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With the awarding of the 2026-2027 community grants, the Houston Junior Forum will impact the lives of over 37,200 people in the greater Houston area this year. From a total of 33 applications (10 service sites and 23 nonservice sites), HJF awarded \$160,068 to 10 service sites and 9 nonservice sites. While HJF's grant funding remained about the same as last year (\$157,840), grant applications increased by 18%, reflecting the current reductions in available charitable funding nationwide.

The organizations receiving grants represent a cross section of our mission's support groups (children (14), youth (13), women (5), and seniors (6)). Winning grant recipients are: Catholic Charities' *Blessed Beginnings* program, CCSC's *Back to School* project, Community of Houston (COR), Gracewood's *Life Center*, Holly Hall's new maintenance vehicle project, Houston Food Bank's *Back Pack Buddies* program, Interfaith Ministries' *Meals on Wheels* program, Kid's Meals's summer meals program, San Jose Clinic's PAP smear program, Houston Health Foundation/See to Succeed's I Care Tonometer for their new mobile unit, Sight into Sound's new equipment, SpringSpirit's college awareness program, Third Age Learning Center (TALC) food for meals, The Harris School's sensory regulation room, and Undies for Everyone.

Grants are awarded annually to HJF's service sites and selected non-service sites. Organizations with 501c designation that align with HJF's mission are encouraged to apply. Grant applications are due in March and awarded in May. Grantees must use grants between June and February, and submit a final report by the end of February. Any unused grant money must be returned. Apply for a grant by emailing HJF: [hjfccommunitygrants@gmail.com](mailto:hjfcommunitygrants@gmail.com).