

Community Foundation of Middlesex County 2009-2010 Competitive Grants - Approved

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Recipient & Purpose	Amount	Focus Area
Ray of Light Farm for funding for the feeding and medical bills of rescued foals, which are the unfortunate by-products of Premarin production by a major pharmaceutical company. The slaughter bound babies are rescued and tamed with the intent of being adopted within 3 - 4 months.	\$2,000	Animal Welfare
Community Music School for a development program consultant, fundraising training, donor management software and professionally designed marketing materials.	\$3,200	Arts
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation to hire technical help to implement an electronic distribution system and marketing expertise to do a marketing analysis, review previous marketing efforts and make recommendations on how best position the Playhouse as it approaches its centennial year, 2011.	\$5,000	Arts
NEAR, Inc./Buttonwood Tree to update its technology capabilities.	\$1,050	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse to help fund the Art Explorers program for 35 under served middle school youth who are at risk of substance abuse, juvenile delinquency and violence by providing professional one-on-one visual, literary or performing arts instruction during the school year for 2 hours once a week.	\$3,500	Arts
Essex Library Association for the expansion of its English as a Second Language materials to better serve Spanish and Chinese speaking residents.	\$2,500	Education
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore for technology upgrades, including new desktop computers and monitors, software updates and equipment installation.	\$3,300	Education
Middlesex Hospital, Family Advocacy Program to support "Opportunity Knocks" a program to empower parents and caregivers of children through in-home parent education and skill development, and will help achieve the community's goal that no child is expelled from his or her preschool program.	\$3,025	Education
Middletown School Readiness Council to support a collaborative program with the Connecticut Storytelling Center to bring storytelling performances to 350 low-income preschoolers in eight Middletown preschools. In addition, children will	\$3,000	Education

receive one free book per month.		
Mount Saint John to support a portion of the cost of a full day retreat to galvanize the Board of Directors and professional staff to build organizational capacity.	\$825	Education
Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center for a community education and outreach initiative bringing Vista members into local middle and high schools, as well as other community venues, to speak about living and working successfully with disabilities.	\$2,000	Education
Connecticut Forest & Park Association to fund a part time staff person to manage member recruitment, assist in developing membership materials and volunteer outreach.	\$4,000	Environment
Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (CT SAR) to purchase a history museum management software package to launch a special section on its website dedicated to the East Haddam Nathan Hale Schoolhouse; to open an online giving account with <i>Network for Good</i> ; and to hire a museum consultant to manage a social media marketing campaign designed to attract local audiences to join as museum patrons.	\$3,500	Heritage Enhancement
Deep River Public Library to purchase a microfilm reader for improved access to "The New Era", a local newspaper dating back to the 1870's. The Deep River Historical Society has offered to assist in this project.	\$5,000	Heritage Enhancement
Godfrey Memorial Library for an Administrative Librarian who would coordinate entering information and photos for the library's <i>Saving the Past for the Future: Preserving Our 2,500 Cemeteries Project</i> . The project includes updating computer equipment with additional server capacity.	\$5,600	Heritage Enhancement
Portland Historical Society to construct audio station podiums at the Ruth Callander House Museum, as a community service Eagle Scout project of Boy Scout Troop 2.	\$1,625	Heritage Enhancement
American Red Cross - Middlesex Central CT Chapter to provide online information for disaster services, health and safety and community programs, volunteering opportunities and online donations.	\$4,500	Human Services
Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach to provide free dental care to the underserved and uninsured of Middlesex County.	\$5,000	Human Services

Estuary Council of Senior Clubs to help fund new and replacement commercial grade food service equipment. The kitchen is utilized to prepare meals to congregate meal sites, homebound meals and outreach related events.	\$5,000	Human Services
FISH for C.D.& E. to provide free transportation to medical, dental and physical rehabilitation appointments for patients in need who are residents of the Lower County.	\$2,200	Human Services
Gilead Community Services to provide support for clients who have long-term, chronic mental illness and are below the poverty level, as they wait for subsidies to maintain their permanent housing.	\$5,000	Human Services
I Have A Friend Youth Center to support the after school program that addresses the needs of low income and at-risk children in Middletown ages 6 - 12. Funding will enable the organization to purchase arts and crafts supplies, field trip expenses, food expenses and insurance.	\$2,500	Human Services
Middletown Parks and Recreation to provide support groups, summer programming, respite and emergency funds to grandparents raising their grandchildren.	\$3,000	Human Services
New Horizons Domestic Violence Services to provide funding to residents who have made a complete commitment to starting a new, safe, independent life and do not qualify for any of the existing state or federal rental subsidies.	\$3,200	Human Services
North End Action Team to expand organizing projects and initiatives within the low income North End neighborhood including expansion of the successful Community Conversations, youth programs, educational advocacy and homeownership and financial management programs.	\$5,200	Human Services
Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries for the purchase of wholesale food to augment food distributed to pantry participants.	\$6,500	Human Services
St. Luke's Eldercare Solutions of Central CT to pay for direct volunteer mileage reimbursement and to help defray the costs of taxis to out-of-area medical appointments when no volunteers are available.	\$5,000	Human Services
St. Vincent DePaul Place to offer financial assistance to prevent eviction and loss of utilities.	\$5,000	Human Services

Gilead Community Services to provide adolescent girls with mental illness with an opportunity to participate in various arts and cultural activities to foster personal growth and build self-esteem.	\$2,000	Women & Girls
Middletown Public Schools to support the "Right Steps" continuum, which includes: Nurturing Families, People Empowering People (PEP), Parent Leadership Training Institute (PTLI), and Parents Supporting Educational Excellence (PSEE).	\$500	Women & Girls
Ray of Light Farm to support a program which provides young girls with the opportunity to teach adults interested in learning horseback riding and animal care.	\$900	Women & Girls
Rushford Center to support "Girl Talk," a summer program for at-risk middle school girls in Middletown that focuses on the media, physical activity, nutrition and positive self-image.	\$2,000	Women & Girls
Westbrook Youth and Family Services to provide support for Divorced or Separated Women, "Girls Self Esteem Group" and "Women's Support Group".	\$3,000	Women & Girls
Woodrow Wilson Middle School to support a one night program for 5th - 8th grade girls and their mothers at Woodrow Wilson Middle School. The program gives mothers and daughters the opportunity to attend classes and spend quality time together.	\$1,850	Women & Girls
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