

**Community Foundation of Middlesex County  
2018-2019 Competitive Grant Awards**

**Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services**

**Text to Tablets: Language Arts Tools for 21st Century Special Education Students**

to provide technology-based tools and accessories, such as iPads, Chrome Boxes, and Chrome Books, for students in special education programs. These tools provide access to web-based portions of the curricula, allowing for greater reading comprehension, improvement in writing skills, and enhanced focus in the classroom.

**\$5,000.00**

**Audubon Connecticut**

**Connecticut Bird Atlas**

To fund the Connecticut Bird Atlas to assess the distribution and abundance of breeding, migrating, and wintering birds. The end result, maps for each species, will be an invaluable tool for protecting birds and their habitats. The grant will supplement the funding for the migration work.

**\$2,500.00**

**Bare Necessities, Inc.**

**Middlesex County diaper/wipe distribution through Clinton Food Pantry**

To support the growing need for diapers and wipes for families in Middlesex County. We began distributing diapers in Clinton 3 years ago; Westbrook in April 2018; & Old Saybrook in March 2018. New families request diapers each month.

**\$5,000.00**

**Bears Pet Food Pantry, Inc.**

**Equipment and Accounting Software / Pet Food**

to purchase equipment and software which will improve donation and stock tracking and intake as well as supplement food to support the mission of the Pet Food Pantry.

**\$2,146.00**

**Bikes for Kids, Inc.**

**Helmets for Maximum Protection**

to provide 400 new bike helmets for children receiving refurbished bikes.

**\$2,800.00**

**Bushy Hill Nature Center**

**Bushy Hill Camper Assistance Program**

to provide camperships for Middlesex County youth ages 4 to 14 to attend summer day camps.

**\$3,000.00**

**The Buttonwood Tree (NEAR, Inc.)**

**Consultant for Organization Advancement and Capacity Building**

to fund extensive consulting and hands-on assistance to increase organization capacity through increased sustainability and efficiency. The consultant will assist with organizational reorganization, restructuring, and developing a strategic business plan and brand.

**\$3,800.00**

**Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc.**

**Advocacy for Homeless Children and Youth**

To fund legal training, legal consultation and legal services to help homeless youth and families reduce barriers to permanent housing caused by utility arrearages, criminal records and other legal issues.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Central Connecticut Rowing  
Power 5! Get Us Closer to the Finish Line!**

to support the purchase of a quality, used eight-person shell for the Middletown Community Rowing Program.

**\$2,000.00**

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**Child & Family Agency Southeastern Connecticut  
Essex Child Guidance Clinic**

To fund mental health services at our Essex child guidance clinic to Middlesex County children and their family members regardless of their ability to pay or their insurance status. With continuing state budget costs these services are more at risk.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Children in Placement CT  
Volunteers for Abused and Neglected Children in Middlesex County**

to support child advocacy of children in foster care and children in Middlesex County who are victims of abuse and neglect, ensuring each child a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Coalition on Housing & Homelessness  
Increasing Housing Options for Low and Moderate Income Households**

to support programs to maximize the region's capacity to solve the issues of housing and homelessness, utilizing a variety of tools including customizing housing plans to meet individual needs; creating collaborations among service providers; and increasing support for affordable housing development.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Coginchaug Area Transition  
Fencing and Irrigation System for the Giving Garden**

to purchase deer fencing and posts as well as an underground irrigation system for a charitable garden, the Giving Garden, to serve the Middlefield community.

**\$1,685.00**

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**Community Music School  
New Horizons Senior Band**

to support the New Horizons Senior Band, which provides an entry point for seniors who have either never studied music or who have been away from music for many years, allowing them to share the joyful and therapeutic experience of recreational music making.

**\$1,500.00**

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**Connecticut Animal House, Inc.  
Middlesex County Shelter Dog Veterinary Fund**

to provide veterinary needs to Middlesex County municipal shelters, funding basic medical care, emergency surgeries, and rehabilitation of animals to aid in adoption and avoid euthanasia.

**\$3,000.00**

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**Connecticut Audubon Society, Inc.  
Science in Nature Education Program for Deep River Elementary School**

to support Science in Nature programs for K-3 grades. The Science in Nature program provides supplemental, outdoor, field-based programming aimed at improving science achievement, critical thinking, and self-directed discovery.

**\$3,122.00**

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**Connecticut Forest & Park Association  
Highlawn Forest Education/Gathering Amphitheater**

to facilitate educational meetings and encourage hiker and CFPA member gatherings through a new outdoor amphitheater in the Highlawn Forest which will complement the Discovery Loop.

