

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CONVENTION
CLEVELAND, OHIO, JUNE 29 – JULY 2, 2026**



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Beginning in March 2025, the Project Review Committee met at least once a month to review grant applications as they were received. We have reviewed 92 grants, including requests that were submitted before Convention in June 2024 when the term of the last committee ended and before the term of the current committee began (March 2025). Our process is to review requests, submit our recommendations to the Finance Committee for funding sources, and then to the Executive Committee and/or the National Board for final approval. **We are pleased to report that 56 recommendations from the Project Review Committee have been approved as of June 23, 2026.**

Therefore, it is our great honor to announce that, prior to the start of Convention 2026, National Philoptochos will have granted almost \$2 million to 56 deserving and worthy organizations. The awards are listed, by Metropolis and funding source, on pages 2 and 3. This amazing amount could not have been awarded without the hard work and support of our chapters and their members, and for them we are truly grateful.

In closing, Evanthia and I wish to sincerely thank the ever-faithful members of the Project Review Committee for their steadfast loyalty, insight, time, and diligence in tackling a very important task. Also, we could not have accomplished this tremendous amount of work without the able assistance of Elizabeth Douglass from the National Office. Her organization, tact, and excellent writing skills allowed us to work more efficiently and effectively towards the goal of doing good for our community at large.

The Project Review Committee is extremely proud of all that Philoptochos has accomplished to meet our organizational mission. This has been possible only through the efforts, generosity, and love of the wonderful Philoptochos women across the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Zetes, Chair and Evanthia Valassiades, Co-Chair
Project Review Committee

Project Review & CMF Luncheon Grants 01/01/25 to 12/31/25 by Metropolis						
Metropolis		Organization	Amount	FUND	Metropolis Total	Metropolis
AD	1	OCSC, Fordham Univ -2025	\$20,000	Vasilopita Youth		
	2	Reading is Fun	\$7,500	Vasilopita Youth		
	3	St. Michael's Home	\$22,023.27	Eldercare		
	4	St. Mary's Children's Hospital	\$62,500	CMF		
	5	OCSC, Fordham Univ -2026	\$23,000	2026 V Youth	\$135,023	AD
Atlanta	6	Dance without Limits	\$10,000	CMF		
	7	St. Hermione Home	\$56,420	Social Svcs		
	8	Williams Syndrome	\$30,000	CMF		
	9	Lekotek	\$14,400	CMF		
	10	RMHC of Mobile	\$91,351	CMF		
	11	Atrium Health	\$40,000	CMF		
	12	CMF Luncheon Awards	\$380,325	CMF	\$622,496	Atlanta
Boston					\$0	Boston
Chicago	13	Marklund Children's Home	\$25,000	CMF		
	14	Park Nicolett Foundation	\$10,000	CMF		
	15	La Casa Norte	\$15,000	Social Svcs		
	16	STARS Family Services	\$6,832	Autism	\$56,832	Chicago
Denver	17	Children's Mercy Hospital	\$35,000	CMF	\$35,000	Denver
Detroit	18	Hope Recovery	\$20,000	Social Svcs		
	19	Le Bonheur Children's Hospital	\$59,990	CMF	\$79,990	Detroit
New Jersey	20	American Friends for the Blind in Greece	\$15,000	Aid to Greece		
	21	Deirdre's House	\$60,000	Vasilopita Youth	\$75,000	New Jersey
Pittsburgh	22	W.VA Univ. Medicine Children's Hospital	\$8,799.98	CMF		
	23	Orthodox Volunteer Corps	\$20,000	Vasilopita Youth	\$28,799.98	Pittsburgh
San Francisco					\$0	San Francisco
		sub-total			\$1,033,141.25	
Ministries	24	U.N. Girls Program	\$30,000	Vasilopita Youth		
	25	St. Photios National Shrine - 2024	\$25,000	St. Photios		
	26	St. Photios National Shrine - 2025	\$34,707	St. Photios		
	27	St. Chrysostom Oratorical	\$15,000	Vasilopita Youth		
	28	Orthodox Christian Fellowship	\$35,398	OCF		
	29	UNICEF	\$30,000	UNICEF		
	30	Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans	\$16,100	Aid to Greece		
		sub-total			\$186,205.00	Ministries
		Total Project Review & CMFL Awards			\$1,219,346.25	TOTAL

Project Review Grants from 01/01/26 to 06/19/2026 by Metropolis

Metropolis		Organization	Amount	FUND	Metropoli s Total	Metropolis
AD	1	Luv Michael	\$25,000	Autism /Major Illnesses		
	2	Kids in Crisis	\$25,000	CMF		
	3	Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry	\$30,000	OCPM & Admin.		
	4	New York Presbyterian Hospital	\$18,332	CMF		
	5	New Alternatives for Children*	\$25,000	CMF	\$123,332	AD
Atlanta	6	Families of Children Under Stress	\$26,000	CMF	\$26,000	Atlanta
Boston	7	Health Imperatives - Penelope's Place	\$40,820	Social Services	\$40,820	Boston
Chicago	8	Greek American Rehabilitation & Care	\$50,001	Eldercare		
	9	Center for Enriched Living	\$31,007	Cancer/Major Illnesses		
	10	Angelman Syndrome*	\$25,000	CMF		
	11	Stroger Hospital of Cook County*	\$22,828	CMF	\$128,836	Chicago
Denver	12	Love Fund for Children	\$20,000	CMF		
	13	St. Luke's Foundation - St. Joseph's Hospital	\$48,973	CMF		
	14	Bags of Fun*	\$15,000	CMF	\$83,973	Denver
Detroit					\$0	Detroit
New Jersey						
	15	Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters*	\$15,000	CMF		
	16	Morristown Medical Center*	\$20,000	CMF	\$35,000	New Jersey
Pittsburgh	17	The Neighborhood Resilience Project	\$50,000	Convention 2024	\$50,000	Pittsburgh
San Francisco	18	St. Andrew Academy*	\$24,575	Convention 2024	\$24,575	San Francisco
		Metropolis subtotal			\$512,536	Metropolis
Cyprus						
	19	Voice for Autism*	\$20,000	Aid to Greece/Cyprus		
	20	Parents & Friends of Special Needs Children	\$5,800	Aid to Greece/Cyprus		
		Cyprus subtotal			\$25,800	Cyprus
Ministries	21	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival	\$15,000	Vasilopita Youth		
	22	International Orthodox Christian Charities	\$100,000	IOCC		
	23	Girl Delegates to the United Nations	\$36,975	Vasilopita Youth		
	24	Young Adult League - YAL Diakonia Project	\$10,000	Social Services		
	25	Orthodox Christian Fellowship*	\$10,000	Convention 2024		
		Ministries subtotal			\$171,975	Ministries
		Total Project Review Awards			\$710,311	TOTAL
		* pending Executive Committee approval on 6/23/26				