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Community group gives \$200,000 to area organizations

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The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation is awarding roughly \$200,000 in grants this spring to area organizations.

The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank will receive \$100,000 to purchase a vehicle for a mobile food pantry program; the Local Food Hub will receive \$57,185 for the Local and Fresh for the Hungry Program; and \$42,000 will be awarded to Smart Beginnings, a public-private partnership made up of businesses, schools and community agencies that work on early childhood education.

The Smart Beginnings grant includes \$16,000 to the Jefferson Area CHIP; \$10,000 to Children, Youth and Family Services; \$8,000 to Arc of the Piedmont and \$8,000 to United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area.