

Community Foundation of Middlesex County 2011-2012 Competitive Grants - Approved

2011-2012 COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Davison Art Center - to partially fund "The Big Draw: Middletown," a free community event with drawing activities. The event celebrates the 50th anniversary of service to the arts at Wesleyan and in Middletown.	\$500	Arts
Essex Library Association - to provide an enrichment program series highlighting the interactive aspects of art, music and literature.	\$2,000	Arts
Essex Winter Series - to fund a technology upgrade through the purchase of software and set up a unified database for fundraising and communications.	\$2,550	Arts
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation - to partially fund necessary upgrades to telephone systems and to purchase portable equipment to use for fundraising presentations and promotion of the theatre.	\$5,000	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse - to support the Teen Repertory Company, a full theatrical immersion of teens (grades 9-12) in three full productions of dramatic productions.	\$5,000	Arts
I Have A Friend Youth Center - to partially fund a staff person who provides programming and resources to children and their families through after-school activities.	\$5,000	Education
Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore - to purchase Rosetta Stone software, a laptop computer, a study carrel, a chair and miscellaneous supplies.	\$1,875	Education
Middletown School Readiness Council - to support storytelling performances to 300 low-income preschoolers in seven Middletown preschool and childcare programs and a book distribution to these preschoolers and low-income infants/toddlers in the Even Start, Early Head Start and Family Resource Center literacy playgroups.	\$3,500	Education
Middlesex Community College Foundation - to partially fund the hiring of additional master tutors by the College Learning Center which will provide expanded tutoring services.	\$3,500	Education
Vista Vocational & Life Skills Center - to support a program with a trained professional assisting male Vista students/members in recognizing, developing and maintaining healthy sexual relationships.	\$2,000	Education
Connecticut Forest & Park Association - to partially fund the addition of a part-time development assistant to support fund raising, events, grant research, volunteer recruitment and membership.	\$4,000	Environment
Essex Land Trust - to fund the upgrade of solar panels and batteries for the live-feed osprey video for environmental education on the web and in schools.	\$1,500	Environment
Mattabeseck Audubon Society - to support interactive field trips for approximately 200 students from 4 area schools.	\$2,500	Environment

Middletown United Fathers - to purchase equipment to aid in preservation and management of open green space and planting in the community garden.	\$3,150	Environment
Congregation Adath Israel - to support the installation of an enhanced security system for the highly praised collection of religious items as part of a long-term plan to make the collection available to the public.	\$4,000	Heritage Enhancement
Connecticut River Museum - to purchase audio and visual equipment supporting programming and communications.	\$5,000	Heritage Enhancement
Deep River Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps, Inc. - for maintenance and repair of instruments, upgrade of equipment, purchase of additional uniforms for the growing Corps.	\$1,995	Heritage Enhancement
Durham Historical Society - to partially fund the design and building of display cases for exhibits in preparation for the grand reopening in the spring of 2012.	\$3,480	Heritage Enhancement
Middlesex County Historical Society - to engage a professional archivist to catalog major parts of the extensive manuscript collection and place the summaries on the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts Collection (NUCMC) at the Library of Congress.	\$2,000	Heritage Enhancement
Columbus House, Inc - to support general operating costs for the Middlesex Family Shelter Program to maintain capacity as the shelter transitions from operation by the Red Cross to Columbus House.	\$3,000	Human Services
Community Health Center-New Horizons Domestic Violence Program - to partially fund a child advocate to provide counseling, support groups, education, safety planning, and advocacy services to children in the shelter and the community.	\$5,000	Human Services
The Diaper Bank, Inc. - support diaper distribution in Middlesex County to serve 40 children each month for a year.	\$2,000	Human Services
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. - funding support of Meals on Wheels in the nine-town estuary region.	\$3,000	Human Services
FISH for Chester, Deep River & Essex - to provide free transportation for patients in need who are residents of the Lower County.	\$2,200	Human Services
Gilead Community Services - support dental and podiatric needs of individuals with severe mental health conditions.	\$5,000	Human Services
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding - provide assistance to children with disabilities from Killingworth Elementary and Haddam-Killingworth Middle Schools, enabling them to participate in programs and enhance their education outcomes.	\$3,000	Animal / Human Welfare & Services
HOPE Partnership, Inc. - to fund technological upgrades including new computers and network systems.	\$2,400	Human Services

MARC Community Resources - to fund community living experiences for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that will lead to increased independent living skills and enhanced self-esteem.	\$3,000	Human Services
Mercy Housing & Shelter Corp. - support the shelter and life skills training programs that help individuals living in transitional housing at Shepherd Home in Middletown gain/maintain permanent housing.	\$2,500	Human Services
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT - to support the "Brush with Kindness Program," which provides assistance related to house repair projects for homeowners who meet the Habitat for Humanity eligibility requirements and are unable to pay costs.	\$3,000	Human Services
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness - to support staffing and continued implementation of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness (TYP).	\$5,000	Human Services
North End Action Team - to support an increase in paid staff time of a program and grants manager which will support the growth of the organization in its funding and outreach initiatives.	\$5,000	Human Services
Sail CT Access Program - to provide the repair and replacement of essential mechanical equipment necessary for the safe use and maintenance of the sailboats.	\$6,000	Human Services
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries - to augment food bank purchases needed to maintain an adequate supply of food for distribution.	\$6,000	Human Services
St. Luke's Eldercare Solutions of Central CT - to support a program which provides free, arm-through-arm, door-through-door rides for seniors and older veterans, for purposes such as grocery shopping, and out-of-area medical appointments.	\$5,000	Human Services
St. Vincent DePaul Place - to partially fund the Community Assistance Program staff.	\$5,000	Human Services
Valley Shore YMCA - to fund the continuation of the popular "Fit Kids Learn to Swim" program.	\$2,400	Human Services
Westbrook Youth & Family Services - to fund a program designed to offer healthy strategies and choices for kids challenged by social media and economic stressors.	\$1,890	Human Services
Women & Girls		
Epoch Arts - to fund a program targeting at risk girls grades 6-12 from East Hampton and surrounding areas.	\$3,000	Women & Girls
Gilead Community Services - to purchase an evidenced-based trauma recovery treatment curriculum called "Courage to Heal."	\$4,000	Women & Girls
Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC) - to support a program for girls in their senior year of high school and their moms that offer guided "women only" discussion groups on sexual safety and alcohol in Old Saybrook.	\$1,500	Women & Girls

Portland Public Library - to support "Girl*Speak", a program to increase self-esteem, empower, motivate, and inspire teen girls ages 12 to 17 in the spring of 2012.	\$1,010	Women & Girls
Rushford Center - to support a Girl Talk summer group of 20 middle school age girls in Middletown.	\$3,000	Women & Girls
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County - to support Girls Outside and Women Too, enabling more girls and women to spend time outside in nature and develop skills, knowledge and confidence.	\$2,050	Women & Girls
2011-2012 Competitive Grants Total: \$143,500		