



2017-2018 Competitive Grant Awards Approved by the Board of Directors

Recipient	Grant	Focus Area
A Place Called Hope – To partially fund the rehabilitation and conversion of an existing building into a weather proof Hospital for critical care charges offering proper treatment/exam facilities.	\$ 3,400.00	Animal Related
Cat Tales, Inc. – To support the Trap / Neuter Release (TNR) Program which is a humane and effective way to control the overpopulation epidemic of stray and feral cats.	\$ 3,000.00	Animal Related
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding - To provide financial assistance to young adults transitioning out of high school and adults from Gilead Community Services programs to participate in equine-assisted therapy programs.	\$ 2,000.00	Animal Related
Manes and Motions Therapeutic Center, Inc. - To fund a seven-week, equine-assisted, experiential learning program for at-risk adolescents and teens. The program incorporates developing self-awareness, critical thinking, confidence, goal-setting, and communication skills through guided experiential learning with horses.	\$ 2,000.00	Animal Related
ARTFARM, Inc. - To upgrade software which will allow for better donor and data management as well as graphic design providing integrated platforms, increased communications efficacy and organizational reach.	\$ 1,000.00	Arts
CT Gilbert and Sullivan Society - To support the 2018 production of The Mikado, including costumes, wigs and makeup expenses.	\$ 1,000.00	Arts
Epoch Arts - To fund Speak Out Productions which consists of three cornerstone programs providing teens opportunities to use the arts to voice opinions and work through issues impacting their everyday life.	\$ 3,200.00	Arts / Boys & Young Men
Essex Winter Series - To provide arts outreach programming in schools and community organizations during a three day artist residency.	\$ 3,000.00	Arts
Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc. - To support the Arts Education Collaboration which inspires musical theatre artists and audiences by providing 750 students the experience of a Goodspeed production, in-school and on-campus workshops, a healthy lunch, transportation, and access to Common-Core aligned instructional guides.	\$ 2,000.00	Arts

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Greater Middletown Chorale - To support the Middlesex County tour by Alchemy, The Chamber Ensemble of the GMChorale. Three choral concerts and a choral workshop for high school students will be performed by young singers and their mentors.	\$ 3,000.00	Arts
Greater Middletown Concert Association - To fund a touring concert performance of "Song and Dance of the Great American Song Book" with the Modernistics.	\$ 500.00	Arts
Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center - To support the dance/creative movement component of Kate's Camp for Kids, a summer arts day camp for children ages 5-10. This multi-discipline arts education program takes place at the Kate and is made possible through partnership with the Community Music School in Essex.	\$ 2,535.00	Arts
NEAR, Inc./The Buttonwood Tree - To provide teens with a safe, supportive space in which to develop creative talent and self-expression, build relationships and confidence, and on-stage performance opportunities with a public audience. The program will include six (6) workshops by teaching artists, a final performance and reception.	\$ 500.00	Arts
New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Inc. - To support a musical coaching program at Middletown High School with New Haven Symphony Orchestra musicians and artist-in-residence Chris Brubeck.	\$ 2,000.00	Arts
Oddfellows Playhouse - To support youth circus programs by offering fee assistance for children who could not otherwise participate.	\$ 5,000.00	Arts
Shoreline Arts Alliance - To support the procurement of technology and equipment which will improve the office environment for staff, volunteers, and artists who are visually impaired.	\$ 1,500.00	Arts
Gilead Community Services - To fund a consultant and training for staff in two treatment modalities to help teen boys with trauma history residing at Gilead's Anchorage Home.	\$ 5,000.00	Boys & Young Men
North End Action Team (NEAT) - To fund a youth-driven and led pilot program, "Teens with Dreams," which will teach 8 to 10 Middletown youth the fundamentals of community engagement and organizing while involving them in community issues that they care about.	\$ 1,000.00	Boys & Young Men
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters - To support a mentoring program which matches inspirational adult volunteers with at-risk children and teens in Middlesex County.	\$ 2,000.00	Boys & Young Men

