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### **Straker Foundation ‘Starting Out Strong’**

The J.W. & M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation is awarding 15 grants to help some local non-profits, government agencies, and educational institutions start the year out strong. The grants support a variety of initiatives, from grief support for children to the renewal of a much-loved commemorative event.

Starting Out Strong 2022 awards support the following:

- Abbot Senior Living (\$31,447.50; thermostat replacement)
- Careytown (\$10,300.00; STEM-centered after-school and preschool programs)
- FUSE Foundation—Muskingum Starlight Industries (\$16,520.00; software implementation)
- Helen Purcell Home (\$19,821.66; kitchen and Life Enrichment Center completion)
- Homegrown Players (19,918.00; mobile theater project)
- Muskingum County Center for Seniors (\$21,000.00; refreshments and recreation)
- Muskingum County Library System (\$18,735.00; meeting room technology upgrade)
- Muskingum County Soil and Water District (\$17,900.00; Water Quality Bus Trip)
- Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America (\$20,000.00; technology upgrade)
- Muskingum Valley Old Timers Association of Zanesville, Inc. (\$20,000.00; baseball field repair and upgrade)
- Village of New Concord (\$18,000.00; meeting room technology upgrade)
- Zanesville-Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce (\$20,000.00; variety of projects, including supporting Emerging Leaders and upgrading communications technology.)
- West Muskingum High School (\$20,000.00; Digital Media Program support)
- Zane State Cope Camp (6,180.00; grief camp for bereaved children)
- Zane’s Trace Commemoration (\$20,000.00; revival of community festival)

The Straker Foundation will open its Spring 2022 Grant Cycle on February 8. The Foundation’s website (<https://www.strakerfoundation.org/Grant-Application/>) offers more information.

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### **About the J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation**

William and Mary Helen Straker launched the J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation in 1994. Ten descendants of J. William and Mary Helen Straker serve as its board of trustees. The trustees are committed to using J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation funds to support the kinds of projects the Strakers cared

about: programs that foster community growth, enable young people to grow in character and integrity, enhance education, or increase community exposure to the arts and sciences.

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