



Hartford Foundation
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Newsletter



ACCESS GRANTS



New Grant Opportunities!

The Hartford Foundation has committed to helping to dismantle structural racism in Greater Hartford. This requires that we lead and inspire others in new and different ways. At the same time, we've been inspired by others to change how we work. With that in mind, we are excited to offer several new opportunities for nonprofits to engage with and receive grants from the Foundation.

Access Grants: Does your organization have a mission or project idea that could contribute to the goal of dismantling structural racism in Greater Hartford? Our brand new Access Grants offer nonprofits the opportunity to submit proposals for any program concept that aligns with this goal. On Tuesday, April 13, we'll host a virtual information session for nonprofit leaders who want to know more. [Click here for details on the information session, grant amounts, eligibility and how to apply.](#)

Current Grant Opportunities & Notifications: From time to time, we issue a call for proposals from nonprofits serving Greater Hartford for specific, time-sensitive projects that benefit our community. In order to make things easier, we have launched a notification system to alert nonprofits whenever a new grant opportunity is available. [Click here to view a list of currently available](#)

opportunities and to sign up for notification emails.

Faith Community Grants: Faith-based organizations have been an integral part of our region's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to announce a new grant opportunity to support diverse faith organizations in Greater Hartford in serving the critical needs of residents disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and addressing other racial and social justice issues. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

By partnering with nonprofits, we can address the long term impacts of COVID-19 and help to reduce the structural disparities that were exposed and exacerbated during the pandemic. [Visit our website to learn about all of the ways](#) the Hartford Foundation supports Greater Hartford nonprofits. If you have ideas about how we can better serve our community, let us know.



Jay Williams: A Year of Reckoning Made Us Stronger

As the one year mark of the pandemic approached, the *Hartford Courant* asked Hartford Foundation President Jay Williams and three other community leaders to reflect upon what we've learned during the pandemic. Jay wrote about the urgent need to dismantle structural racism and achieve equity in Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx communities.

[Read Jay's op-ed here.](#)



New Fund Honors Longtime Housing Advocate Lynne Farley Gillette

Lynne Farley Gillette, an activist and founder of a successful real estate company that helped clients fight against redlining, has a new fund in her honor at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Her family created the **Lynne Farley Gillette Social Justice Fund** to promote a better understanding and respect among racial, religious and ethnic groups and individuals in Lynne's hometown of Windsor.

The *Hartford Courant* and *CT News Junkie* have each written articles about Gillette's incredible life and work.

[You can donate to the fund here.](#)

Our Public Policy Work: Housing, Zoning and the Clean Slate Bill

We recognize [the power of public policy](#) to increase the impact of our investments. This month, the Hartford Foundation submitted testimony on several bills, including the following:

- [Zoning changes to promote expanded opportunities for lower cost housing](#)
- [Bills to prevent homelessness and expand access to quality, affordable housing in higher opportunity areas](#)
- [Proposed legislation to support returning citizens and remove barriers that prevent their successful reentry](#)

[Read all of our Public Policy testimony here.](#)

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