

## **Union Pacific Awards Nearly \$5.1 Million to 543 Organizations to Build Safe, Vibrant Communities**

Community Ties Giving Program provides local impact to strengthen communities and build diversity

**OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 6, 2023** – Union Pacific Railroad's Community Ties Giving Program proudly awarded nearly \$5.1 million in local grants, benefiting 543 nonprofit organizations across its 23-state system. The grants support initiatives centered around the railroad's key areas of giving: safety, workforce development, community spaces and environmental sustainability.

Millions of residents within underserved communities across Union Pacific's network are poised to witness positive transformations through these grants. By backing organizations that prioritize fairness and inclusion, the funds are paving the way for enhanced job training, improved public areas, and safer neighborhoods.

"Union Pacific understands the role it plays in shaping the future of our communities, and creating a more sustainable, brighter future," said Union Pacific President and Union Pacific Foundation President Beth Whited. "By championing safety, nurturing talent through workforce development, creating enriching community spaces, and paving the way for a sustainable environment, we are investing in a brighter tomorrow."

Organizations received grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$25,000. The application process opens annually in April, and is competitive, ensuring a fair opportunity for all eligible entities.

More details about Union Pacific's Community Ties Giving Program or to apply for a grant can be found at <a href="https://www.up.com/communityties">up.com/communityties</a>.

## **ABOUT UNION PACIFIC**

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at <a href="https://www.up.com">www.up.com</a>.

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## 2024 Grants

Illinois: \$495,000

Belleville Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Southwestern Illinois

Brookfield Chicago Zoological Society

Carol Stream Outreach Community Ministries Inc
Chicago Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation
Chicago Black Ensemble Theater Corporation

Chicago Sinfonietta Inc

Chicago Devcorp North

Chicago Friends Of The Forest Preserves
Chicago Mission Of Our Lady Of Mercy

Chicago Share Our Spare

Chicago Women Entrepreneurs Grow Global

Chicago Big Shoulders Fund

Chicago Boys & Girls Clubs Of Chicago Inc

Chicago HIRE360

Chicago Jane Addams Resource Corporation

Chicago La Casa Norte

Chicago Poder Learning Center
Chicago Reflections Foundation

Chicago The Chicago Lighthouse For People Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired

Chicago Cares Inc

Chicago Forest Preserve Foundation
Chicago Historic Pullman Foundation Inc
Chicago YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Des Plaines Maryville Academy

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East Peoria Junior Achievement of Central Illinois

Elgin Nuts Bolts & Thingamajigs The Foundation Of The Fabricators And Manufacturers

Evanston Youth Job Center Of Evanston Inc

Evanston Art Encounter

Geneva Marklund Childrens Home Geneva Northern Illinois Food Bank

Glen Ellyn Glen Ellyn Community Resource Center
Glenview Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago

Hines Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana

Hoffman Estates Gigis Playhouse Inc

Lisle Ray Graham Association For People With Disabilities

Maywood Fine Arts Association

McHenry Pioneer Center For Human Services

Oak Park Area Arts Council

Park Ridge Have Dreams

Pontiac Humble Design Inc

Rockford Rockford Park District Foundation
South Holland Chicagoland Prison Outreach

Springfield Looking For Lincoln Heritage Coalition

Springfield Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation

Watseka Options Center For Independent Living Inc

Watseka Volunteer Services Of Iroquois County
Waukegan Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep

Wheaton Dupage P A D S Inc

Wheaton Habitat For Humanity International Inc Wilmington Wilmington Rotary Charitable Fund