Hartford Foundation Announces More Than $400,000 in Access Grants to Help Dismantle Structural Racism

Last year, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving launched the Access Grants initiative to support nonprofits aligned with our strategic priorities of helping to dismantle structural racism and increasing social and economic mobility for Black and Latinx residents of Greater Hartford.

This month, we announced a new round of Access Grants, awarding nearly $420,000 to eleven nonprofits, bringing the total amount awarded through the initiative to more than $1.8 million in less than 2 years.

Access Grants are designed to identify and support nonprofits which may be new partners of the Foundation. Recognizing that BIPOC-led and serving nonprofits have historically been under resourced, the Foundation also made the choice to prioritize requests from organizations that are BIPOC-led, particularly for efforts that primarily serve communities of color.

“We welcome new approaches and partners whose work contributes to our strategic goals,” said Hartford Foundation Direct of Community Impact Grantmaking Megan Burke. “The grants recommended here all offered a strong
articulation of how their proposed efforts would make a significant contribution to dismantling structural racism in Greater Hartford.”

READ MORE:
Hartford Foundation's latest grants aim to dismantle structural racism with a focus on health care access (Hartford Courant)

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New Grant Opportunity: 2023 Summer Programming

We’re excited to announce a grant opportunity to provide 2023 summer programming to Hartford children and people with disabilities in our 29-town region.

An optional information session will be held via Zoom on Thursday, December 1. Learn about the info session and how to apply for a grant.

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SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Apply for a Scholarship: Our Scholarship Directory is Now Open!

Our Scholarship Directory has re-launched with 150+ new scholarships for all types of students. We offer scholarships for Greater Hartford students who plan to attend 4-year, 2-year or vocational schools, as well as graduate students and adult learners.

Browse the site and find a scholarship that’s right for you or someone you know!

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New Grants From Our Giving Circles

Two of the Foundation's Giving Circles recently awarded grants to local nonprofits.
Black Giving Circle Fund: Last week, members of the Black Giving Circle awarded three grants to preserve history and support leadership development for youth.

Catalyst Endowment Fund: After spending the year exploring the timely topic of youth mental health, Catalyst members awarded two grants that will support young people in our region.

Support the Action Fund for Racial Justice This Holiday Season

When you give to the Action Fund for Racial Justice, you’re helping to provide basic needs to our neighbors in Greater Hartford. You’re also helping to reduce longstanding disparities and advance equity in our state.

Make an immediate and long-term impact. Learn more about the Action Fund and make a donation today!

Year-End Giving: A Letter From Our Development Team

As we approach the end of 2022, our thoughts turn to year-end giving, especially as we reflect on the many unprecedented challenges our region and residents have faced the last three years. We thought it might be helpful to offer the following ideas as you consider your charitable giving plans.
• **Give now—decide later.** If you are planning for a charitable tax deduction this year but are undecided about which nonprofits to support or want to utilize a tax deduction to support future charitable giving, consider opening a donor advised fund at the Hartford Foundation. You can claim a deduction for contributions to your fund now, even if distributions from the fund might be made in future years. Your donor advised fund can support charitable giving in Greater Hartford or around the country.

• **Gift appreciated stock.** Consider gifts of appreciated stock if you would like to make a year-end charitable gift. Selling stock will incur capital gains on the appreciation, but if you gift stock, you can receive a charitable deduction for the current market value of the stock—and eliminate the capital gains tax.*

• **Charitable IRA Rollover.** Individuals 70½ years or older can donate up to $100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) directly to a designated, unrestricted, scholarship or field of interest fund at the Foundation, or directly to a nonprofit.

• **Give to the Action Fund for Racial Justice.** The Action Fund is a current use fund designed to address immediate and ongoing community needs. Grants from the Fund are awarded to nonprofits that are working to dismantle barriers to opportunity for communities of color, rebuild more equitable systems, and support those adversely affected by systemic racism. **You can donate to the general fund, or select a charitable area of interest.**

Need help? We're here to assist you in reaching your charitable goals or legacy plans, and answer any questions you may have.

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*The Foundation advises donors and fundholders to work closely with their accountant, tax advisor or financial planner to understand the deductibility of their charitable giving in the context of their personal financial circumstances.

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