Twice a year, Lead4Change hosts The Lead4Change Project – a small grants program that showcases the growth of students leaders and funds their ideas for community impact.

The Lead4Change Program takes students on a journey of learning leadership skills through community service. After completing the curriculum, students share their story of growth and impact by requesting additional funding to continue or complete their service project.

Each project addresses a community need and encourages students to develop a creative solution to support that need. We're amazed by the creativity and drive of our students as they use the leadership lessons they learned to create positive change in their communities. It's always difficult for our judges to choose winners as the projects are all meaningful and awe-inspiring.

This year's winners are surely that. Congratulations to all of the April 2024 Projects that will receive funding!

Warren East High School

Bowling Green, KY

Jamisen Abernathy, Educator

Project: Warren East High School FCCLA

Funding: \$7,500

Mercer County Educational Service Center Tri Star Career Compact

High School in Mercer Co., OH Wendee Bertke, Educator

Project: Career Pathways Caring Concessions

Funding: \$3,000

<u>Timothy Edwards Middle School</u>

Windsor, CT

Tanya Bynoe, Educator Project: T.E Change Leaders

Funding: \$10,000

The Chu Family & We Sense Inc

Chapel Hill, NC Ting Chu, Advisor

Project: The Giving Garden

Funding: \$1,000

<u>Turning Point Program, Auglaize County Educational Service</u> <u>Center</u>

High School Students with Special Needs in Wapakoneta, OH

LaZett Daum, Educator Project: Turning Point Funding: \$2,500

Glastonbury High School

Glastonbury, CT

Lauren DeBlois, Educator Project: Baking from the Heart

Funding: \$750

Leigh Community School

High School in Leigh, NE Justine Fischer, Educator

Project: Leigh Youth Advisory Committee Christmas Festival Project

Funding: \$5,000

Forest Park High School

Woodbridge, VA

Susan Gonzalez, Educator Project: Diversity in the Den

Funding: \$7,500

Bridger High School

Bridger, MT

Vicki Kaufman, Educator Project: Ageless Allies Funding: \$2,000

Milton-Union High School

West Milton, OH

Suzanne Kimball, Educator

Project: Milton-Union MVCTC FFA

Funding: \$255

Odessa High School

Odessa, WA

Terri King, Educator

Project: Project RRR: Replace, Refresh, Restore

Funding: \$7,430

Positive Education Program-Phoenix

Param-Heights, OH Julie Lanigan, Educator Project: The Elders Funding: \$3,200

Randolph-Macon Academy

Middle School in Front Royal, VA Daniel Malinconico, Educator

Project: R-MA Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Elementary Excellence)

Funding: \$2,000

BASEC-Belmont

Middle School in Boston, MA Sydney Padgett, Educator

Project: Keepers of the Courtyard

Funding: \$2,300

Fife High School

Fife, WA

Laura Ramos, Educator Project: Trojan Heart 24 Funding: \$10,000

Jackson Milton High School

North Jackson, OH Jeanne Reyes, Educator Project: Blue Jays

Funding: \$500

Assumption High School

Louisville, KY

Mary Ann Steutermann, Advisor

Project: Wag4Wishes - Funding: \$1,000 Project: Teen Free - Funding: \$1,000 Project: Valor4Veterans - Funding: \$4,000

Tonganoxie High School

Tonganoxie, KS

Tracey Waldeier, Educator Project: Inclusion Isn't Scary

Funding: \$10,000

Paulding Exempted Village Schools

High School in Paulding, OH Emily Remaklus, Educator Project: Lunch Chats Funding: \$1,000

Al-Furqan Academy High School in Jacksonville, FL

Amna Mukhtar, Educator Project: NF9K

Funding: \$10,000

Mount Si High School

Snoqualmie, WA Kelly Hawkins, Educator Project: Mount Si DECA Funding: \$1,100