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Newsletter



A Year-End Message From Jay Williams

As we approach the end of the year, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is so grateful to all of our donors and other partners, who make our work possible and allow us to have an impact on the lives of Greater Hartford residents. We couldn't do this work without you!

In the above video, Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams offers an end-of-year message and reflects on some of our most exciting projects of 2023.

We have a lot to celebrate this year, and look forward to a productive 2024, as we get closer to our Centennial anniversary in 2025.

Happy holidays, and thanks for helping to make Greater Hartford a better place to live.



Celebrating 2023: Our End-of-Year Recap

This month on social media, we are highlighting some of the work we're most proud of in 2023.

Follow the Hartford Foundation on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn to learn about highlights from this year, including:

- The 30th anniversary of the [Catalyst Endowment Fund](#)
- The latest cohort of our [Social Enterprise Accelerator program](#), which helps nonprofits create revenue-generating ventures
- Our [\\$600,000 grant to the Hispanic Health Council](#) to address health disparities
- The launch of the [Equality Fund](#), which will prioritize underserved LGBTQ+ communities
- and more to come!

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Helping Greater Hartford Residents Become First-Time Homebuyers

A new [\\$600,000 grant to the Housing Development Fund](#) will provide downpayment assistance to BIPOC first-time homebuyers in Greater Hartford.

Between 25 and 35 households will benefit from this grant, with zero-percent loans to cover down payment and closing costs.

This investment is part of our goal of [increasing the number of Hartford residents living in higher opportunity neighborhoods](#). Due to historic barriers and discrimination, the homeownership rate among white households is currently 77%, significantly higher than that of Black households (42%) and Latino households (32%).

The grant includes \$100,000 of co-funding with Hartford Foundation donors. This type of collaboration has a multiplier effect and increases the scope and impact of the grant. In 2024, one of our goals is to engage our donors in more co-funding opportunities like this one. Stay tuned!

Video: Fresh Start Academy

Fresh Start Pallet Products produces high quality handmade furniture such as chairs, coffee tables, garden beds and trellises. Their motto is "Building Furniture, Rebuilding Lives."

Founded in 2013 and originally operating out of a tent behind a Hartford church, the organization has grown into a thriving nonprofit with a manufacturing facility on Sargeant Street. Eventually, they launched the Fresh Start Academy, which teaches carpentry skills to people with barriers to employment, such as recent immigrants, people with substance use disorder, and residents returning from prison.

In 2022, the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving awarded a donor advised grant to Fresh Start to allow them to expand the capacity of the academy and hire an instructor. The Garmany Fund has since awarded another grant to Fresh Start to purchase Computer Numerical Control (CNC) equipment.

We produced a video about the Academy and its impact on the lives of participants. [You can watch it here.](#)



Two Grants Totaling \$560,000 Support the Availability of High Quality Data in CT

When nonprofits, policymakers and residents make important decisions on issues that affect all of us, we want them to have access to high quality, rigorous data.

We recently awarded a \$300,000 grant to **DataHaven** and a \$260,000 grant to **CT Data Collaborative**. These grants provide flexible support as the organizations work to advance effective, equitable decision-making through the use of data.

Read more about these grants:

[DataHaven](#)

[CT Data Collaborative](#)

Grant Opportunity: Summer Programming 2024

The Hartford Foundation is currently accepting proposals for summer programming for Hartford youth as well as people with disabilities in our 29-town region. **The deadline to apply for this opportunity is January 16.**

[Click here to learn more.](#)

[Sign up to be notified when new grant opportunities are announced.](#)



150+ Scholarships Available to Greater Hartford Students

The Hartford Foundation's Scholarship Website is now open with scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. We offer scholarships for all types of students, whether you're at a

4-year or community college, attending graduate school or enrolled in a vocational program. [Visit our Scholarship Website to find the right scholarship for you.](#)

Please help us spread the word by sharing with a parent or student who may be interested.

Visit our website: hfpg.org

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