

2013-2014 Competitive Grants Approved by the Board of Directors

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| CATALES, Inc. -To fund the Trap-Neuter-Return Program. | \$2,355 | Animal Related |
| Community Music School – To support the continuation of Community Music School’s Music Inclusive Project which provides music therapy and adaptive music education lessons for special needs students. | \$3,850 | Arts |
| Greater Middletown Chorale – To assist administration by establishing a Managing Directorship to manage the business side of the GMC. | \$5,000 | Arts |
| Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation – To transform the lighting inventory to a more efficient and cost effective LED format for lighting the theatre and the productions resulting in saving energy, saving costs and saving the environment. | \$5,000 | Arts |
| Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center – To fund the dance/creative movement component for the summer arts education programs at the Kate, which include Kate’s Camp for Kids and the Kate Players. | \$1,500 | Arts |
| Portland Senior Center – To provide an intergenerational nine-week arts program at Chatham Court Housing in Portland, which will include an art exhibit, printed book, and a reading. | \$1,200 | Arts |
| Oddfellows Playhouse – To support Middletown youth’s participation in two Junior and two Teen Rep Main Stage Productions. | \$5,000 | Arts |
| Salt Marsh Opera – To fund a program for 700+ 5th & 6th grade Middletown students. SMO will provide study guides for teachers, singers will visit the school with interactive programs, culminating in a fully costumed and staged operatic performance at MHS Fine Arts Theater for students and teachers. | \$5,000 | Arts |
| The Academy at Mount Saint John – To support competent culinary teaching staff in the teaching kitchen as part of the curriculum of the Clinical Day School at the Academy at Mount Saint John. | \$6,655 | At-Risk Boys & Young Men |
| Middletown Public Schools/Keigwin School - To fund admission costs for monthly field trips for the X-Men program, an at-risk group of all male sixth grade students who are working to better themselves. | \$3,080 | At-Risk Boys & Young Men |
| Acton Public Library – To fund the Acton Public Library’s Technical Skills Training Initiative, supporting the purchase of computer equipment and a portable charging/storage cart. | \$5,000 | Education |

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| Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services – To fund one of the usable elements such as Shade Sails, Tree Seating, a Sand Table or other play objects in a therapeutic sensory playground for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities served by Adelbrook. | \$5,000 | Education |
| Bushy Hill Nature Center – To purchase educational technologies including a digital microscope, projector and laptop with compatible software for the new Nature Center. | \$5,000 | Education |
| Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County – To support the 2014 Middletown Summer Youth Employment Program, which places youth into subsidized employment in a wide variety of professional fields for six weeks in the summer months, working for 20 hours per week. | \$3,000 | Education |
| Durham Middlefield Youth & Family Services – To fund facilitators to provide a workshop series that will include the following topics: Boundaries and Expectations for your Teen, Owning Their Decisions, Trends in Social Media / Your Child's Digital Identity Footprint on the Web. | \$1,350 | Education |
| Essex Library Association – To provide teens, young adults and older adults with a broad spectrum of life-enhancing educational and cultural classes, performances and lectures in topics in the Humanities, Arts, and Self-Improvement, all at no cost to participants and open to all. | \$5,000 | Education |
| Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore – To provide training to up to 48 new tutors, increasing the affiliate's capacity to teach adult basic education and English as a Second Language to a larger portion of the 14,000 adults in need in the eleven town catchment area served. | \$2,620 | Education |
| Middletown School Readiness Council – To provide storytelling performances to 350 preschool students at seven Middletown School Readiness sites through the program Story Train to Reading Readiness. Students also receive an age appropriate book each month to build their own personal library. | \$5,000 | Education |
| Moody School Parent Teacher Association – To support Sowing Seeds, a plan to replace conventional landscaping in Van Buren Moody Elementary School's two central courtyards with hands-on, educational exhibits about the environment. | \$3,500 | Education |
| Wesleyan University – To support the Let's Get Ready SAT prep course for Middletown and Portland high school juniors to help them become more competitive in the college process. | \$3,000 | Education |
| Ryan Woods Autism Foundation Center, Inc. – To support the addition of a clinical parent counseling component to its monthly Parent Support Groups (PSG), which will include behaviorists and clinicians to provide parents with the tools for managing their child's disability and understand why their child behaves differently in the home and school. | \$5,000 | Education |

