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Hartford Foundation Announces Record-Breaking Grantmaking of \$52.7 Million in 2020

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving **awarded more than \$52.7 million in grants** to Greater Hartford nonprofit agencies in 2020.

“In the middle of March, the world changed. We were suddenly and unexpectedly thrust into the worst global crisis of our generation,” said Hartford Foundation President Jay Williams. “The COVID pandemic converged with and exacerbated the long-simmering racial pandemic in our country. In light of the overwhelming response from our donors and reallocation of resources, the Foundation was able to respond to the greatest demand for assistance that our communities have experienced in any of our lifetimes.”

While the COVID-19 crisis was the main driver of this record-breaking grantmaking total, the Foundation continued to make progress in **all of our strategic priority areas** focused on dismantling structural racism and improving social and economic mobility for Black and Latinx residents throughout Greater Hartford.

A few of our key grant investments in 2020 included:

- COVID-19 Response Fund
- Providing Free, City-Wide WiFi to Hartford Residents & Businesses
- Connecticut Institute for Youth and Police Relations in Hartford
- Hartford Small Business Emergency Grant Program
- *Artists of Color Unite!* Advisory Group

According to the latest estimated, unaudited numbers, the Foundation ended 2020 with total assets of \$1.125 billion. Last year, we received gifts totaling \$26.7 million and opened 40 new funds. In 2021, we will use our resources, convening ability and community leadership to continue to respond to the pandemic and work to reduce disparities in our region.



COVID-19 Response Fund Awards \$350,000 in Grants and Shifts to Phase 3

Our **COVID-19 Response Fund** has awarded \$9.6 million in grants to date. **We recently awarded \$350,000 in grants** to a wide variety of local nonprofits. This was the last series of grants in Phase 2 of our COVID Response, which focused on supporting nonprofits so they could safely reopen and operate. We have now entered Phase 3 of our COVID Response, which will focus on proactive, targeted and deeper investments, including vaccine outreach and education, learning loss, reducing inequities and more.

[Read more about our COVID Response.](#)



Current Grant Opportunity: Hartford Neighborhood Beautification

We are currently seeking proposals from nonprofits for efforts that contribute to the beautification of Hartford neighborhoods and are grounded in community need, resident interests and engagement. Projects may include “cleaning and greening” efforts, murals and other public art, external building improvements and more.

[Learn more about this and other current grant opportunities.](#)

Our Public Policy Work: A Focus on Reducing Disparities

We recognize [the power of public policy](#) to increase the impact of our investments. The

2021 legislative session recently got underway, and the Hartford Foundation submitted testimony on several bills, including the following:

- Preventing Homelessness and Expanding Affordable Housing
- Housing Opportunities for Justice Impacted Persons
- Establishing a Grant Program for Women and Minority Owned Businesses

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

The Hartford Foundation Celebrates Black History Month!



We are strengthened by the leaders of our past. We stand with the leaders of our present. We treasure the leaders of our future. Join the Hartford Foundation and [the Black Giving Circle](#) in celebrating Black History Month and leading a powerful force for good in Greater Hartford today.

Black History is Connecticut History

Hartford Foundation President Jay Williams made two television appearances to discuss Black History Month and the unsung heroes that helped make our country what it is today.

[NBC Connecticut: CT Live! Connecticut in Color](#)

[FOX 61: Black History is CT History](#)

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