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Clinton Sailing Club - To provide assistance to Clinton children who wish to participate in the sailing programs. The sailing program provides youth opportunities to build confidence, learn teamwork and leadership skills, and develop necessary water-safety skills.	\$ 3,000.00	Education
Clinton Youth and Family Services - To support Partners In Community (PIC) REACT program, providing an asset-developing, substance abuse prevention group to more than 150 youth.	\$ 2,175.00	Education
Connecticut Humanities - To fund Book Voyagers, a program offering books, discussion forums, storytellers, theater performances, writing and drawing workshops, and other educational activities to libraries, schools, and community organizations in Middletown. The focus will be on keeping low-income students intellectually connected over the summer vacation.	\$ 2,500.00	Education
Connecticut Science Center, Inc. - To provide classroom Outreach programs for students at Lawrence School as part of a district-wide collaboration with the Middletown School District.	\$ 3,500.00	Education
Cromwell Senior Center - To fund the purchase of six (6) iPad tablets and six (6) tablet holder/security stands for participants of the Cromwell Senior Center to use individually as well as in a new group learning series called "Sip & Swipe Cafe," providing opportunities to learn how to use technology which will enhance independent, more connected lives.	\$ 2,500.00	Education
Ivoryton Library Association - To replace twelve (12) chairs in the main meeting room and at the public computer stations.	\$ 500.00	Education
Junior Achievement of SW New England - To provide financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship programming in an afterschool setting for students at Keigwin Middle School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School	\$ 750.00	Education
Kids of Chatham Organization, Inc. - To fund the Connecticut Storytelling Center visits which will provide an enrichment program quarterly to the preschool classes.	\$ 1,400.00	Education
Literacy Volunteers of Central CT, Inc. - To fund activities to recruit and train thirty-nine (39) tutors and provide materials to teach sixty-five (65) adults and their families basic and improved literacy skills.	\$ 2,500.00	Education
Middletown School Readiness Council - To provide additional trained professionals at seven Middletown School Readiness sites. Teachers will be provided with concrete strategies to improve student success as well as resource materials for families.	\$ 3,500.00	Education

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Portland Youth Services - To fund an inter-generational collaborative program, including seniors and children of all ages, through hands-on activities and technology-based archived interviews and the creation of podcasts.	\$ 1,250.00	Education
Russell Library - To compile and publish "We Were There," the memoirs of the members of the veterans' writing group and to conduct presentations based on the work around Middlesex County.	\$ 3,500.00	Education
Salt Marsh Opera - To fund the original children's opera project for 750 5th and 6th grade students in Middletown.	\$ 3,500.00	Education
Sister Cities Essex Haiti, Inc. - To support relationships between youth of Valley Regional High School and the greater community with youth from Deschappelles Haiti through a the SCEH Deschappelles Community Library's Robotics Club.	\$ 600.00	Education
The Waverly Center (aka Portland Senior Center) - To support an intergenerational program between the senior center and the children at Chatham Court, a low-income housing development in Portland. The children are chaperoned by seniors on educational, historical, and science-themed day trips.	\$ 2,000.00	Education
Vista Life Innovations - To fund an Internet Safety Training program for individuals with disabilities, The program will cover topics including the dangers and risks involved with sharing information on the Internet and teach best practices for safety and protecting privacy.	\$ 3,000.00	Education
CT Forest & Park Association - To construct a toolshed/workshop for the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trails which will provide volunteer training space and storage for tools, trailer, and wood.	\$ 4,500.00	Environment
Essex Land Trust - To develop a database of digital GPS trail and historical and ecological point of interest maps for all Essex open space properties as well as a hard-copy, waterproof folding trail map for individual use, new maps for the trail kiosks, and online, downloadable versions of the trail maps.	\$ 2,750.00	Environment
Middlesex County Historical Society - To plant a perennial garden at the General Mansfield House, home of the Historical Society, as well as perform maintenance on the boxwood and rose gardens.	\$ 2,500.00	Environment
Middlesex Land Trust - To provide hands-on, educational school field trips and family walks to residents which will cultivate interest in and awareness of local preserves.	\$ 1,850.00	Environment