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| Connecticut Forest & Park Association – To redesign the CFPA website to accommodate increased traffic and more dynamic programming. | \$3,000 | Environment |
| Essex Historical Society – To fund a photo exhibit in the Pratt House Barn designed to explain Essex's history and how its three distinctive villages had starring roles during different eras of its development. | \$3,194 | Heritage Enhancement |
| Friends of Long Hill Estate, Inc. – To support the creation of a digital library and archive of original photographs of the Wadsworth family and Mansion to display during tours and public events at the Mansion. Funds will be used for equipment and archival materials and to pay a stipend to a student intern. | \$2,000 | Heritage Enhancement |
| Friends of the Valley Railroad – To support the production of the first two of a series of historical walking tour plaques that will be put at locations along the Valley Railroad in Essex, Deep River, Chester, and Haddam. The first two will be at Deep River Landing Station and Hadlyme Station in Chester. | \$850 | Heritage Enhancement |
| Camp Hazen YMCA – To provide financial assistance to campers from low to moderate income families in Middlesex County, providing opportunities to attend Camp Hazen, YMCA's summer Resident Camp, Day Camp and Leadership Programs in 2014. | \$2,000 | Human Services |
| Columbus House, Inc. – For general operating support for the Middlesex Family Shelter Program which provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, case management and tenant-based rental assistance for families with children in Middletown and throughout Middlesex County. | \$3,000 | Human Services |
| Common Good Gardens, Inc. – To fund the direct expenses of growing produce, which include seeds, seedlings, plants, irrigation costs, water, soil testing, fencing maintenance, tools and other garden supplies. | \$2,000 | Human Services |
| Connection, Inc. – To provide food for the Eddy Shelter guests – between 25 and 50 men and women at any given time. This includes a hot meal on Sundays throughout the year when the local Soup Kitchen is closed, as well as daily breakfasts and snacks. | \$5,000 | Human Services |
| Covenant to Care for Children – To support The Adopt A Social Worker Program (AASW) which provides needed goods including new car seats, cribs, mattresses, school clothes and uniforms, backpacks, school supplies and other important items designed to help a child remain in their home, a relative's home or transition them into kinship care. | \$2,500 | Human Services |
| FISH for Chester, Deep River & Essex – To support the cost of answering service calls, dispatchers and office expenses | \$1,800 | Human Services |

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| Gilead Community Services – To fund the development of a new website which will include a more effective use of social media, collection of data, fundraising capabilities, and communications with stakeholders. | \$3,000 | Human Services |
| HOPE Partnership, Inc. – To fund an Affordable Housing Education & Advocacy Series designed for municipal officials, including mayors and first selectmen, council members, zoning commissions, planners, land-use professionals, other business and community leaders and interested community members. | \$1,000 | Human Services |
| Kiwanis Foundation of Middletown, Inc. – To fund the purchase of new basic winter clothing and footwear for upper Middlesex County children, from birth through age 15, who might otherwise go without the necessities. | \$2,500 | Human Services |
| MARC Community Resources – To provide community-based skill development and leisure opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. | \$5,000 | Human Services |
| Mercy Housing & Shelter Corp. – To support the direct program costs associated with the operation of Mercy Supportive Housing Services program, which provides supportive services to individuals and families at scattered-site apartments throughout Middlesex County. | \$5,000 | Human Services |
| Our Community Cares, Inc. – To fund resources essential to growing nutritious vegetables, herbs, and fruit for the Clinton Food Pantry (tools and equipment, water, and organic supplies for soil amendment and integrated pest management), plus printed and web-based communication tools to expand the volunteer base. | \$2,500 | Human Services |
| Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries – To fund wholesale food purchases needed to maintain an adequate supply of fresh and non-perishable food for distribution at the pantries. | \$5,000 | Human Services |
| St. Vincent DePaul Place – To support salaries and associated costs of the Community Assistance Program staff who assist people in need to find solutions to overcome homelessness, addictions, and debilitating challenges. | \$5,000 | Human Services |
| Community Health Center-New Horizons – To provide New Horizons with needed resources to reach victims and the families impacted by domestic violence. | \$5,000 | Women & Girls |
| Epoch Arts – To fund journals, art, supplies, outreach materials and other resources needed for “Breaking Silences,” an annual program for teen girls grades 6-12. | \$4,000 | Women & Girls |
| Middletown Public Schools/Woodrow Wilson Middle School - To support presenters’ stipends, supplies, light refreshments, participant gifts, paper, calendars and booklets. | \$1,750 | Women & Girls |

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| NEAR, Inc.\The Buttonwood Tree – To support the artwork of local emerging artists, the mentoring of female emerging artists by art professionals and other artists, the instruction of artists to aid completion and furthering their art careers, and practical costs of administering the program. | \$3,000 | Women & Girls |
| Westbrook Youth & Family Services – To support senior citizens into the multigenerational community by sharing programming with families, children and individuals, along with providing support and programming specifically designed for the senior population. | \$2,000 | Women & Girls |
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