The Kenosha Community Foundation operates in compliance with the National Standards for Community Foundations as set forth by the Council on Foundations.
About the Foundation
Established in 1926, the Foundation is a community philanthropic organization organized to receive charitable gifts of any size and create endowment funds whose income is used to advance civic, cultural, educational, health and welfare causes in Kenosha County. We are a tax-exempt public charity that manages philanthropic funds. From these funds, we annually award grants (to not-for-profit organizations) for programs responsive to community needs and scholarships to area students. 

Our Family of Funds

Named Endowment Funds
The Foundation distributes proceeds of the following funds to non-profit organizations:
- Howard J. Brown Endowment Fund
- Advantage Bank Officers and Directors Fund
- Mary Frost Ashley Endowment
- Enroth Family Endowment • Jessie R. Hopf Endowment
- Ralph and Frances A. Jaeschke Fund
- A. Allan and Isabel M. Jankus Fund
- Kenosha News Fund • Orvis Family Endowment
- Kathleen Steunike Legacy Fund • Charles Veprius Fund

Charles and Kathryn Heide Endowment Funds

Field of Interest Funds
Via a competitive process, the Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations in an area of interest from the following funds:
- Clark-Barber Family Fund • Kenosha Arts Fund
- Kubasiewicz Family Trust • LaFave Family Fund
- OMC Legacy Fund • Women’s Fund

Scholarship Funds
The Foundation awards scholarships to area students with proceeds from the following funds:
- Bradford High School Class of 61 Scholarship Fund
- Irene E. Neislon Scholarship at St. James Church

The Foundation’s Cropley Scholarship
- Herman and Virginia Gundlach Scholarships
- Henry A. Link Scholarship Fund
- Mary Louise Link Scholarship Fund
- A. Allan and Isabel M. Jankus Scholarship Fund
- Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund
- Manny Mitika Fund

Donor Advised Funds
The Foundation manages the following funds, established by individuals and businesses, where donors recommend grant awards from the proceeds:
- Balmes Family Fund • John Herbert Barth Fund
- Bel-Art Chemroupon Fund • Marion Graf Fund
- Anne Heide Fund • Robert Loss Fund
- BMO Harris (formerly M & I) Corporate Fund
- Gene F. Soens Fund • TST Fund for Cultural Projects
- Eleden and Ruth Weiss Fund • Weir Family Fund

Organizational Endowment Funds
The Foundation manages endowment proceeds whose donors will benefit a designated Kenosha area organization:
- Verne and Doris Gantzer Funds
- Brookside Care Center Endowment
- Green Ridge Cemetery
- Habitat for Humanity — Kenosha

Hospice Alliance Foundation
Kemper Center, Inc. Fund • Kemper Center Foundation
Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc.
- Kenosha Community Youth as Resources
- Kenosha Public Museums

Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum (KTEC)
Kenosha Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund
Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.
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ary Square School • Open Wings Learning Center
- Women and Children’s Horizon

In 2018, the Foundation distributed $970,007 in grants and sponsorships to not-for-profit organizations that serve Kenosha County and in scholarships to area students.

2018 Distributions by Sector

- Arts and Culture
- Community Support and Development
- Scholarships
- Education and Youth Programs
- Health & Social Services

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