

Mizuho USA Foundation Awards \$880,000 in Grants in 2023 Launches New Grant Strategy and Programs

Since its formation on January 1, 2003, Mizuho USA Foundation, the U.S.-based charitable foundation of Mizuho Americas, a subsidiary of Japan-based Mizuho Financial Group, has awarded nearly \$14 million in grants to fund innovative programs of forward-looking nonprofits.

In 2023, Mizuho announced a new grantmaking strategy focused on the intersection of technology and equity, supporting innovative nonprofits in New York City that help underrepresented young adults acquire the technical and professional skills necessary to gain access to competitive-wage jobs. We have created two new grant programs, while maintaining our Community Involvement Grants program, and are pleased to announce our first round of awards.

- 1) **FutureReady Grants:** Multi-year grant support for new, signature initiatives that provide training in technology skills, expand exposure and access to career paths, and provide the tools and skills necessary to secure gainful and sustainable employment.

Mizuho's first **FutureReady grantee**, the Marcy Lab School, received a three-year, \$450,000 commitment to support the strategic growth of the alternative-to-college educational nonprofit by developing a second academic major focused on Data Analytics.

- 2) **Opportunity Grants:** General operating support for nonprofits engaged in technology training. In 2023, the Foundation also provided grants to prior-period grantees who support small businesses, entrepreneurs, and unemployed or underemployed New Yorkers in low-income neighborhoods.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$300,000 in **Opportunity Grants** to ten nonprofit organizations in New York City:

1. America On Tech	\$40,000
2. Comprehensive Youth Development	\$30,000
3. COOP Careers	\$30,000
4. Drive Change	\$20,000
5. Genesys Works New York City	\$40,000
6. Grace Institute	\$15,000
7. Grameen America	\$30,000
8. Local Initiatives Support Corp. (NYC)	\$30,000
9. Pursuit Transformation Company	\$30,000
10. Wall Street Bound	<u>\$35,000</u>

Opportunity Grants Total	\$300,000
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The Foundation continues to award grants in support of our employee involvement in local communities through the **Community Involvement Grants** program. In 2023, the Foundation awarded a total of \$130,000 in Community Involvement Grants to sixteen organizations with which Mizuho U.S. offices and employee resource groups volunteered.

1. Atlanta Habitat for Humanity	\$2,000
2. Breaking Ground	\$6,000
3. Capital Area Food Bank	\$2,000
4. Chapter One	\$9,000
5. City Growers	\$2,500
6. City Parks Foundation	\$4,000
7. Concrete Safaris	\$10,000
8. Ellie Fund	\$2,000
9. Encore	\$10,000
10. Girls Inc. of Long Island	\$5,000
11. Good Deeds/9.11 Day	\$40,000
12. iMentor	\$15,000
13. Material for the Arts	\$2,500
14. New York Common Pantry	\$5,000
15. San Francisco-Marin Food Bank	\$5,000
16. Urban Pathways	<u>\$10,000</u>

Community Involvement Grants Total	\$130,000
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The Foundation guidelines, including eligibility requirements and grant application procedures, are available at <https://www.mizuhogroup.com/americas/foundation>.