



Hartford Foundation
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

Newsletter



Hartford Foundation 2023 Grantmaking Tops \$50 Million

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the community foundation for 29 towns in Greater Hartford, **awarded \$50 million in grants to local nonprofits in 2023**. Since its founding in 1925, the Foundation has awarded more than \$998 million in grants.

Our grantmaking aligns with [our commitment](#) to dismantling structural racism and advancing equity, and [our strategic outcomes](#).

Notable 2023 grants include:

- **\$4 million** total to Our Piece of the Pie, COMPASS Youth Collaborative and Roca Inc. to support their work with **opportunity youth** who are disconnected from school or jobs
- **\$1.4 million** total to The Open Hearth, Forge City Works, Girls For Technology and Makerspace CT as they create **workforce opportunities** for Black and Latine residents
- **\$600,000** to help **first-time homeowners** through the Housing Development Fund*
- **\$965,000** to support the **offices of family and school partnerships** in East Hartford, Manchester, Vernon and Windsor
- **\$600,000** to Hispanic Health Council to address **health disparities for Latinos** and other vulnerable communities
- **\$574,000** to 65 nonprofits that provide **basic human needs** to Greater Hartford residents*
- **\$224,000** in Love Your Block grants for **neighborhood beautification** projects in

Hartford

- **\$600,000** to the Greater Hartford Arts Council to support **Black- and Latine-led arts organizations** and artists

In 2019, we established 29 **Greater Together Community Funds**, one for each of the towns in our region. Last year, those community funds made **179 grants totaling \$700,000**.

We couldn't do this work without the generosity of our donors. In 2023, the Foundation received gifts totaling nearly \$22.5 million. Local individuals, families and organizations opened a total of 26 new funds.

[Read more about our 2023 grantmaking.](#)

**These grants were made in collaboration with Foundation donors through their donor advised funds.*

All dollar amounts are unaudited.



Hartford Foundation Awards \$300,000 Interfaith Security Grant

The Hartford Foundation announced a \$300,000 grant in support of an interfaith security initiative for organizations throughout Greater Hartford. The grant, awarded to **Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford**, will allow the local Jewish community to provide security assessment and training to an array of faith-based institutions across the region.

The grant builds on state and federal funding designed to combat hate crimes throughout Connecticut. It is designed to foster dialogue and collaboration between Greater Hartford's many faith communities.

"We must do all we can to ensure that the rise of hate speech and acts of religious discrimination and harassment do not threaten people's ability to safely attend their houses of worship," said Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams.

[Read more about this grant.](#)



LOVE *your* BLOCK GRANT

WITH \$2,500 OR \$25,000

HOW WOULD YOU

LOVE YOUR BLOCK?

IDEA SUBMISSION BEGINS FEB 14TH!



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'Love Your Block' Returns for 2024

Love Your Block is a collaboration between the City of Hartford and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This mini-grant program supports organizations or residents who want to make a difference in their community by funding projects focused on combating litter, activating vacant lots, and strengthening neighborhood pride. Last year, the Foundation supported the program with \$224,000 in grants. Now, the City of Hartford is seeking proposals for 2024 projects.

Have a project idea that would make a Hartford neighborhood more beautiful? [Learn more and submit your ideas by March 15.](#)

Our RFP calendar is updated for 2024!

We have updated our online Requests for Proposals (RFP) calendar with 2024 listings. [Visit the calendar to see what opportunities are currently available, or coming up later this year.](#)

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



Hartford Foundation Scholarship Website: Find a Scholarship

The Hartford Foundation's Scholarship Website is now open with scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. We offer more than 100 scholarships for all types of students. Don't wait! [Visit our Scholarship Website to find the right scholarship for you.](#)

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



Social Enterprise Accelerator Participants Seek Matching Donations for Earned Income Ventures

Nonprofits across Greater Hartford are facing increased demand for their services, while raising funds becomes increasingly difficult.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation created our **Social Enterprise Accelerator (SEA)** program, which helps nonprofits develop new products or services that align with their missions and support their financial sustainability. Sixteen organizations have already completed the SEA program and created millions in new revenue.

Last year, we welcomed the latest group of eight SEA participants. These nonprofits created business plans and pitched their ventures to potential donors in January. Now, **the Foundation is offering matching grants of up to \$30,000** to each organization to support their new earned income ventures.

[Learn more about the SEA program and the current group of participants.](#)

If you'd like to donate to help the SEA participants meet the Foundation's match, [we encourage you to reach out directly to the organizations.](#)

Celebrating Black History Month!

In honor of Black History Month, we are using our social media channels to share stories of Greater Hartford residents who have made a difference in our state. Here is the story of Hartford poet and activist Lucy Cooper Summers.

Lucy Cooper Summers
was an activist and
poet whose mission
was to beautify her
community.



Follow us on social media for more!



Our **Black Giving Circle Fund**, now in its ninth year, works to create sustainable change in Greater Hartford's Black community. [Learn more.](#)

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