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BAMA WORKS FUND ANNOUNCES \$669,500 OF GRANTS TO 88 NONPROFITS

Charlottesville, VA, August 2022 – The Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce its Spring 2022 grant funding decisions, totaling nearly than \$670,000 and supporting 88 nonprofits throughout the region. With this round of grants, the Bama Works Fund extends its twenty-plus years of commitment to Charlottesville and the surrounding counties.

The Fund supported a wide range of organizations this cycle, including youth mentoring programs, environmental initiatives, and food security causes. As always, funding priority was given to organizations impacting lives in the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Orange. Click [here](#) for a full list of July 2022 grant recipients.

Established in 1999, The Fund has now awarded more than 2,600 grants totaling more than \$27 million. Since its inception, The Fund has operated under the philosophy that meaningful and long-lasting change begins in the community. Both prior to and during the pandemic The Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band has shown unwavering support for those most vulnerable in our region, supporting nonprofits and community-based initiatives that are working to ensure that everyone in our region can thrive.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the band has contributed more than \$12 million and other forms of support to local initiatives and ongoing work, including:

- the Community Emergency Response Fund and Community Recovery & Catalyst grants that were facilitated by the Community Foundation.
- renovations at Premier Circle for emergency shelter use – part of the Collaboration to End Homelessness, a strategic partnership of housing-related nonprofits that was catalyzed by a first-of-its-kind \$4.25 million grant from the Community Foundation.
- additional initiatives the Band has supported include the World Central Kitchen for emergency food support, provision of preschool supplies, COVID-19 vaccination centers, virtual fundraisers, and the planting of 2 million trees.

“With this most recent round of grants, the band reaffirms its deep commitment to supporting our community and the impact of our area nonprofits,” says Ethan Tate, Donor Relations Manager for Donor-Advised Grantmaking. “Through more than twenty years of support, through grantmaking and other forms of support, the band continues to strengthen their legacy of generosity that supports communities and nonprofits throughout the region. We remain deeply grateful for the band’s partnership and vision.”

Twice each year, the Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band at the Community Foundation awards gifts through a competitive grant cycle. The current application period opened on July 1st, with an application deadline of September 1st. Click [here](#) for more info.

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The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation was established in 1967 as an engine for positive change in Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Orange. The Community Foundation works with local residents, nonprofits, and public and private organizations to facilitate philanthropy and create an equitable region where everybody can thrive. For more information, visit www.cacfonline.org.