

Community Foundation of Middlesex County 2024 Spring Application Summary

Organization: A Little Compassion Inc.
Org ID: 6827-20240151
Program Name: General Program Operations funding

Description: Nest Gatherings, N.E.S.T. Employment, Possibilities Boutique and Doggie Barks Social Enterprise. Our community outreach program, Acceptance, Inclusion and Outreach provides support for families, allies and providers as well as community events promoting a greater understanding among community members. All programs are vital to this marginalized population.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Adelbrook Behavioral & Development Services
Org ID: 47-20240152
Program Name: AdelbrookCARES Food Pantry

Description: to support the AdelbrookCARES Food Pantry, which serves students facing food insecurity and financial hardship. Grant funding will aid in the purchase of items such as discreet bags, nonperishable food, and hygiene products.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: ARTFARM, Inc.
Org ID: 1903-20240153
Program Name: The One Who

Description: The One Who: A Call from the Land & Towards Compassionate Action is an immersive experience that brings community members on an artistic journey through a land trust, helping them to fall back in love with the land, to recognize they are of the land & to regain an understanding of why being stewards of the land is essential to cultivating a joyful, compassionate, healthy society. The One Who is a collaboration between Middletown's ARTFARM & The Sanctuary of East Haddam in central Connecticut.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Bushy Hill Nature Center
Org ID: 35-20240175
Program Name: Camperships

Description: to provide fee assistance to families with children ages 4-15 throughout Middlesex County to allow youth to attend Bushy Hill Day Camp. Aid is awarded based on need determined through our scholarship application.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Camp Hazen YMCA Inc.
Org ID: 37-20240157
Program Name: Camperships

Description:

to provide financial assistance to children from Middlesex County who could not afford to attend Camp Hazen YMCA without it. Now more than ever, we recognize the urgent need to provide a safe social and tech-free setting for youth in our community and are committed to provide this service regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Connecticut RISE Network
Org ID: 8535-20240160
Program Name: Address educational inequity in student outcomes at Middletown High School

Description:

to support The Connecticut RISE Network's efforts to address educational inequity in student outcomes through our focus on Grade 9 on-track achievement and postsecondary success. While we work with high schools across the state, Middletown High School is one of our core network schools, receiving the highest level of programmatic support.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Connecticut Science Center, Inc.
Org ID: 5166-20240161
Program Name: STEM Enrichment Kits and Science in Motion programs

Description:

to provide 15 classrooms with either STEM Enrichment Kits or Science in Motion programs for afterschool delivery to grades 6 through 8, in addition to one 90 minute professional development workshop for educators in those grades. This programming and education will reinforce critical STEM concepts in an Alliance District.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Connection, Inc., The
Org ID: 86-20240162
Program Name: The Eddy Shelter

Description:

to support The Eddy Shelter, which provides emergency shelter and rapid re-housing support to homeless adults while identifying and planning for long-term housing. The Eddy Shelter is the only emergency homeless shelter in Middlesex County that serves single adult male, female, and transgender clients.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Covenant To Care Inc Org ID: 727-20240163 Program Name: Provide basic essential and/or mandated goods to Connecticut children Description: to provide basic essential and/or mandated goods to Connecticut children, birth to 18, who are abused, neglected, impoverished and/or otherwise at-risk. Thus providing basic essential goods (car seats, beds, cribs, clothing and more) in moments that are critical for a child's ability to thrive and a family's ability to stay together. The specific Middlesex County towns actually served will be determined by where the requests come from.	Amt Requested: \$5,000.00
Organization: Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut Org ID: 2646-20240164 Program Name: HOBSCOTCH (HOMe Based Self-management and COgnitive Training CHanges lives) program Description: The HOBSCOTCH (HOMe Based Self-management and COgnitive Training CHanges lives) program is a behavioral curriculum designed to address memory and attention problems for individuals living with epilepsy. This problem-solving therapy is specifically designed for adults with seizures as a guide to manage and cope with memory problems and mental health disorders common in this disease.	Amt Requested: \$5,000.00
Organization: Essex Library Association Inc Org ID: 147-20240166 Program Name: AWE Learning early literacy workstation computers Description: to assist with the purchase of two AWE Learning early literacy workstation computers. The workstations, which are equipped with multidisciplinary educational content focused on science, technology, reading, engineering, art & music and math, are aimed for use by children ages 2 to 8.	Amt Requested: \$5,000.00
Organization: First Congregational Church in Essex Org ID: 6945-20240167 Program Name: Thanksgiving and mid-winter dinners to Back Pack and other food insecure families Description: Provide Thanksgiving and mid-winter dinners to Back Pack and other food insecure families of Deep River, Essex and Chester - approximately 45 dinners per event. Also, provide desert socials plus holiday recognition swag bags to the seniors of Essex Court and Essex Place.	Amt Requested: \$5,000.00

Organization: Florence Griswold Museum Inc.
Org ID: 2172-20240168
Program Name: Wee Faerie Village 2024

