

# Featured Grantees



(Warren, December 10, 2018) – The

Raymond John Wean Foundation Board of Directors held their final quarterly meeting of the year on Tuesday, December 4. Grants totaling \$79, 838 were awarded to two Valley organizations strengthening leadership development and increasing civic engagement.

December Grantees are:

[Youngstown State University, Center for Nonprofit Leadership](#) –

In support of its Nonprofit Leadership Summer Honors Internship Program which connects regional nonprofit and public sector organizations with talented YSU students to increase their nonprofit skills and marketability. The 10 interns, undergraduate and graduate, represent various disciplines and majors. This year, perspectives from the University's multicultural student affairs department and various other organizations, which have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to diversity, will be integrated. Contact Professor Laura Dewberry, Center Director, at [LJDewberry@ysu.edu](mailto:LJDewberry@ysu.edu) for more information.

[City Club of the Mahoning Valley](#) – In support of its second

year of programming dedicated to citizen-centric forums designed to “inform, connect and motivate citizens to take action on issues relevant to our region and beyond.” The annual calendar of events utilizes venues, panelists and moderators that resonate with and represent the diversity of Warren and Youngstown residents. Much of the project director’s work in 2019 will be working with a local advisory committee and City Club of Cleveland to build a stronger, more impactful program for the Valley. To learn more, contact Lynn Bilal, CCMV Project Director, at 330.507.3769.

Along with grantmaking, strategic planning has been a primary focus of the Foundation.

Informed by 18 months of reflection and learning, including input from nearly 200 residents, grantees and community stakeholders, the Board of Directors approved its Strategic Direction: 2019 – 2023, a plan designed to provide a framework for the Foundation’s work over the next five years.

Set to launch this January, the plan maps out strategies and key activities to honor the Foundation’s commitment to high-quality grantmaking; strengthening nonprofit organizational capacity; and ensuring the meaningful involvement of residents and organizations in community-building. The Foundation will execute these strategies, appropriate for achieving its vision and mission, through a lens of race, equity and inclusion.