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2014-2015 Competitive Grant Awards Approved by the Board of Directors

Recipient	Grant	Focus Area
Cat-Tales, Inc. – to support the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program to control overpopulation of stray and feral cats while also controlling diseases in the community.	\$2,481	Animal / Human Welfare
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding – to provide financial assistance and bus transportation for students with disabilities from Regional School District 17 in therapeutic riding and other equine-assisted activities.	\$3,750	Animal / Human Welfare
Ray of Light Farm, Inc. – to support the rescue program which involves the care and training of horses and donkeys.	\$2,500	Animal / Human Welfare
Community Music School – to support the Kindermusik Early Childhood program for children ages 6 months to 4 years with tuition assistance, increased outreach to families, and take-home learning materials.	\$2,000	Arts
Essex Winter Series – to fund community outreach programs that provide music workshops to area schools and retirement communities.	\$2,362	Arts
Greater Middletown Chorale – to support the documentary film production of the acclaimed premiere concert of Meneely-Kyder's oratorio "Letter from Italy, 1944."	\$5,000	Arts
Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation – to purchase technology and professional projection equipment to create rich multimedia designs for theatrical productions.	\$3,500	Arts
Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center – to fund the dance/creative movement component of multi-disciplined arts educational "Kate's Camp for Kids", a summer arts day camp for children ages 5 to 10.	\$3,000	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse – to support the 2015 Circus Programs, including winter and spring circus classes, Circophony, and the 2015 summer Children's Circus of Middletown.	\$5,000	Arts
Salt Marsh Opera – to provide 800 5th and 6th grade Middletown students with interactive music programs and a fully staged performance at Middletown High School Fine Arts Theater.	\$5,000	Arts

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<p>Center for Children’s Advocacy, Inc. – to reduce the high recidivism rate among boys at Connecticut Juvenile Training School by training boys through interaction with law enforcement and by also providing legal consultation and representation regarding alternative school rights.</p>	\$4,000	At-Risk Boys & Young Men
<p>Academy at Mount Saint John – to fund a theater system for use at events and workshops in the gymnasium and at outdoor events during the summer camp programs.</p>	\$4,500	At-Risk Boys & Young Men
<p>Keigwin Middle School – to provide guest speakers, equipment, and admissions costs and transportation for rewards-based field trips for participants in the XMEN program.</p>	\$5,000	At-Risk Boys & Young Men
<p>Middletown Public Schools – to implement the All Pro Dads curriculum kits and provide online access to allprodads.com, breakfast food, and transportation assistance to three school sites in Middletown.</p>	\$3,000	At-Risk Boys & Young Men
<p>Durham Middlefield Youth & Family Services – to expand the EDGE (Excellent Decisions Guiding Everyday) program to Memorial School. EDGE promotes youth engagement and leadership and empowers youth to encourage their peers and the community to make healthy and smart choices.</p>	\$2,070	Education
<p>Durham Public Library – to conduct hands-on workshops for adults who have very limited or no knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Classes will give adults working knowledge of this software for practical day-to-day applications and employment.</p>	\$2,400	Education
<p>Henry Carter Hull Library – to purchase an Apple iMac for the Business Resource Center as well as subscriptions to Photoshop and InDesign through Adobe’s Creative Cloud, Mac security software, and Microsoft Office for Mac. The computer and software will enhance the computer skills training courses offered to community members through the Business Resource Center.</p>	\$2,000	Education
<p>Killingworth Library Association – to replace aged public computers no longer supported by Microsoft, thus keeping the Library’s technology current, ensuring uninterrupted service to the public, and enabling the Library to receive important support, updates and security from software providers.</p>	\$3,750	Education
<p>Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore – to provide training and certification of up to forty-eight new tutors. The additional tutors will help LVVS reach more of the 9,000 adults in Middlesex County who are at or below a third grade level of literacy.</p>	\$4,464	Education

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Middletown School Readiness Council – to fund storytelling performances to 350 preschool students at seven Middletown School Readiness sites. Students receive an age appropriate book each month to build their own personal library.	\$5,000	Education
Moody School Parent Teacher Association – to connect Moody School students and the community through the courtyard garden project with an after-school garden club, garden enhancements, and school programs, thus engaging students in interactive, hands-on science programs.	\$1,700	Education
Portland Public Library – to create fifteen (15) themed Early Learning Backpacks from Sprout Learning. Each includes books and activities, supplemental music and magic erase boards. The kits are used by families, day care centers, and preschool classes for fun learning experiences.	\$1,553	Education
Wesleyan/Middletown Public Schools Collaborative – to support the SAT preparation course for Middletown High School juniors to aid them in becoming more competitive in the testing process. This course is an important component of the year-round initiative to support college readiness.	\$3,000	Education
Westbrook Youth & Family Services – to continue the Community Connections program by enlisting the support of high school students to identify and develop community action projects which will support local residents of all ages and backgrounds.	\$1,040	Education
Connecticut Forest & Park Association – to rebuild and modernize the hands-on, forest-based environmental education of the Highlawn Forest Discovery Loop. The forest offers wonderful recreation and the Discovery Loop builds awareness of land stewardship and our relationship to and dependency on the land.	\$2,000	Environment
Essex Land Trust – to develop public access to The 1,000 Acre Preserve, the largest remaining coastal forest in our region.	\$4,950	Environment
Chester Historical Society – to permanently place the 1700s millstones, the oldest artifacts of Chester history, at the Chester Museum at the Mill. The millstones now provide an historic entry to the Museum, surrounded by native plantings.	\$3,400	Heritage
Connecticut River Museum – to enhance the visitor experience at the Museum by creating more informative signage about the Connecticut River and the Museum’s mission, thus increasing communications and better serving family audiences.	\$2,500	Heritage

