

Community Foundation of Middlesex County 2007-2008 Competitive Grants - Approved

2007 - 2008 Competitive Grants Approved by the Board of Directors		
Recipient & Purpose	Amount	Focus Area
ARTFARM, Inc. for Shakespeare in the Grove to develop an Apprentice Program aimed to train and mentor talented young persons to participate in the summer production of Shakespeare in the Grove at Middlesex Community College.	\$4,500	Arts
Incarnation Center to bring professional artisans to enrich the Nature's Class Room childcare center's after school programs.	\$4,000	Arts
Ivoryton Library to demystify opera with six programs in tri-town venues in cooperation with Community Music School, CT Opera Company and the Chester Elementary Opera Theater which will perform at the Ivoryton Playhouse.	\$2,500	Arts
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation for one-hour summer shows for young children in the Playhouse's Summer Children's Theatre Series.	\$3,000	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse to develop a new Arts Curriculum Initiative and expand arts experiences for Neighborhood Troupes in Middletown's low-income neighborhoods.	\$4,500	Arts
Tracy Art Center for Phase II Organizational Capacity Building including support for bookkeeping and an office administrator to improve Center's management.	\$3,000	Arts
Cross Street Training & Academic Center Cross Street Afterschool Tutorial Program for tutorial services for K-12 students performing below grade level and a summer program to improve academic performance.	\$3,000	Education
Estuary Council of Senior Clubs for Employee Training & Development to increase employee retention rates by offering employee training and development for a variety of job level skills.	\$4,750	Education
Literacy Volunteers of Central CT to increase the capacity of the Greater Middletown Program to meet its mission in a newly merged venture with	\$4,000	Education

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Middletown School Readiness Council for Story Train to Reading Readiness/Reading is Fundamental to bring performances to 350 low-income preschoolers in 8 Middletown preschools and childcare programs in partnership with CT Storytelling Center.	\$4,500	Education
North End Action Team for The Democracy Project to engage 15 North End children in civic engagement activities including meetings with political organizations, candidates and citizens to learn about the importance of voting.	\$1,500	Education
Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center for Almond Brittle Vocational Skills Training Project to teach hands-on employment skills to adults with neurological disabilities in order to obtain competitive employment and to live independently.	\$2,000	Education
CT River Watershed Council for Conte Refuge Stakeholder Planning Forum with the Trust for Public Land to educate the public about the Conte Refuge's Comprehensive Conservation Plan and gather community input to help guide the Plan's formation.	\$4,500	Environment
Essex Land Trust for Trail Guide describing properties, trails, directions and parking locations for 14 properties 11 of which have trails for hiking.	\$3,400	Environment
Jonah Center for Earth and Art to provide general operating support including funds for a part-time Executive Director to increase the organization's capacity to meet its mission.	\$4,500	Environment
Brownstone Quorum to purchase an interpretive sign in the new pavillion to explain the importance of the quarries in Portland's history and The Arch in quarrying.	\$1,500	Heritage Enhancement
CT River Museum to design, fabricate and install a series of hands-on activity stations for a permanent exhibition as part of the new Children's Discovery Trail.	\$2,500	Heritage Enhancement
Essex Library Association to buy software and pilot staffing to produce a comprehensive catalogue of the documents and artifacts of the Essex and Ivoryton Libraries and the Essex Historical Society for eventual posting on	\$5,000	Heritage Enhancement

internet and adding to the State of CT history website.

Haddam Historical Society for additional staff to act as project manager for community outreach and planning for uses of the former County Jail.	\$3,500	Heritage Enhancement
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Killingworth Library Association for Did You Know in conjunction with the Killingworth Historical Society to offer three evenings of fun and local history for adults and children in the community.	\$1,000	Heritage Enhancement
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Middlesex County Historical Society to upgrade and update the Society's website to provide better understanding of Middletown's heritage and the historical significance of the towns of Middlesex County.	\$2,000	Heritage Enhancement
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Community Health Center for furniture and equipment to improve the Family Wellness Center to create an optimal learning environment including interactive stations for parents and preschool children for the Middletown Center.	\$3,000	Human Service
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Estuary Council of Senior Clubs for driver reimbursement and gasoline costs to transport clients to medical appointments and to deliver meals-on-wheels to homes and congregate meal sites.	\$4,750	Human Service
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Gilead Community Services for renovations to create a welcoming Drop-in Center in Clinton for shoreline clients.	\$4,500	Human Service
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I Have A Friend Youth Center to hire a professional accountant to keep the financial records of the organization.	\$4,500	Human Service
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Kuhn Employment Opportunities for 30 bus passes for newly employed individuals to help them get on the road to recovery.	\$1,408	Human Service
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Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT for final construction costs of new home on Pearl Street, Middletown.	\$4,500	Human Service
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Middletown Parks & Recreation Dept. for support groups, summer programming, respite and emergency funds for grandparents raising their grandchildren.	\$3,000	Human Service
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Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries to provide partial support for a	\$4,500	Human Service
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Coordinator to work and partner with social service providers and faith communities to provide I&R services to meet needs of those coming to the organization.		
St. Vincent DePaul Place to provide funds for specific, direct emergency assistance for rent, security deposit, medical expenses, utility bills and transportation for struggling poor and those at risk of homelessness.	\$2,400	Human Service
Nehemiah Housing Corporation to increase staffing capacity to implement housing development component of Middletown's North End revitalization plan.	\$4,500	Neighborhood Enhancement
North End Action Team for support for communications and outreach efforts to the residents of Middletown's North End neighborhood by phone, newsletter and website.	\$2,500	Neighborhood Enhancement
St. Luke's Eldercare Solutions of Central CT - Get a Ride for guaranteed free rides for low-income seniors and veterans to and from out-of-area medical appointments by providing gas reimbursement or other expenses to volunteer drivers.	\$4,000	Safer Communities
American Red Cross-Middlesex Central CT Chapter to provide ARC Health & Safety courses to women and girls in their homeless assistance programs.	\$5,200	Women & Girls
East Haddam Youth & Family Services Project F.U.N. - Fitness and Understanding Nutrition to teach young girls the importance of good nutrition and fitness in developing lifelong habits of a healthy lifestyle and positive self-image.	\$2,800	Women & Girls
Rushford Center - Girl Talk a six-week summer group program for 20 Middle School girls held 3 times per week with focus on media, physical activity and nutrition in order to develop healthy bodies and images.	\$2,000	Women & Girls
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