

HPCF 2019 Grant Awards Reception
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Good evening!

Mayor Nancy Rotering cannot be with us tonight but asked me to share a few words on behalf of the City of Highland Park.

Thank you to Nancy, David and the board of directors. We are grateful for your dedication, diligence, time, and hard work.

In December of 2018, the Highland Park City Council approved a grant agreement with the Highland Park Community Foundation. This agreement assigned the Foundation as the fiduciary for \$300,000 in grant funding that was historically disbursed by the City to benefit various local not-for-profit organizations that provide arts and human services programming to City residents.

This agreement brings operational efficiencies to the City and eases the grant seeking burden on local agencies that provide critical services to residents. We chose the Highland Park Community Foundation because this organization has proven itself to be financially solvent, strategically sound, a valued partner for the organizations who receive funds, and an effective administrator of grant making funds. We appreciate that the Foundation furthers the City's core priorities including fiscal responsibility, public safety and community vibrancy. Through the Foundation's thoughtful and thorough grant making process we are able to fill the gaps in funding and make sure that residents' needs are met.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all of the donors at every level and above all, thank you to each and every one of the organizations being recognized tonight.

When we are able to help our neighbors, we all grow as a community. Thank you for your continued impactful efforts. We are so grateful for your important work on behalf of our community.

It is an honor to be with all of you this evening.