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Chester Historical Society - To fund the digital transfer of 1900s-era films of people, places, and events in Deep River and Chester for use in exhibits, classrooms, and community programs, and to support the purchase of viewing platforms to show film footage in Deep River and Chester Historical Society museums.	\$ 2,846.00	Heritage Enhancement
Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock - To fund renovations, including retrofitting two doorways and a deck with ramping, to meet accessibility guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act.	\$ 2,700.00	Heritage Enhancement
East Haddam Historical Society - To purchase a projection system which will provide for enhanced programming and educational offerings at the East Haddam Historical Society.	\$ 2,000.00	Heritage Enhancement
Essex Historical Society - To design and publish new informative brochures and booklets to better understand the historical significance of the Falls River area and Williams Shipyard.	\$ 2,730.00	Heritage Enhancement
Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - To support the 2018 Middletown Summer Youth Program, placing youth ages 15 to 21 in constructive employment environments from a wide variety of industry sectors for six weeks.	\$ 5,000.00	Human Services
Camp Hazen YMCA - To support financial assistance to Middlesex County youth who could not otherwise attend summer camp programs.	\$ 3,500.00	Human Services
Child & Family Agency Southeastern Connecticut - To provide mental health services at our child guidance clinic to children and their family members in Middlesex County.	\$ 3,000.00	Human Services
Columbus House, Inc. - To support the Middlesex Family Shelter in Middletown, serving homeless and at-risk families in Middlesex County through emergency sheltering, rapid rehousing, and support services to improve access to healthcare, employment and benefits.	\$ 3,000.00	Human Services
Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC) - To fund legal services for indigent veterans who live in Middlesex County.	\$ 2,200.00	Human Services
Connection, Inc. - To support the Eddy Shelter with food, hot meals, snacks, and other basic living items. The Eddy Shelter averages 26 to 30 clients daily.	\$ 5,000.00	Human Services
Covenant to Care for Children, Inc. - To provide basic essential goods needed by children and their caregivers to faith and community-based social services and protective services professionals.	\$ 3,000.00	Human Services

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CT Radio Information System - To install two (2) internet radios in the common area of an assisted living facility in Middlesex County to provide access to CRIS programming.	\$ 500.00	Human Services
Essex Elderly and Affordable Housing, Inc. (EEAH) - To partially fund the Essex Place community kitchen construction which serves the senior residential housing development.	\$ 750.00	Human Services
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. - To purchase magnetized car signs for volunteer vehicles as a safety measure to identify drivers to others on the road and to aid with parking.	\$ 500.00	Human Services
FISH for C.D.&E. - To support operating costs, including dispatching and answering services, necessary to schedule transportation services for seniors and disable individuals requiring transportation assistance to medical appointments.	\$ 2,800.00	Human Services
Futures, Inc. - To purchase commercial-grade kitchen equipment (refrigerator, freezer, and washer and dryer) necessary to teach independent living skills, create employment opportunities, and ensure adequate health and safety food service standards.	\$ 3,500.00	Human Services
Guilford Interfaith Ministries - To purchase replacement parts to repair medical equipment used by shoreline residents who are homebound, elderly, or have special needs.	\$ 2,500.00	Human Services
MARC Community Resources - To support independent living and social skills programs for adults with disabilities. Programs include money management, health and nutrition, fitness and wellness, and community service.	\$ 4,500.00	Human Services
Mercy Housing & Shelter Corporation - To support programs at Mercy Supportive Housing Services which helps individuals who are chronically homeless with the highest service needs to remain stably housed and connected to supportive care services.	\$ 5,000.00	Human Services
Middlesex Community College Foundation - To support the emergency food needs of the Magic Food Bus, which provides free non-perishable food items for students and staff at the Community College. The Magic Food Bus supports student success and provides internships, educational and community engagement opportunities for students.	\$ 2,000.00	Human Services
Pay Forward, Inc. - To replace the current outboard motor on the sailboat with one which provides more horsepower and better steering and control.	\$ 3,246.00	Human Services

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SARAH Foundation - To provide materials, including adaptive items, for activities offered to participants at SARAH.	\$ 1,750.00	Human Services
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc. - To support the purchase of food to be distributed through the pantries serving the shoreline communities, including Westbrook, Clinton, Essex, and Old Saybrook.	\$ 5,000.00	Human Services
St. Vincent DePaul Place - To support the Community Assistance Program, which provides guidance to individuals seeking to overcome homelessness, addictions, and debilitating challenges.	\$ 5,000.00	Human Services
YMCA of Northern Middlesex County - To support YNOT Chill, an after-hours mixer for high school students providing supervised activities including music, dance, board and card games, and other related activities.	\$ 3,500.00	Human Services
Bare Necessities, Inc. - To support the growing need for diapers and wipes for families in Clinton and the shoreline communities.	\$ 5,000.00	Women & Girls
Community Health Center-New Horizons - To provide healthy food and personal hygiene products for victims of domestic violence.	\$ 5,000.00	Women & Girls
Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) - To increase the access of to legal information and services for low income residents	\$ 4,000.00	Women & Girls
Girl Scouts of CT - To provide Middlesex County girls the opportunity to attend camp and access the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, helping them develop skills which will enhance academic achievement and reduce summer learning loss.	\$ 2,500.00	Women & Girls
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters - To support a mentoring program which matches inspirational adult volunteers with at-risk children and teens in Middlesex County.	\$ 2,000.00	Women & Girls