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Essex Historical Society – to support the design, writing, and printing of a 24-page, color illustrated booklet about Essex History.	\$3,000	Heritage
Camp Hazen YMCA – to provide financial assistance for campers from low- to moderate-income families in Middlesex County for the 2015 summer programs.	\$3,000	Human Services
The Connection, Inc. – to purchase food for the Eddy Shelter guests (between 25 and 52 men and women daily and up to 65 during the winter). This includes not only a hot meal on Sundays throughout the year when the local soup kitchen is closed but also daily breakfasts and snacks.	\$5,000	Human Services
East Hampton Food Bank – to support the Fuel Assistance Program which offers supplemental assistance to East Hampton residents who have exhausted support through two state programs or who are not eligible for such state support.	\$3,000	Human Services
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. – to support the Meals on Wheels program which has experienced a 22% increase in need for home delivered meals throughout the lower county/nine town estuary region.	\$3,000	Human Services
FISH for Chester, Deep River & Essex – to support the Friends in Service Here transportation program which provides free transportation to medical appointments for individuals who cannot afford fee-based transportation services.	\$1,800	Human Services
Gilead Community Services – to support services through its Middletown Outpatient Clinic which provides mental health services to individuals and families. It is one of the few clinics available to the segment of the population that has no insurance or that is under-insured.	\$5,000	Human Services
Kiwanis Foundation of Middletown, Inc. – to purchase new basic winter clothing and footwear for upper Middlesex County children, birth through age 15, who might otherwise go without, through the “Warm the Children” program.	\$2,500	Human Services
Luther Ridge at Middletown, Inc. – to provide dental care, cleaning and exams to low- to moderate-income seniors living at Luther Ridge.	\$2,500	Human Services
Middlesex Coalition for Children – to support the continuing work of the Coalition to educate, advocate and network with organizations and agencies working on behalf of children in Middlesex County.	\$3,000	Human Services

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<p>Middlesex County Coalition on Housing & Homelessness – to improve services to the homeless and increase housing options in Middlesex County. The work includes the planning for the reuse of Shepherd Home building, implementing the coordinated access network, maintaining a prevention fund, and increasing the amount of rental assistance.</p>	\$2,500	Human Services
<p>Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of Connecticut – to provide qualified homeowners access to critical house repairs addressing safety, accessibility, code violations or other major damage to their homes. The Program partners with homeowners struggling to restore and/or maintain a safe and decent place to live.</p>	\$5,000	Human Services
<p>Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries – to provide weekly grocery distributions of fresh and non-perishable food for Middlesex County residents in need. Funding aids in purchases through the Connecticut Food Bank and wholesale food distributors. Food purchases are distributed through the Westbrook, Clinton, and Old Saybrook pantries.</p>	\$5,000	Human Services
<p>Simply Sharing, Inc. – to purchase new mattresses, box springs, pillows and mattress pads for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness.</p>	\$3,000	Human Services
<p>St. Luke's Community Services – to provide fifty (50) new volunteer training manuals and three computers for the Volunteer Service staff and field volunteers.</p>	\$2,500	Human Services
<p>St. Vincent dePaul Place – to support the Community Assistance Program which assists low-income and homeless individuals to access services to overcome homelessness, addictions, and debilitating challenges.</p>	\$5,000	Human Services
<p>Valley Shore YMCA – to provide 60 Westbrook first graders with the opportunity to learn about healthy living and to learn to swim during their gym class time at the Valley Shore YMCA. Four groups will participate in 8 weeks of swim lessons.</p>	\$2,500	Human Services
<p>Epoch Arts – to support the "Breaking Silences" program for teen girls in grades 6-12, including materials such as journals, art supplies, snacks, theater production supplies, outings, and outreach materials.</p>	\$4,000	Women & Girls
<p>YMCA of Northern Middlesex County – to fund a 7-week, 3 hour/week program for 15 girls focusing on dating abuse and sex trafficking awareness. Participants will gain self-confidence while learning how to have and maintain healthy relationships.</p>	\$5,000	Women & Girls

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<p>Youth & Family Services Haddam-Killingworth – to support a program which helps girls cultivate an awareness of their unique abilities and talents and their power to make a difference in the world.</p>	\$3,000	Women & Girls
<p>Middlesex Hospital Center for Behavior Health – to support the Perinatal Case Manager program which provides short-term case management for pregnant and postpartum women in Middlesex County who require connections to health, mental health, financial and social services or supports.</p>	\$2,500	Women & Girls
<p>Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner – to support a 4-week summer program for Middletown middle school girls. The structured program focuses on teaching adolescent girls respect for self and others, the skills needed to lead healthy, positive lives.</p>	\$3,500	Women & Girls
<p>2014-2015 Competitive Grants</p>	\$166,220	