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Newsletter

An Update on Our COVID-19 Response Work

The Hartford Foundation's **COVID-19 Response Fund** has made more than 200 grants and distributed nearly **$9.5 million** since the start of the pandemic. The fund initially focused on basic human needs as a result of health and economic impacts of the pandemic, and then transitioned to supporting a variety of reopening costs for nonprofits, including PPE, cleaning costs, technology and minor building enhancements.

As the crisis evolves, so does our work. In 2021, the COVID-19 Response Fund will make investments on a rolling basis. Examples of potential grant areas include:

- Vaccine education, outreach and distribution to reach residents who may be hesitant to get vaccinated.
- Systemic approaches to help students catch up on lost learning with a focus on reducing inequities.

As always, we will consider many factors when making grants, including disparities addressed, targets populations expected to benefit, overall impact on Greater Hartford residents and more.

Our **application process** for this new phase of the COVID-19 Response Fund will open on February 2.

Click here to learn more.

Please note: We are still accepting applications for the Reopening Phase of our COVID-19 Response Fund grantmaking until Monday, February 1 at 11:59 p.m. EST. If your nonprofit has not requested funding during this phase, we encourage you to complete our application before the deadline.

$500,000 Grant Will Support Free Child Care for Hartford Public School Students

The Hartford Foundation and the City of Hartford have partnered to offer free child care for approximately 300 Hartford students at Learning Hubs throughout the city. This program will provide much needed support to families who are struggling with work, child care and remote learning during the pandemic. City staff will work with schools to identify students and parents with the greatest need, including priority access for teachers.

Read more about this program on the NBC Connecticut website.

Artists of Color Unite! Announces $400,000 to Support Region's Artists of Color

- The Hartford Foundation's *Artists of Color Unite!* advisory committee closed out 2020 by recommending three grants totaling $400,000, all of which will provide support and resources to artists of color across Greater Hartford.

Click here to read more about these grants.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Community Education and Organizing Around Housing Segregation

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Open RFPs and Grant Opportunities

We currently have the following open grant opportunities:

- Artists of Color Unite! Impact Project
- Summer Programs 2021
- Community Education on Housing Segregation

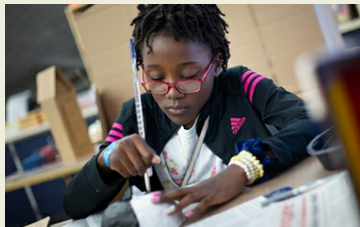**We encourage local nonprofits who meet the criteria to**

apply.

Jorge Casasnovas Named Chair of Latino Endowment Fund

Jorge Casasnovas, resident of Avon and principal of Casasnovas Consulting LLC, **has been named chair of the steering committee** for the Latino Endowment Fund. He joins steering committee chair Moraima Gutierrez, who will continue serving as vice chair.

The Latino Endowment Fund **recently awarded a $20,000 grant** to Connecticut Students for a Dream to support its COVID Community Defense Project, which trains and engages youth to support immigrants dealing with COVID-19's economic and public health crises.

Smart Giving: Zayas Law Firm Creates Donor-Advised Fund at the Hartford Foundation to Support Arts and Culture Programs for Youth

Whether it is for an individual, family or business, a Donor-Advised Fund at the Hartford Foundation offers the greatest flexibility to meet your charitable goals.

Attorney Richard Zayas, founder of the Zayas Law Firm, is known throughout the Hartford community for his support of cultural organizations and events. Zayas recently created a new $200,000 Donor-Advised Fund at the Hartford Foundation to support arts and culture youth activities. The fund was based on Zayas' own interest in the arts, specifically Caribbean music, his greatest passion after practicing law.

Read more about this new fund, or contact us to learn how you can create your own Donor-Advised Fund.

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