



February 2020 Newsletter

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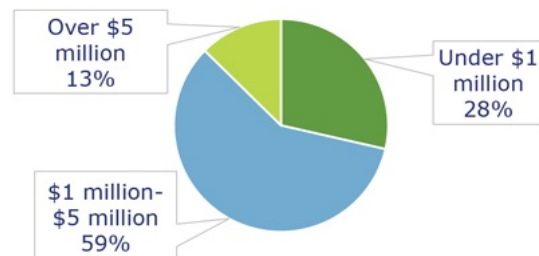
MANY HANDS UPDATES

2020 Applications by the Numbers

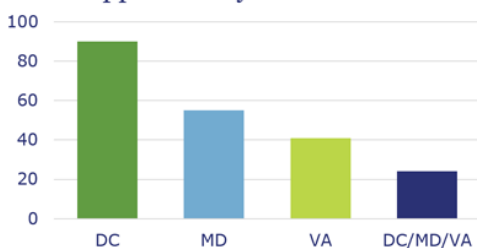
This year Many Hands received a record-setting 138 applications, of which 119 met the grant eligibility criteria. The Focus Area Committees are now two weeks into the process of reviewing those applications. As in past years, the Education Committee (pictured above) received the largest number of proposals, representing nearly 40% of the total. The Health Committee was second, with 26% of the applications, followed by Job Readiness at 19% and Housing at 15%.

Collectively the applicants represent \$275 million in annual economic activity in the greater Washington region. Thirty-four have budgets under \$1 million; 70 organizations spend between \$1 million and \$5 million each year; and 15 manage annual budgets between \$5 million and \$10 million. Applicants in Housing are slightly larger on average, with a median budget of \$2 million compared to \$1.4 million for organizations applying in the other focus areas.

Applicants by Budget



Applicants by Service Area



There is considerable diversity among the applicants in terms of experience and the areas they serve. The newest organizations just meet the minimum criterion of five years in operations; the oldest was founded in 1924. Just over three-quarters of the applicants operate in DC; nearly half operate in Maryland; one-third provide services in Virginia; and one-fifth are active in all three jurisdictions. Finally, 16 organizations serve clients

funding.

For more information about the Many Hands grant process, including eligibility requirements, [click here](#). Applications for the next grant cycle will be accepted in fall 2020.

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 14

Join Many Hands any time before the May 14 annual meeting to hear presentations by the four finalist organizations and vote for the nonprofit that you believe should receive the 2020 Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grant. Together, Many Hands members are making a lasting difference in the lives of Washington, DC-area women, children, and families in need while becoming better informed donors and more engaged members of their community. For more information about membership, [click here](#). To sign up today, [click here](#).



Ways to Give - Appreciated Stock



There are many ways to make your gift to Many Hands. In addition to contributions made online or by check (including gifts made via donor-advised funds), Many Hands gratefully accepts donations of securities. Donating appreciated stock can have both tax and investment advantages. Yet according to Fidelity Charitable, only one-fifth of donors who own appreciated assets take advantage of

this vehicle for giving. Please consult a financial advisor for additional information and contact Treasurer Wendy Gray at treasurer@manyhandsdc.org for details on how to give.

MEMBERS' CORNER

Volunteer with Many Hands at Greater DC Diaper Bank - Wednesday, February 12

Many Hands members and prospective members are invited to a fun, educational evening hosted by 2019 and 2016 Many Hands Partner Grantee [Greater DC Diaper Bank](#). We will be bundling diapers and getting a sneak peak at Diaper Bank's new warehouse space--made possible in part by Many Hands support--with Executive Director and Washingtonian of the Year Corinne Cannon.



When: Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Greater DC Diaper Bank, [8860 Monard Drive](#), Silver Spring

To sign up, [click here](#). Once you have registered, you will receive a link to Diaper Bank's volunteer waiver. If you would like to bring a few items to help stock Diaper Bank's new shelves, [click here](#) to see their wish list.

NEWS FROM OUR GRANTEES

Friends of Guest House Documentary Premieres

Many Hands members joined [Friends of Guest House](#) residents, staff, and supporters on January 30 for the local premiere of *Guest House*, a



feature documentary produced and directed by Hannah Dweck and Yael Luttwak. The film highlights the work of Friends of Guest House, the 2018 recipient of the Many Hands \$100,000 Impact Grant.

Guest House follows three women for six months as they navigate the road back to life on their own after being released from prison. As residents at Friends of Guest House, they face the daily challenge of mastering a new environment, new routines, and new freedom while battling addiction. By turns reflective, funny, and hopeful, they shatter the wall that hides the reality of the criminal justice system from most of the population.

Since its founding in 1974, Friends of Guest House has helped more than 4,000 women convicted of non-violent offenses reenter the community. With 30 beds, it is the largest residential program for formerly incarcerated women in Virginia. More than 400 women apply for the roughly 60 slots available each year. Once clients graduate from the residential program, they can continue to receive services through the Aftercare program for two years. Eight Aftercare participants currently live in a home purchased by Friends of Guest House with support from Many Hands.

For more information about *Guest House*, including a link to the trailer and future screening dates, [click here](#). To learn more about the movie and the work that inspired it, [click here](#) for a recent story from WAMU. To visit Friends of Guest House at its original location in the Del Ray section of Alexandria, [click here](#). Tours and information sessions are offered monthly.

[Join Many Hands Today!](#)

Many Hands is a women's grantmaking organization committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of Washington, DC area women, children, and families in need and to helping its members become well-informed donors. Many Hands is a 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

