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Newsletter

Hispanic Health Council Receives \$600,000 Grant

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded an 18-month, \$600,000 core support grant to Hispanic Health Council. This grant will provide flexible funding to support the Council's efforts to promote equity and address health disparities for Hispanics, Latinos, and other vulnerable communities.

Founded in 1978, the Hispanic Health Council is the largest, longest-standing Hispanic serving organization managed and governed by Hispanics. They provide integrated, accessible and culturally responsive care, community-based participatory research, and advocacy that can contribute to social justice and health equity.

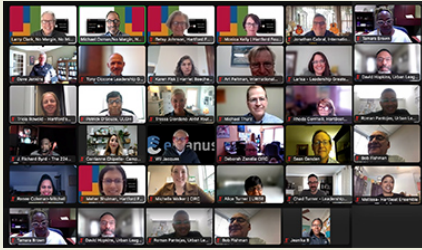
Some of the key goals of the Council's work over the next 18 months include:

- Expanding access to safe, quality, affordable housing
- Expanding access to healthy foods
- Improving equity through community engagements

Half of this grant was funded by the [Action Fund for Racial Justice](#), which we created in 2021 to engage donors in supporting local organizations on the frontlines of advancing racial justice. All of Hispanic Health Council's programs and services support the Foundation's main [strategic priorities](#) of dismantling structural racism and advancing social and economic mobility for Greater Hartford's Black and Latinx communities. This grant also supports our [Basic Human Needs portfolio](#) of work, specifically our desire to increase food security and mental health supports for people in our region.

The Foundation's increased use of core support grants over the past two years represents a concerted effort to put more trust in our nonprofit partners. We recognize that organizations closest to the work have the greatest understanding of the communities and people they serve. With this flexible funding, Hispanic Health Council can advance its mission and grow its capacity, while still having the ability to adapt as needs on the ground change.

[Read more about this grant.](#)



Social Enterprise Accelerator Returns With a New Cohort of Nonprofits

The Hartford Foundation's **Social Enterprise Accelerator** initiative launched in 2018 as a way to help nonprofits come up with revenue-generating business ideas that align with their missions. Sixteen local organizations have completed the program to date, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars and launching businesses that are currently in operation across our region.

We recently kicked off the latest iteration of Social Enterprise Accelerator, with 10 new organizations. These nonprofits will join a series of strategy workshops and could eventually launch their own business ideas that generate operating revenue and support the long-term sustainability of their organizations. We're excited to see what ideas they come up with!



Latino Endowment Fund Approves Grants for Housing and Educational Equity Projects

The **Latino Endowment Fund** at the Hartford Foundation has approved grants to the Capitol Region Educational Council (CREC) and Make The Road Connecticut totaling nearly \$40,000. The grant to CREC will support a mentoring project for chronically absent rising ninth grade Latina students, while the grant to Make the Road will support tenant-led organizing efforts to address housing inequities. [Learn more.](#)



Grant Opportunity: Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance Grants

The Hartford Foundation has opened a competitive grant opportunity for nonprofits seeking to increase access to emergency services and immediate assistance for basic human needs for Greater Hartford residents. We welcome requests

of \$1,000-\$15,000 for individual projects and up to \$20,000 for collaborative projects. [Learn more.](#)

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Donor Spotlight: Trees for Suffield Fund

In honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day, this month we'd like to feature a new fund dedicated to preserving the environment:

The **Trees for Suffield Fund** was established by the Suffield Garden Club to support the planting and maintenance of trees in Suffield, both now and in the future.

The Garden Club, the Suffield Tree Committee, and the Town of Suffield, working together, launched the Trees for Suffield Initiative. Their immediate goal is to realize the completion of a 10-year phased planting plan for Suffield's Historic Main Street and Town Greens. The plan is designed to replenish the aging tree canopy while building its resiliency to climate change.

"Trees play a vital role in providing habitat and protecting the ecosystem," said Sue Mayne, Tree Warden and chair of the Tree Committee. "They absorb pollution, lower energy bills, and reduce stress, something we all benefit from."

Garden Club president Connie Murray is proud of the Club's lead in establishing the Trees for Suffield Fund. "Planting trees is fun and rewarding, but the hard work of planning and saving for their future care is something that often falls by the wayside. Our partnership with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is an important step toward a vision of sustainability."

Want to start your own fund? Contact Deborah Rothstein, the Hartford Foundation's Vice

**President of Development, at
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2022 Annual Report Teaser: Donor Jenna Behan on Food Security

Hartford Foundation donor Jenna Behan recently spoke with us about basic human needs and food security as part of our 2022 Annual Report. In this short preview, Behan talks about the need to make food accessible for Connecticut residents. You can learn more in our first-ever digital Annual Report, coming in June.

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