Description: to support the presentation of Wee Faerie Village 2024, an outdoor installation of artist-made faerie houses throughout the Museum grounds during the month of October. Funding will help underwrite the rising costs of presenting this beloved event for local families, including a full calendar of art-making activities, special events, and family-friendly performers, as well as the printing of the official WFV keepsake map.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Futures Inc.
Org ID: 5942-20240169
Program Name: Expand The Kitchen at Futures' employment and training program

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Description: to purchase a commercial gas grill and grill accessories in order to expand The Kitchen at Futures' employment and training program. During the past year, The Kitchen has developed partnerships with a number of local organizations who utilize our catering services for corporate meetings and special events. Adding a commercial gas grill will allow us to expand the variety of foods on the catering menu and train/hire additional employees with disabilities.

Amt Requested:
~~\$1,875.00~~

Organization: Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.
Org ID: 711-20240171
Program Name: Arts Education Collaboration (AEC)

Description: Arts Education Collaboration (AEC) is an immersive, multi-day program that serves children across the state of Connecticut, including approximately 100 youth in Middlesex County. AEC activities, including transportation, lunch, tickets to a Goodspeed performance, and a series of workshops, are provided completely free of charge to every participant.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Henry Carter Hull Library
Org ID: 173-20240172
Program Name: CH Library of Things

Description: to fund additional items for the popular HCH Library of Things. CFMC originally kicked off our Library of Things with a 2017 Grant for items for what we called the IDEA Center @ HCH Library. While the dedicated space for the IDEA Center items was never found, the items like the GoPro camera, Electronic Drum Kit, and the Digital Guitar all morphed onto our new Library of Things and are offered to our patrons to check out and use at home.

Amt Requested:
\$3,000.00

Organization: High Hopes Therapeutic Riding Inc
Org ID: 174-20240173
Program Name: High Hopes' One Health Initiative

Description: to support High Hopes' One Health Initiative, help fund the participation of youth and adults from Middlesex County in High Hopes' equine-assisted services and programs, and will help eliminate finances as a barrier to participation.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: HOPE Partnership, Inc.
Org ID: 1952-20240174
Program Name: General Program Operations funding

Description: to support HOPE Partnership's general work in advancing affordable housing in our region. This funding will specifically support HOPE as we work with our co-developer to create 50 new units of housing in the Pierson School redevelopment in Clinton.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Ivoryton Village Alliance, LLC
Org ID: 6879-20240177
Program Name: Annual Holiday Light Display

Description: to assist with the costs associated with hosting the annual holiday light display. Professional installation and removal of the lights on the centerpiece tree is necessary to protect and ensure they are available for future years.

Amt Requested:
\$4,100.00

Organization: Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center Inc
Org ID: 2097-20240178
Program Name: Kate's Camp for Kids and Summer Spotlight

Description: to support the expansion of our summer arts camp programs, Kate's Camp for Kids and Summer Spotlight, in order to serve more children and youth. These fun and educational programs will now be able to serve 350 campers (94 additional campers from previous years) over several weeks of programming from June through August.

Amt Requested:
\$4,000.00

Organization: Middletown Police Activity League Inc.
Org ID: 8536-20240181
Program Name: PAL center

Description: to purchase furniture, specifically a couch, to be used in the newly established PAL center at 646 Main Street.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.
Org ID: 5147-20240182
Program Name: Partnership's Hartford program

Description: Pro Bono Partnership recruits attorneys to volunteer on business and transactional legal matters for nonprofits enhancing the quality of life throughout Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. This grant will fund the Partnership's Hartford program, which provides legal services throughout Connecticut (except Fairfield County), including in Middlesex County.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Study Hall, Inc.
Org ID: 7791-20240186
Program Name: General Program Operations funding

Description: to improve the administrative infrastructure which will increase operational efficiencies, better manage scheduling and billing, and free up the Executive Director's time to network and increase the student, tutor, and funder base.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Unashamed, Inc.
Org ID: 8087-20240187
Program Name: Girls and Boys Who Build Program

Description: to fund the cost of three (3) facilitators to implement programming and to cover the cost of meals for 40 to 50 students to attend Unashamed Inc.'s Girls and Boys Who Build Program. Three (3) facilitators are the leadership complement to the program and each is responsible for 2 sessions while each student is fed a healthy balanced meal while in our care.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00

Organization: Youth & Family Services Of Haddam- Killingworth Inc
Org ID: 362-20240190
Program Name: Equine-assisted growth and learning

Description: Post-COVID youth across Connecticut and in our local community are experiencing a reduction in resiliency and an increase in social- emotional concerns and challenges. Equine-assisted growth and learning is a proven model for providing additional support for youth and families, so Haddam-Killingworth Youth and Family (HKYFS) will develop and implement creative equine facilitated group programs for local youth grounded in communication, resiliency, relationships, wellness, and problem-solving.

Amt Requested:
\$5,000.00