

2012-2013 Competitive Grant Awards

Organization	Grant Amount	Focus Area
Community Music School - music therapy sessions led by a board certified music therapist, including opportunities to educate parents and other service providers about the benefits of music therapy.	\$3,000	Arts
Greater Middletown Chorale - support the three parts of "Letter from Italy": the world premiere concert, LFI's Community Conversations (6 contextual events), Documentation and TVHD Film about the project and reactions to it for statewide and national viewers.	\$5,000	Arts
NEAR, Inc.\Buttonwood Tree - to fund technological improvements which will increase the quality of art exhibits and performances as well as patron comfort.	\$3,500	Arts
Salt Marsh Opera - to partially fund a program for more than 700 5th and 6th grade students in the Middletown schools, culminating in a live operatic performance at the Middletown High School Fine Arts Theatre. SMO performers will visit each school, introducing the opera through participatory activities and educational materials.	\$5,000	Arts
Bushy Hill Nature Center - fund the cost of furnishing the classroom space in the new Nature Center. The new classroom will serve as a space to hold new and current programs including workshops, guest speakers as well as hosting outside community groups.	\$2,500	Education
Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services - to train ten students as peer mediators who will work with fellow students and children to address issues and conflicts as referred by area professionals; sessions will be supervised and evaluated.	\$2,100	Education
Durham Public Library - fund the expansion of the picture book collection and reorganize the book/play area to better support the developmental needs of preschoolers, encourage browsing and foster early literacy development.	\$2,000	Education
Essex Land Trust - support the culmination of three years of videotaping the Thatchbed ospreys with the publication of a book and DVD about the ospreys and their nesting cycle, available to members and the schools.	\$3,500	Education
Henry Carter Hull Library - partially fund the purchase of computers, design and construction of a re-purposed reference stack and a staff member to conduct computer and job seeking instruction and to train volunteers.	\$5,000	Education
Mount Saint John - to purchase supplies for the Vocational Enrichment Programs.	\$2,500	Education

Ryan Woods Autism Foundation Center, Inc. - to purchase learning center equipment (to include computers, iPads, printers, modular workstations) for teens and young adults on the autism spectrum and other related disabilities in the after-school program.	\$2,500	Education
Valley Shore YMCA - funding for the 'Fit Kids Learn to Swim Program,' an eight week, after-school program for first graders from Daisy Ingraham School in Westbrook.	\$2,400	Education
Wesleyan University - funding is to support SAT preparation for first-generation, low-income, and under-represented students in the 11th and 12th grades in greater Middletown.	\$2,500	Education
Connecticut Land Conservation Council - to support convening two regional roundtables, a Regional Directors' Summit for land trusts located in Middlesex and adjacent counties, and a roundtable discussion about Permanent Land Protection Issues.	\$1,500	Environment
Mattabeseck Audubon Society - to support a program for over 400 students from area schools to participate in interactive field trips to local ecosystems which meets state mandated science and social studies curriculum.	\$2,800	Environment
Chester Historical Society - to fund materials and equipment for a dynamic and interactive museum exhibit – suited to all ages – on early transportation in Chester, a typical river town of Middlesex County.	\$4,655	Heritage Enhancement
Connecticut River Museum - to fund the technological expansion of heritage programming for individual and group audiences and to support reservation software for group visits and CRM programs.	\$5,000	Heritage Enhancement
Essex Historical Society - partially fund the removal and replacement of the barn and outhouse roofs and make structural repairs necessary to protect the property and maintain the historic quality of buildings on the grounds of the Pratt House Museum.	\$6,500	Heritage Enhancement
Adelbrook Behavioral and Development Services - to support parent education sessions and training for families with children living at Adelbrook; these sessions and programs include family group meals, therapeutic recreation for sibling play groups, and education and problem solving for parents of children with disabilities.	\$4,350	Human Services
Columbus House, Inc. - to provide general operating support for the Middlesex Family Shelter Program, which provides emergency shelter for families with no other housing options.	\$3,000	Human Services
Common Good Gardens, Inc. - to support the direct expenses of the garden, including seeds, seedlings, plants, irrigation, soil amendments, fertilizers, fencing, tools, structural support and other garden supplies.	\$3,000	Human Services

High Hopes Therapeutic Riding - partially fund a program for children with disabilities from Killingworth Elementary and Haddam-Killingworth Middle Schools.	\$3,000	Human Services
Kiwanis Foundation of Middletown, Inc. - to partially fund the purchase of new basic winter clothing and footwear for upper Middlesex County children, birth through age 15.	\$2,500	Human Services
MARC Community Resources - to support programs providing skill development and leisure opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities.	\$5,000	Human Services
Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation - to support the operations of Shepherd Home Transitional Housing Program which provides housing and supportive case management services to homeless people in Middlesex County with the aim of assisting them in becoming self-sufficient.	\$5,000	Human Services
Middlesex Coalition for Children - to partially support a staff person who will manage community planning, public and legislative advocacy, agency coordination and community mobilization to improve outcomes for children prenatal to age 18 in Middlesex County.	\$5,000	Human Services
Middlesex County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness - to support staffing for the management and implementation of Middlesex County's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.	\$5,000	Human Services
Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut - to partially fund the "A Brush with Kindness" (ABWK) Program, helping homeowners meeting Habitat qualifications, who because of current economic conditions, physical health, or age are unable to complete the essential repairs to their homes to maintain them as a safe and decent places to live.	\$5,000	Human Services
Middlesex Hospital, Family Advocacy Program - to support a program for parents/caregivers of young children providing services and information about healthy living, better nutrition and higher levels of physical activity.	\$5,000	Human Services
Sail Connecticut Access Program - to fund ongoing maintenance and upkeep of sailing boats and to support the costs of a second part-time sailing instructor.	\$5,000	Human Services
Woodrow Wilson Middle School (Middletown Public Schools) - to fund the "Girls Night Out" program, an opportunity for mothers and daughters, guardians and girls to set enjoy an evening of programming, establish goals for the semester, and return for a celebration in the spring at which they can share their accomplishments	\$1,995	Women & Girls

<p>Rushford Center - to support "Girl Talk," a four week summer camp offered to 20 middle school age females from Middletown. Rushford Prevention Professionals facilitate sessions focusing on teaching adolescents the skills needed to being healthy, being positive role models, understanding and evaluating media messages.</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>	<p>Women & Girls</p>
<p>Russell Library - to fund the purchase of new books and DVDs for the "Parenting Bags," a program for new mothers/parents/caregivers.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>	<p>Women & Girls</p>
<p>YMCA of Northern Middlesex County - to support the "Girls Outside and Women too" program which encourages women and girls to spend time outside in nature and develop skills, knowledge and confidence through an after school program for girls and guided hikes for women.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>	<p>Women & Girls</p>

Total Awarded \$120,800