**\$4,125.00**

**CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society  
Support for Costuming of the 2019 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's THESPIS**

To help fund the 2019 production of THESPIS, which will take place in October 2019. The funds will be used to underwrite a portion of the costume expenses for the theatrical production.

**\$1,500.00**

**Connecticut Humane Society  
Have Vet, Will Travel: Delivering Care to Pets Owned by Middletown Senior Citizens**

to support a free, pop-up veterinary clinic event for pets owned by Middletown senior citizens living in fixed income housing. The program will deliver accessible veterinary care, keep pets in homes and out of shelters, and ensure pets get the care required.

**\$3,000.00**

**Connecticut Humanities  
Book Voyagers**

to bring engaging literature and learning experiences to families and children in Middletown by providing books, parental resource materials, facilitators, workshop leaders, and presenters.

**\$2,500.00**

**Connecticut Legal Services  
Capacity Building for Impact and Sustainability**

To support the drafting and operationalizing stages of a strategic planning and rebranding initiative that will allow us to expand and improve service delivery; respond more quickly to a changing landscape; and enhance sustainability by recruiting more private funding.

**\$3,000.00**

**Connecticut River Conservancy  
Stop the Spread! Water Chestnut Monitoring and Removal in the Mattabeset River**

to support the monitoring and removal of European water chestnut (a manageable aquatic invasive plant) in the Mattabeset River in order to achieve seasonal management goals of annually removing 95% of plants before seed set by 2020.

**\$2,500.00**

**Connecticut River Foundation at Steamboat Dock  
Connecticut River Myths and Legends Project**

to fund key equipment and supplies needed for the upcoming exhibit, "Connecticut River Myths and Legends," which uses historical artifacts, original art, and creative exhibit design to explore stories that carry cultural meaning.

**\$3,000.00**

**Connecticut Science Center, Inc.  
Next Generation Science for Middletown Elementary Students**

to support a district-wide collaboration with Middletown Public Schools to provide classroom Science In Motion outreach programs for students at Lawrence School.

**\$3,500.00**

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**CT Storytelling Center  
Littlest Listeners**

to provide repeated visits to School Readiness classrooms in Middletown from storytellers who will focus on emergent literacy skills. Children will hear multicultural folk tales and participate in follow up language-rich activities.

**\$2,500.00**

**Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC)  
Removing Legal Barriers - Middlesex County**

to provide legal-aid services for indigent veterans who live in Middlesex County to help move them from homelessness to stable housing, poverty to sustainable income, and access to VA health care and other veteran benefits that have been wrongly denied.

**\$5,000.00**

**Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)  
Legal Education Program**

to increase access to free legal information, bilingual legal advocacy, and referrals to low-cost attorneys for low-income and marginalized women in Middlesex County.

**\$5,000.00**

**Connection, Inc.  
Basic Program Needs for Eddy Shelter of Middlesex County**

to provide food for Eddy Shelter guests, an average of 26-34 clients daily, and as many as 43 during winter months. This includes hot meals on Sundays throughout the year and on inclement weather days in winter as well as daily breakfast and snacks.

**\$5,000.00**

**Cromwell Senior Center  
Portable Sound System with Wireless Microphones**

To fund a portable wireless sound system to support senior center programming throughout the building where senior center programs are held to accommodate those with hearing loss.

**\$2,550.00**

**Durham Middlefield Youth & Family Services  
BTW ... Can We Talk?**

to support the "BTW ... Can We Talk?" program which provides a safe space for young girls to find their voice on a variety of issues such as peer pressure, social media, bullying, female role models, lack of self confidence, navigating social circles, and health and wellness with the assistance of a female mentor.

**\$1,000.00**

**Epoch Arts  
Speak Out Productions**

To fund Speak Out Productions, which consists of three of our cornerstone programs - Mini Production, Arts Response and Main Stage Theater Production. These programs offer outlets for teens to voice opinions, express feelings and work through issues that directly impact them every day.

**\$3,200.00**

**Essex Historical Society  
Tour of River View Cemetery**

To develop a tour of River View Cemetery highlighting its unique history in parallel with the growth of Essex, significant gravestones that reflect changing carving and social trends in the CT River Valley and representative stories of the people buried there.

**\$1,825.00**

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**Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.  
Transportation Program Expansion for Seniors**

to expand the transportation program to include more local medical trips and expand weekly shopping trip program to residents of Clinton, Killingworth, and Westbrook as well as a lunch bus for the Clinton and Killingworth congregate meal sites.

**\$5,000.00**

**Everyone Outside  
Girls Outside & Women Too**

to expand environmental education programming to enable more girls and women experience outdoor activities, develop skills, knowledge, promote healthy living, and foster environmental stewardship.

