Summer can be a special time for outdoor fun, exploration and discovery. But for many parents and caregivers, it brings the anxiety of securing reliable care for children who are out of school. This can be especially challenging for low-income families, whose options are limited.

This year, more than 7,200 school-age youth will participate in free and reduced-cost summer learning programs, thanks to $848,909 in grants from the Hartford Foundation. These grants support 33 programs serving kids throughout the region, as well as Greater Hartford residents with disabilities.

The Hartford Foundation has a long history of supporting summer programs, with grants dating back to the 1930s. These programs get kids outside in a fun environment, away from screens, where they often learn career or life skills. Summer programs also help older youth mitigate summer learning loss and be part of a positive, structured summertime environment. Meanwhile, parents can go to work without worrying about childcare, removing a critical barrier to employment for working parents.

Read about this year's grant recipients.
Harford Foundation Awards $200,000 in Grants for Hartford Voter Engagement Efforts

The Hartford Foundation has awarded grants to eleven nonprofits, totaling $200,000, to support nonpartisan voter engagement activities leading up to Hartford’s mayoral primary election in September and general election in November. There are more than 14,000 eligible, not-yet-registered voters living in Hartford. Our Get Out the Vote project aims to increase participation in elections and encourage greater overall civic engagement, so that when important decisions are made, everyone's voice is heard.

Learn about the grant recipients.

DominGO! Returns for 2023

Last year, the City of Hartford launched DominGO!, a series of open streets events that take place in neighborhoods around the city, featuring local food, live music and other performances. DominGO! is back for 2023, and the city has learned from resident feedback how to make the events event better. The first DominGO! event of the year will be held Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Northeast neighborhood.

The Hartford Foundation is a proud supporter of 2022 and 2023 DominGO! events. These events build social bonds, create a sense of neighborhood connectedness and activate neighborhood spaces, all of which contribute to our goal of building Higher Opportunity Neighborhoods in Hartford. They also support local artists and local business owners, not to mention our city's residents.

Visit DominGOHartford.com to learn more. We hope to see you there!

Grant Opportunities: June 2023
Throughout the year, we release Requests for Proposals for programs that advance our strategic priorities. The following opportunities will be available in June:

- Community Organizing RFP
- Resident Engagement RFP
- Funding opportunity for nonprofits supporting the town of Glastonbury

Visit our Grant Opportunities page to learn more.

Sign up to receive notifications when new grant opportunities are released.

New Fund Spotlight: Gail Maloney Memorial Community College Scholarship Fund

Gail Maloney was a fierce advocate of community college and education, especially for the military and their families. After her passing, Gail’s family established a scholarship in her memory. Read more.

Want to start your own scholarship fund? Contact Deborah Rothstein, the Hartford Foundation’s Vice President of Development, at drothstein@hfpg.org, or visit our website.

2022 Annual Report Teaser: SCRP

The Hartford Foundation will release our first-ever digital Annual Report in June. In this short clip, Ed Andrews of Second Chance Reentry Initiative Program (SCRP) talks about the impact of receiving support from the Foundation. Our 2022 Annual Report offers a look at the Foundation's recent work, with additional videos, in-depth feature stories, audio clips, data and more. Visit our website next month or sign up to be notified when our Annual Report is released.

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