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## **The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Awards over \$12 million in Grants Locally in 2018**

*Foundation's giving continues enduring commitment to the Milwaukee area*

MILWAUKEE, WI - The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation announced today that it has awarded more than \$12 million in grants in 2018 to organizations in Milwaukee and throughout the state that are improving education, promoting arts and culture, and strengthening families and communities. This year's giving continues the Foundation's commitment to advancing the legacy of the Bradley brothers, Lynde and Harry, who strongly supported groups that enhanced the quality of life in southeastern Wisconsin.

“Like our founders, we take great pride in our Milwaukee heritage and feel responsible for ensuring that the Foundation's philanthropy continues to have a lasting, positive impact on the community,” said Rick Graber, President and CEO of The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation. “Our grant recipients are doing incredible work, often unrecognized, because they believe in the dignity of every person and because of their commitment to creating a vibrant community life in the Milwaukee area.”

As in previous years, this year's grant recipients are varied - a new high school dedicated to preparing students to build lives of purpose, a center that counsels at-risk men, and an organization building a vibrant film culture in the Milwaukee area. While all Bradley Foundation grantees make a significant impact in the community, below are a few highlights:

### **ARTS & CULTURE**

**Milwaukee Ballet:** \$500,000 to support its campaign to build a new facility. The new center will include seven dance studios, allowing the Ballet to meet the increasing demands of its Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy and deepen collaboration with community partners.

**Milwaukee Film:** \$75,000, a first-time grant from The Bradley Foundation, to support general operations. MKE Film was founded with the goals of producing a world-class film festival to rival the world's largest and building a robust, community-based film culture in the Greater Milwaukee Area.

**Wisconsin Conservatory of Music:** \$250,000 to support its campaign to improve its historic building and establish a scholarship fund. The largest employer of music educators in Wisconsin, the Conservatory has vowed to find ways to enable any child to take a music lesson there if they wish.

### **COMMUNITIES & FAMILY**

**Alma Center:** \$125,000 to support its work in healing personal trauma that perpetuates family and community violence. Launched in 2004, Alma Center primarily works with at-risk men or those involved in the criminal justice system, with a particular focus on men who have a history of domestic abuse.

**Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services:** \$100,000 for programs that place licensed counselors on site in Milwaukee private schools. The ten-year-old program provides child and adolescent out-patient and day treatment services to students who need additional support to overcome developmental, social, and emotional challenges.

## **EDUCATION**

**Center for Urban Teaching:** \$200,000 to support its efforts to recruit, prepare, and support high-performing urban teachers and leaders for choice, charter, and public schools. Founded in 2001 at Wisconsin Lutheran College, CfUT has significantly improved the academic outcomes of children taught by teachers who participate in their program.

**Kingdom Prep Lutheran High:** \$200,000 to support operating expenses in the school's first year. Kingdom Prep, an all-boys high school committed to faith, service, experience and excellence, opened its doors to its first class of ninth grade young men in the fall of 2018.

**Lakeland University:** \$275,000 to support economics programs within the Office for the Advancement of Free Enterprise Education. This follows on the heels of a \$250,000 grant the Foundation awarded to Lakeland in 2017 to support a new cooperative education program aimed at providing valuable professional experience and reducing student debt.

***About the Bradley Foundation*** Founded in 1985, the Milwaukee-based Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation supports projects and organizations that strengthen families and communities, inform and educate citizens, advance economic growth and encourage self-reliance. The Foundation's approach to philanthropy is guided by four core principles: fidelity to the Constitution with its principles of limited government, federalism, separation of powers, and individual liberties; commitment to free markets; dedication to the formation of informed and capable citizens; and commitment to the institutions of civil society that cultivate individuals capable of self-governance.

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