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ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

In 2022, Landberry Foundation experienced significant growth and expansion in various aspects of the organization. The Foundation grew its portfolio of grants awarded as well as increasing and diversifying funding enabling participation in two strategically important initiatives. Concurrently, growing the Landberry team ensured continued effective and efficient implementation of planned activities. These achievements are detailed below.

Activities

Grantmaking Activities

Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe — In 2021, the Landberry Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe for the Ancestral Land Buyback initiative. The objective of the initiative is acquisition of the waterfront land within the historic extent of the tribe's territory to establish an Indigenous environmental education pavilion and a canoe livery. Both projects would be critical steps toward the desire of the tribe to enhance the financial stability and physical wellbeing of its members, and to create opportunities for younger generations to remain connected to the waterborne culture.

Award Category: Indigenous Land Rematriation

New Awards

Goodwine Gullah/Geechee Legacy Trail Initiative — This year, the Foundation expanded its portfolio of funded initiatives. A \$5,000 award was made to the Goodwine Gullah/Geechee Legacy Trail Initiative in October 2022. This is the Foundation's inaugural project in South Carolina. The funds will be used to support the establishment of the Goodwine Gullah/Geechee Living Legacy Trail, including:

- Motorized stump grinder and additional tools for clearing
- Sand and shells to make the pathway safe and ADA compliant
- Tree survey and tree removal services
- Creation of Gullah/Geechee Living Legacy Kiosks
- Creation of Initial Art Benches
- Obtaining Flora and Fauna Tags
- Cost of Permits for Creation of a Bathroom Area for Pathway Visitors

The progress of this award and a more precise application of the grant funds will be shared in the 2023 Annual Report.

Award Category: Family Land Preservation; African-American Land Tenure

Programs

East Coast Indigenous Landscapes Partnership (ECLIP)

East Coast Indigenous Landscape Partnership (ECLIP) is a flagship initiative of the Landberry Foundation. It aims to establish a strong network of Indigenous community leaders to enable them to effectively protect 30% of Indigenous communities' ancestral lands, waters and encompassed ecological landscapes located on the East Coast of the United States.

In previous years, ECLIP connected with stakeholders from council-led projects in the Rappahannock Tribe (Virginia), Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe (Virginia), and citizen-led projects in the Monacan Indian Nation (Virginia) and the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (North Carolina).

In November 2022, Landberry was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to continue this work. In the forthcoming year, using these funds, we plan to engage with at least 12 additional Indigenous or Afro-Indigenous land rematriation projects.

Fiscally Sponsored Projects

Great Dismal Swamp Stakeholder Collaborative (GDSSC)

Launched in 2019. The [Great Dismal Swamp Stakeholder Collaborative](#) (GDSSC) is a multi-stakeholder initiative with the goal of increasing protections around the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (GDSNWR) and elevate the communities to which the Swamp is tied. The mission of the GDSSC, to strengthen the relationship between cultural, tribal, environmental, and governmental organizations to advance activities that are equitable, inclusive, and mutually beneficial for all stakeholders is directly in line with the Foundation's goals.

In support of the Collaborative, Landberry Foundation will provide fiscal sponsorship for two grants received by the group in 2022: \$10,000 from the Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) in partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); and \$20,000 from The Wilderness Society.

Activities overseen under these grants include a website redesign for the GDSSC, including the integration of a storymap of cultural memory around the Great Dismal Swamp and a video series entitled *Narratives of the Swamp*.

Organizational Management

Founder and Board Member Dr. Alexandra Sutton Lawrence was appointed Executive Director in May 2022, with a compensation agreement not to exceed \$55,000 agreed upon by the board, depending upon receipt of the \$100,000 grant by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Contractor assistance was received from Arina Lekht to prepare this annual report.

Legal advice regarding the proposed Executive Director compensation was received from attorney Jason Qu at the D.C. Bar's Pro Bono Non-Profit Law Clinic.

2022 FINANCIALS

Throughout the 2022 fiscal year, the Landberry Foundation diversified and grew its budget to support organizational mission and strategic objectives of continuous growth and diversification of funding sources. The organization began the year with \$37,629.68.

One significant milestone of this year's fundraising efforts was the receipt of a generous grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, which awarded \$100,000 to support program activities relating to the East Coast Indigenous Landscape Partnership.

The Landberry Foundation also secured two fiscal sponsorships this year. The Wilderness Society contributed \$20,000 toward the Great Dismal Swamp Stakeholder Collaborative (GDSSC), while the Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) grant provided \$10,000 for the same initiative. In line with the Foundation's financial policies, 10% of each award was allocated as a Fiscal Sponsorship Fee and was made available for overall Foundation expenditures.

Landberry ended the year in a strong financial position with an account balance of \$140,812.84. This enables the Foundation to continue operations and meet its programmatic and organizational goals in the coming year.

We look forward to sharing our growth with you.

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