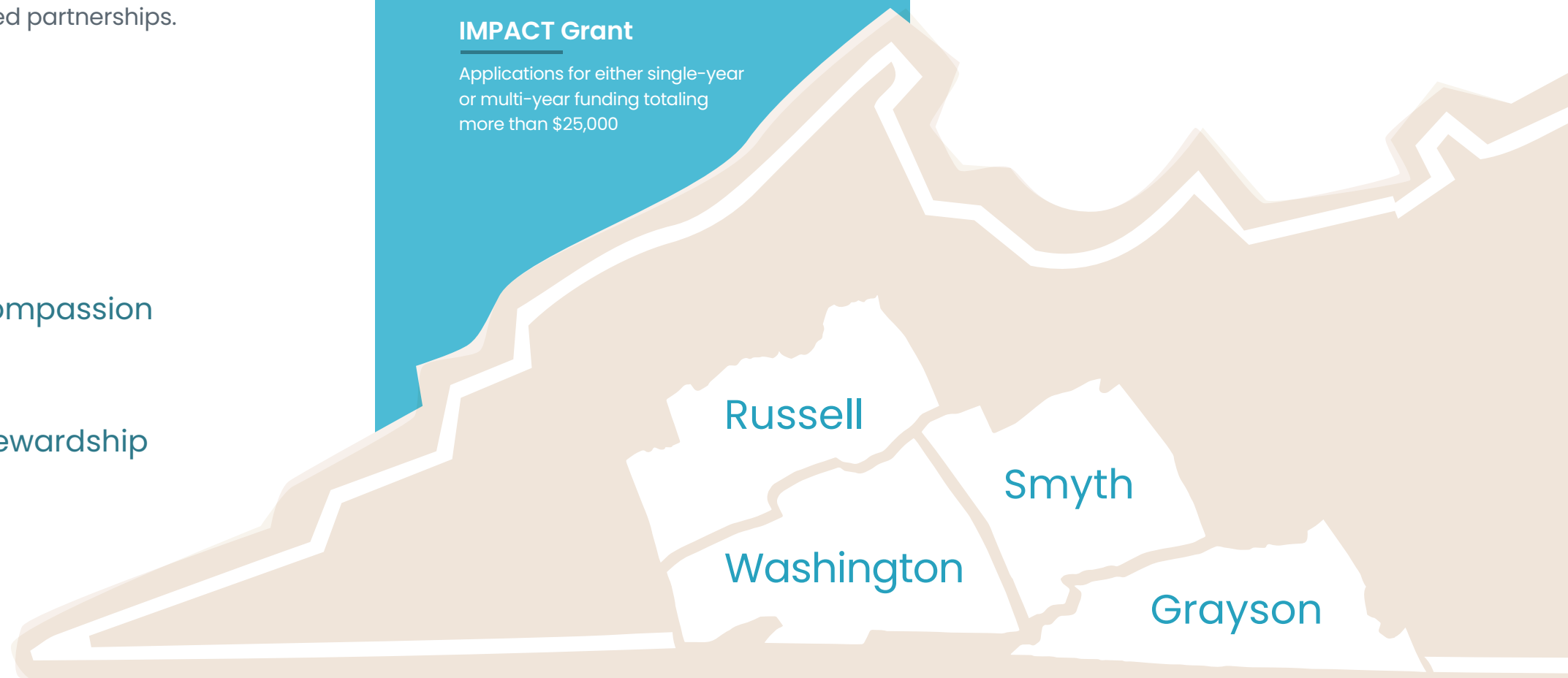
IMPACT Grant

Applications for either single-year or multi-year funding totaling more than \$25,000

Our Five Areas of Interest Include:



- Health
- Children & Families
- Workforce Development
- Education
- Economic Development



Board of Directors

Like you, we are proud to call Southwest Virginia home, which also means we are keenly aware of the challenges rural areas like ours face. Improving the health and wellbeing of our region is complex and requires collaboration among those who live, work and serve in these counties. We seek to address these challenges at their roots, supporting others in ways that will create the maximum impact for our communities.



MARVIN GILLIAM
BOARD CHAIR



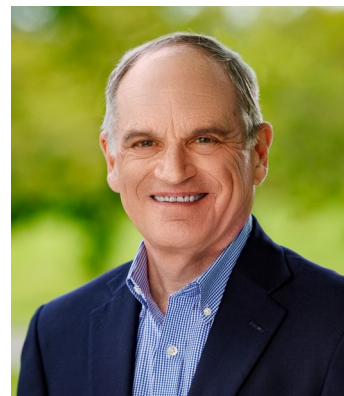
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KAREN ELMORE, M.D.



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STEPHEN SPANGLER

Staff

Like the Board of Directors, the staff at Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia are dedicated to our mission and the people we serve. We look forward to partnering with local and regional organizations as they work to address the complex issues impacting our communities.



SEAN MCMURRAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SUSAN ABEL
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



RUSTY LITTLE
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



COURTNEY STRINGER
DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT



JENNIFER GUENTER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

FY24 Grant Commitments

HOPE Grants

- Grayson County Dental Screening
○● Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center
www.appalachianhighlandsdental.com
- Virtual Reality for Training & Career Exploration
○● Mount Rogers Regional Partnership
www.mountrogersregion.com
- Russell County Dental Screening
○● Appalachian Highlands Community Dental Center
www.appalachianhighlandsdental.com
- Cardinal News Health Reporter
●● Path Partnerships
www.cardinalnews.org
- Two-Part Outdoor Education Initiative
●● Blue Ridge Discovery Center
www.blueridgediscoverycenter.org
- Medical Debt Relief for Washington, Grayson, Russell, Smyth
●● RIP Medical Debt
www.unduemedicaldebt.org
- Audiometer Purchase
●● Bristol Regional Speech & Hearing Center
www.brsh.org
- Automated External Defibrillators for Law Enforcement
○● Russell County Sheriff's Office
www.russellcountyva.gov
- Developmental Milestones for Babies
●● Mount Rogers Health District
www.vdh.virginia.gov/mount-rogers
- Zipline & Low Ropes Course Repair
●● Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center
www.swva4hcenter.org
- Safe Sleep for Babies
●● Mount Rogers Health District
www.vdh.virginia.gov/mount-rogers
- Powerful Partnerships-Engaging Families for Student Success
○● Valley Institute Elementary School
vies.wcs.k12.va.us/o/valley

IMPACT Grants

- DaVinci Surgical Robot
●● Johnston Memorial Hospital
www.balladhealth.org/locations/hospitals/johnston-memorial
- Southwest Virginia Regional Simulation Lab for Nursing and Allied Health
●● Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center Foundation
www.swcenter.edu
- Workforce Development Pilot Program
○● Mount Rogers Community Services
www.mountrogers.org
- More Than Bed Pans (Health Sciences Program Equipment)
○● Washington County Career & Technical Education Center
wcctec.wcs.k12.va.us/o/wcctec

Total Commitment
\$9,164,575.01

*From inception through June 30, 2024.

- Grayson
- Russell
- Smyth
- Washington

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