**\$2,650.00**

**FISH for C.D. & E.  
Free Transportation Services to Medical Appointments for Seniors and Individuals in Need**

to support dispatching and operating costs of the FISH program for Chester, Deep River, and Essex.

**\$1,800.00**

**Friends of Chester Public Library  
Teen/Tween STEAM Initiative**

to fund STEAM and Robotics programs and services that connect middle and high school students with current trends that most interest them, in an unbiased, nonjudgemental environment where they can create, problem-solve, and develop skills that are essential in today's world.

**\$2,500.00**

**Futures Inc.  
The Kitchen at Futures - Culinary Training and Employment - Phase 2**

To fund the purchase of a freezer for a second commercial kitchen that will be located on the lower level of our Middletown office building. This will ensure that space is available to store baked goods being prepared for distribution and that all health and safety standards are met.

**\$3,000.00**

**Gilead Community Services  
Auricular Acupuncture Therapy**

To fund the purchase of basic, start-up supplies to begin implementing Auricular Acupuncture Therapy. We currently have four clinicians that are trained and certified and ready to start the therapy with clients once the space is ready.

**\$3,000.00**

**Girl Scouts of CT  
2019 Campership Program**

to provide camperships for Middlesex County girls at summer camps and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, helping them develop skills which will enhance academic achievement and reduce summer learning loss.

**\$2,500.00**

**Greater Middletown Chorale  
Balancing Classical Music Deprivation Trend with A Bruckner Immersion**

to fund immersion in Anton Bruckner's music, continuing his tradition of unifying people.

**\$3,000.00**

**Greater Middletown Concert Association  
"Turandot" - the Right Opera for the Right Place and Time!**

to support a performance of "Turandot," the final opera of Puccini.

**\$1,000.00**

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**Haddam Citizens for Scouting, Inc.  
Camp Gus Land Transfer**

to complete the land transfer of 26 acres of land from the ad-hoc committee of the Haddam Boy Scouts to Haddam Citizens for Scouting, Inc. (HCFS) so that the land can be maintained for the benefit of local youth. The transfer process requires a survey and title insurance.

**\$2,000.00**

**High Hopes Therapeutic Riding  
Student Assistance Program**

to provide program fee assistance for Middlesex County students to support participation in equine-assisted activities during 2019.

**\$2,000.00**

**HK Backpack Program  
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to provide backpacks with non-perishable food every weekend to children in need in the towns of Killingworth, Haddam, and Higganum.

**\$1,000.00**

**HOPE Partnership, Inc.  
Affordable Housing Administration**

to fund staff training on compliance with affordable housing standards, administration, and application development and screening.

**\$4,000.00**

**I-Park Foundation, Inc.  
Experiencing Art in Nature: I-Park's Open Studios and CT Trails Days**

to support one CT Trails Day and seven (7) Open Studios events for the public to explore the richness of I-Park's natural and built environment, view site-specific artwork, and engage with the creative minds of the artists who found and continue to find inspiration in this site.

**\$1,500.00**

**Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation  
Access for All - Installation of Hearing Assistive Devices**

To help support upgrades to our sound system that will enable a new system of assistive listening devices to be installed.

**\$5,000.00**

**Junior Achievement of SW New England  
Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit for Middletown Young Adults**

to provide a seven-session "JA Be Entrepreneurial" program for 120 seniors at Vinal Technical School. The program will challenge students to start an entrepreneurial venture while completing their senior year.

**\$1,500.00**

**Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center  
Technical Booth Improvements at the Kate**

To fund improvements to the Kate's sound and light booth and other production elements, resulting in a better technical environment that is easy to use and will contribute to the quality of our events and those of our community partners.

**\$1,500.00**

**Killingworth Library Association  
Consortium Program Initiation and Start - Up Costs**

To fund the initiation and start-up costs for the Killingworth Library Association to become part of the LION and Bibliomation Library Automation Network. Consortium membership will greatly improve patron service and will improve technology support.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Kuhn Employment Opportunities  
Enhanced Outreach and Engagement Services**

to enhance the outreach and engagement services offered by Kuhn Employment Services to individuals referred to the Middlesex County Supported Employment program.

**\$2,000.00**

**Living in Safe Alternatives, Inc.  
Youth Excellence Project**

to empower adversity and trauma-exposed boys to experience success, navigate life obstacles, and achieve resilience, including incorporating a 1:1 mentoring component.

**\$2,000.00**

**Manes & Motions Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.  
Pathways Youth Development Program**

To fund equine-assisted experiential learning programming for at-risk adolescents and teens. This innovative program incorporates developing self-awareness, critical thinking, confidence, goal-setting and communication skills through guided experiential learning with horses.

