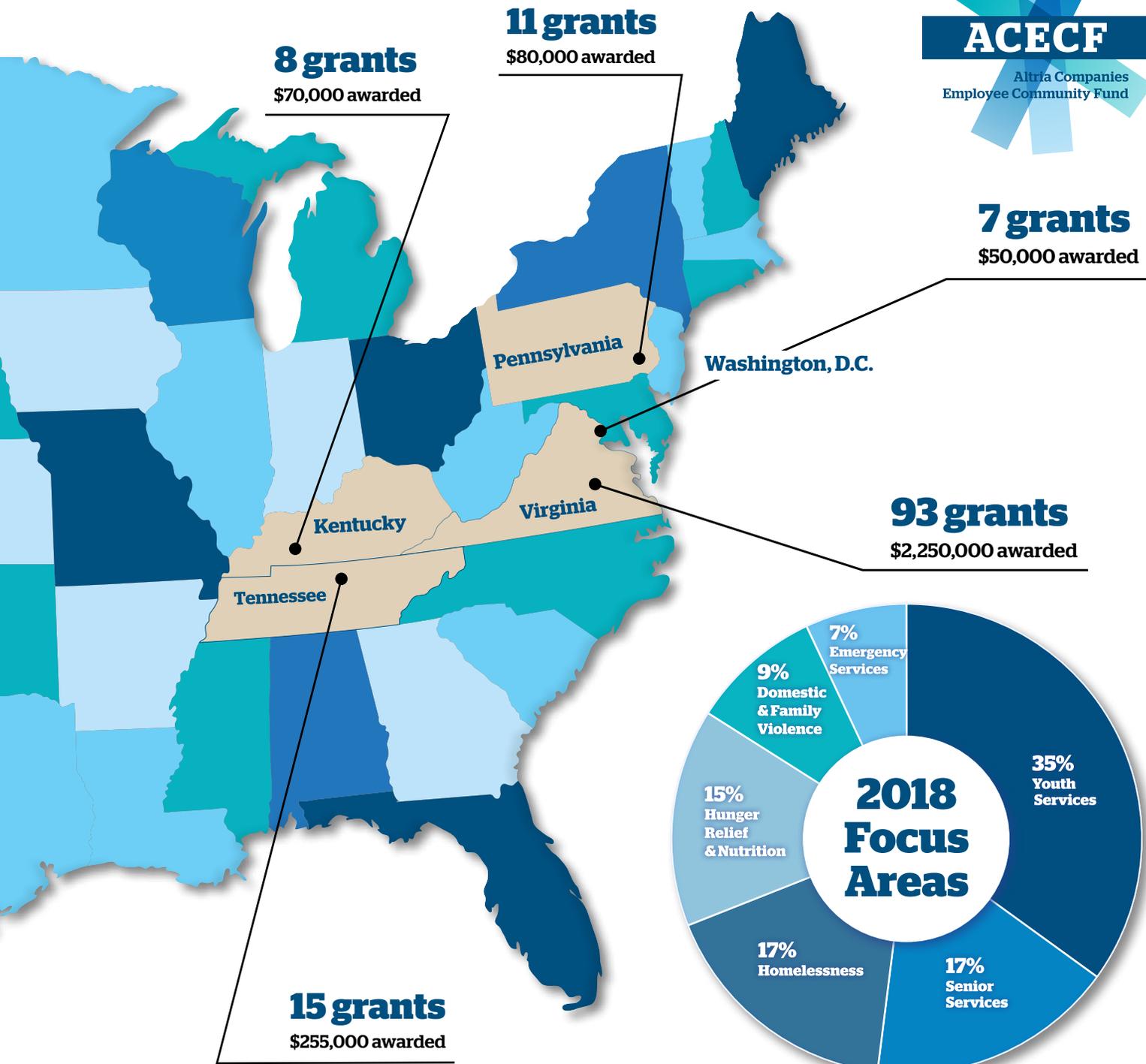


# 134 grants. \$2.7 million.

Supporting the communities where we work and live, while uniting and empowering employees. Since 2000, the ACECF has raised more than **\$56 million**

and awarded **2,247 grants** to local and regional organizations.



ACECF distributes grants in states where it is registered and where Altria's companies have operations. Every dollar raised directly supports local nonprofits. In each community, a committee of employees from Altria's companies annually selects ACECF grant recipients. To learn more, go to [www.altria.com/ACECF](http://www.altria.com/ACECF).



# 2018 ACECF

When we created the ACECF in 2000, Altria's employees wanted their donations to go further and deeper into their communities. And for the past 17 years, we've directed our contributions to charities that affect the underserved and projects that make the biggest impact possible.

## Here's a sample of this year's grantees:



Virginia

**\$30,000**  
awarded

It's hard to move up in the world if you don't have any sense of self-worth. Through compassion, empathy and outreach, CARITAS helps society's most vulnerable members break the cycle of homelessness and addiction to reclaim their dignity. Whether it's helping with affordable housing searches or running Central Virginia's only furniture bank, CARITAS fights a never-ending battle to help people get back on their feet.



Kentucky

**\$7,500**  
awarded

Serving nine counties in western Kentucky, Sanctuary, Inc. provides preventative and restorative services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Started in 1982 as a walk-in counseling center, the organization offers a broad spectrum of support, including medical services, legal representation, transitional housing, counseling and therapy groups, and public education outreach.



Pennsylvania

**\$4,000**  
awarded

Sometimes it seems like an uphill struggle, but the YWCA Tri-County Area works every day to empower women and eliminate racism. The YWCA makes an enormous impact in its community, helping the women of central Pennsylvania with civil rights advocacy, health and childcare programs, financial planning courses, and tutoring and job skills training.



Tennessee

**\$20,000**  
awarded

Since 1993, Operation Stand Down Tennessee has been empowering veterans to live their American dream. Their philosophy is simple: prevent veteran hardships by providing comprehensive support to returning veterans and their families. Offering everything from temporary housing to employment services to family counseling to life and domestic skills programs, OSDT makes sure that veterans aren't left behind once they leave active duty.



Washington, D.C.

**\$5,000**  
awarded

The nation's first community kitchen, DC Central Kitchen targets the cycle of hunger and poverty. They fight hunger differently by training jobless adults for culinary careers and then hiring dozens of their own graduates to prepare more than 3 million meals for homeless shelters, schools, and nonprofits each year. Through their partnerships with colleges and universities around the country, DC Central Kitchen is making their models and programs scalable nationwide.

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