

Community Foundation of Middlesex County 2010-2011 Competitive Grants - Approved

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Recipient & Purpose	Amount	Focus Area
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding to fund scholarships for Haddam-Killingworth youth with disabilities. Youth with cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities benefit from therapeutic riding and other equine-assisted activities.	\$1,000	Animal Related Services
Greater Middletown Chorale to fund an expansion of duties for the Artistic Director position. Increased duties will include exploring and developing new relationships with composers and artists in allied fields like theater.	\$5,000	Arts
Green Street Arts Center for "Arts in Our Communities" program which provides free arts education with partnering organizations in communities throughout Middlesex County.	\$2,500	Arts
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation to partially fund a fully developed marketing plan provided by Outthink.	\$5,000	Arts
NEAR, Inc./Buttonwood Tree for new computer equipment.	\$2,050	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse to partially fund a marketing consultant tasked with developing capacity building initiatives, designing communications strategies, and increasing visibility within surrounding communities.	\$3,000	Arts
Salt Marsh Opera for an outdoor concert, "Opera in the Park," in collaboration with The Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center.	\$1,500	Arts
Tracy Art Center to partially fund new position which will coordinate staff, volunteers and office administration.	\$3,000	Arts
Bushy Hill Nature Center to support programming costs and a full-time instructor.	\$3,000	Education
Durham-Middlefield Youth & Family Services for a program coordinator supporting an enrichment collaboration with Durham Public Library offering structured after-school programming.	\$3,500	Education
Essex Library Association for "GuyZone," a six-week, life skills program for boys age	\$1,000	Education

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I Have A Friend Youth Center to fund a staff person who provides programming and resources to children and their families through after-school activities.	\$3,000	Education
Ivoryton Library Association for a "Great Works of Music and Literature: Read, Hear and See" program.	\$3,720	Education
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore for tutor training workshops.	\$2,024	Education
Middlesex Hospital – Family Advocacy Program to support a program to empower parents and caregivers of children with challenging behavior through in-home parent education and skills development, and to help achieve the community's goal that no child is expelled from his/her preschool program.	\$3,000	Education
Middletown School Readiness Council to support a storytelling performances program for three hundred fifty (350) low-income preschoolers in seven (7) Middletown preschools, and free books to preschoolers and toddlers in Even Start, Early Head Start and Family Resource Center literacy playgroups.	\$2,500	Education
Mount Saint John to support a portion of the cost of intensive on-site training for employees.	\$1,250	Education
Natchaug Hospital to provide equipment and furnishings for the new Old Saybrook Joshua Center facility which will provide treatment services for youth in twelve towns in lower Middlesex County and surroundings.	\$5,000	Education
Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center for marketing Vista Vittles, a component of the employment training provided to adults with disabilities.	\$3,025	Education
Connecticut Forest & Park Association to fund a technology upgrade to the WalkCT website.	\$1,500	Environment
Essex Land Trust to fund the installation of a camera and video relay system on Thatchbed Island which will allow visitors and educators to monitor osprey and their young. Educational programs will be offered in schools and the video feed will be available on the organization's website.	\$3,000	Environment
Connecticut River Museum for the second phase of technology and software upgrades, including data conversions, new hardware and program integration.	\$5,000	Heritage Enhancement

Essex Historical Society for an educational history program designed for second and third grade students at Essex Elementary School, including trips to Pratt House, Hills Academy, and Essex town archives.	\$1,000	Heritage Enhancement
Haddam Historical Society to create a traveling exhibit celebrating the town's 350th anniversary. The exhibit will highlight the town's rich heritage and contributions to Middlesex County and Connecticut, and will be the basis of a permanent Haddam history exhibit.	\$1,500	Heritage Enhancement
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation to fund in conjunction with Connecticut Department on Culture and Tourism a Commemorative Centennial Program, featuring a written history of the playhouse and historic photos.	\$2,620	Heritage Enhancement
East Haddam Free Public Library for technology upgrades and additions to implement community education and entertainment evenings.	\$1,200	Human Services
Estuary Council of Senior Clubs to help fund Meals on Wheels (MOW) in the nine-town estuary region.	\$3,000	Human Services
FISH for C.D. & E.(Chester, Deep River and Essex) to provide free transportation for patients in need who are residents of the Lower County.	\$2,200	Human Services
Gilead Community Services to support "Healthy from Head to Toe," a program providing dental and podiatric examinations to individuals living with severe mental health conditions.	\$5,000	Human Services
Hope Partnership to hire a marketing and communications professional who will focus on developing name recognition and design materials to further HOPE's mission.	\$3,000	Human Services
Kuhn Employment Opportunities to provide peer to peer outreach to unemployed individuals living with mental illness in Middlesex County.	\$3,850	Human Services
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut to support the ReStore.	\$5,000	Human Services
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness to support staffing and implementation of Middlesex County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.	\$2,500	Human Services

Sail Connecticut Access Program for staffing and program costs due to an increase in demand for services. Increased hours are devoted to hours of operation, equipment maintenance and volunteer training.	\$5,000	Human Services
Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries for the purchase of wholesale food to augment food distributed to pantry participants.	\$5,000	Human Services
St. Luke's Eldercare Solutions of Central Connecticut to help fund a collaborative program with Middlesex Hospital to provide free transportation service to low income patients being released from the hospital; to seniors for out of area medical appointments; and to veterans to VA facilities.	\$5,000	Human Services
St. Vincent DePaul Place for Community Assistance Program staff to guide people in need of long-term solutions to overcome homelessness, addictions and debilitating challenges.	\$5,000	Human Services
Valley Shore YMCA for a collaborative program with Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center to provide a unique, managed fitness program for cancer survivors.	\$1,800	Human Services
Women & Girls		
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Community Health Center-New Horizons Domestic Violence Services to assist shelter residents and community clients with transportation costs	\$700	Women & Girls
Deep River Public Library to fund a program to engage girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.	\$2,000	Women & Girls
Middlesex Community College Foundation to provide support for childcare programs and other critical support services for women attending classes.	\$2,000	Women & Girls
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness for the Women's Homelessness Prevention Project which helps single mothers with children who are at risk of becoming homeless.	\$1,000	Women & Girls
Middletown Public Schools for the Parent Leadership Training Institute, a program that enables parents to become leading advocates for children.	\$500	Women & Girls

Westbrook Youth & Family Services to provide therapeutic support for women and older girls who have experienced sexual abuse and violence trauma and have little or no ability to pay for counseling.	\$1,000	Women & Girls
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County to foster environmental stewardship through an after-school program for girls and guided hikes for women.	\$1,500	Women & Girls
<i>Three grants are being awarded in honor of Arianna Huffington, in celebration of her accomplishments and as a generous thank you for her donation to the Fund for Women & Girls at their benefit event on November 3, 2010</i>		
Durham-Middlefield Youth & Family Services to partially fund the "True You" program, a five-week, mother-daughter self-esteem building program, culminating in the True You Expo	\$1,000	Women & Girls
Epoch Arts to fund the Breaking Silences program, designed for at-risk girls in grades 6 to 12, which creates an artistic environment in which they can express themselves and deal with problems in a positive way	\$3,000	Women & Girls
Middlesex County Historical Society for a walking tour of Women's History in Middletown, in commemoration of Women's History Month, March 2011.	\$650	Women & Girls
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