**\$2,000.00**

**Middlesex County NAACP  
Middlesex County NAACP Branch Health Committee Health Equity Project**

To fund a health equity project where focus groups will identify the most salient drivers that negatively impact health outcomes for African American and Latino residents of Middlesex County. The qualitative data will prioritize what system changes are needed to promote health equity.

**\$1,500.00**

**Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT  
Capacity Building | Board Development and Governance Consulting**

To fund a consultant who will work closely with the board and executive staff to better understand the distinctions between management and corporate governance, evaluating board member performance, and board member recruitment.

**\$5,000.00**

**Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center  
Shake Off Cancer**

to supply complete nutritional drinks which prevent or reverse malnutrition to patients in financial need who are undergoing treatment for cancer.

**\$5,000.00**

**Middletown School Readiness Council  
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation**

to support children with severe, persistent challenging behaviors in preschool programs in order to prevent expulsions and suspensions and help the children on a path to school success.

**\$5,000.00**

**National Conference for Community and Justice of CT and WMA, Inc. (NCCJ)  
NCCJ Prejudice Reduction Education Partnership**

to support a yearlong partnership with the Middletown Racial Justice Coalition to provide youth ages 13-19 with prejudice reduction educational programs.

**\$3,000.00**

**New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Inc.  
Musical Coachings for Middletown High School**

to provide musical coachings for the instrumental students of Middletown High School, providing fourteen (14) individual or small group coachings and three (3) large group coachings which will serve 225 students.

**\$2,000.00**

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**Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters  
The Community-Based Mentoring Program**

To support the Community-Based Mentoring Program in Middlesex County. The program matches inspirational adult volunteers with at-risk children and teens ages 6 to 18.

**\$4,000.00**

**Oddfellows Playhouse  
Oddfellows Playhouse Circus Programs for Youth**

to support the year-round circus programming serving young people, including youth who are underserved and under-resourced. The program includes after-school activities for ages 5-12, Circophony Teen Circus, and the 2019 Children's Circus of Middletown.

**\$4,000.00**

**Parmelee Farm  
Parmelee Farm Community Sugarhouse**

to purchase of a Leader 2x6 foot maple sap evaporator for the production of maple syrup at the Parmelee Farm Sugarhouse

**\$1,500.00**

**Protectors of Animals, Inc.  
East Hampton Dog Shelter Flooring**

to purchase and install new flooring in the East Hampton dog shelter.

**\$2,340.00**

**Ray of Light Farm, Inc.  
Horse and Donkey Rescue and Sanctuary**

to facilitate the care, feeding, and rehabilitation of horses or donkeys that have arrived at Ray of Light Farm for various reasons.

**\$3,500.00**

**Ronald McDonald House Charities for CT and Western MA  
Sponsor a Stay (SAS)**

to support families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

**\$3,000.00**

**Rushford, a Hartford Healthcare Partner  
Support for Physical Fitness in Recovery**

to support client recovery through offering three-months membership to Planet Fitness post discharge from the adult inpatient unit at Silver Street, Middletown.

**\$4,980.00**

**Salt Marsh Opera  
Kids Love Opera! presents "The Magic Flute"**

to support "The Magic Flute," a lively, classic opera project for 750 5th and 6th grade Middletown students. The program includes unique opportunities to experience music, while engaging in unfamiliar cultures and exploring the lessons learned for today's world.

**\$5,000.00**

**Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.  
Pantry Food Distribution**

to support CT Food Bank and wholesale food purchases for distribution in the Westbrook, Clinton, and Old Saybrook pantries.

**\$5,000.00**



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**Simply Sharing, Inc.  
Beds and Bedding Project**

to purchase new mattresses, box springs, and pillows based on the needs of clients as well as sheets, blankets or comforters and frames to supplement donated items.

**\$3,500.00**

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**St. Vincent DePaul Place  
Community Assistance Program**

to support the Community Assistance Program staff who guide people in need to find solutions to overcome homelessness, addictions, and debilitating challenges.

**\$5,000.00**

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**Valley Shore YMCA  
Fit Kids Learn to Swim Program**

To help fund swimming and water safety instruction for 2 groups of first graders - 1. Westbrook first graders in the Fall 2019, and 2. all Valley Shore YMCA Summer Camp first graders during the Summer 2019.

**\$2,500.00**

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**YMCA of Northern Middlesex County  
LIVESTRONG at the YMCA**

to support the LIVESTRONG program, an evidence-based, small group program, which assists individuals who are living with, through, or beyond cancer to strengthen their spirit, mind, and body.

**\$4,500.00**

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