



**Hartford Foundation for Public Giving**  
Request for Proposals  
November 13, 2023

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity designed to provide summer programming opportunities to Hartford youth as well as people with disabilities in our 29-town region. The Hartford Foundation welcomes requests of **up to \$50,000** for activities implemented during the summer of 2024 and expects to award up to \$750,000 in total across all grantees.

Applicants are requested to complete the [online grant application](#) by end of day **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. Grants will be announced in **April 2024**.

**I. Background:**

The Hartford Foundation's primary goals in supporting summer programming are to 1) provide children and youth in Hartford with an engaging and nurturing place to go during the traditional workday in support of working families while school is out of session, 2) provide people of all ages with disabilities across the region with an enriching summer experience, and 3) provide Hartford youth with career exposure through counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

The Foundation will prioritize supporting programs that promote a combination of summer learning, enrichment, and recreation and foster academic, developmental, and personal skills by using engaging strategies that campers will enjoy.

**II. Proposal Requirements:**

Grants will be considered for programs that can contribute to one or more of the Hartford Foundation's goals as outlined above. Applicants should demonstrate cultural humility. Preference will be given to organizations that are Black or Latine led.

Organizations currently receiving a core support grant from the Hartford Foundation are ineligible for summer program funding. If you are unsure whether your organization is a current core support grant recipient, please be in touch with your grant's community impact officer *prior* to submitting an application.

- **Population of Focus:** Programming must serve either Hartford youth or people of all ages with disabilities in our [29-town region](#).
- **Eligible Applicants:** Applicants must meet the Hartford Foundation basic grantee criteria, found halfway down this webpage [here](#). Non-501c3 community-based groups may apply using a fiscal sponsor. Applicants must also have at least one summer's experience running a summer program or the equivalent of at least one year's experience working with children in Hartford or with people (of any age) with a disability.

- **Eligible Types of Programs:** Eligible types of programs include summer camperships, enrichment opportunities (programs that host campers from other organizations rather than hosting their own campers), or counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

Programs eligible for funding consideration will be hosted during traditional workday hours to support working families and will demonstrate program accessibility through providing options for reduced-fee or free summer programming as well as transportation where appropriate (e.g., when the program site is not located in the community to be served).

- **Expected Measurement of Outcomes:** Funded proposals will be asked to track and report on the following measurements: 1) the total number participating in overall programming, 2) the number of Hartford children and youth participating in programming, 3) if applicable, the number of individuals with disabilities participating in programming, 4) if applicable, the number of households identifying program as primary childcare option if such data is collected or known, 5) if applicable, the number of CITs with a summary of activities and training geared toward career exposure, and 6) reflection questions on highlights and challenges of the summer program.

Hartford Foundation staff will utilize a rubric to aid in the review and evaluation of submitted applications. To view the rubric, [please click here](#).

Eligibility and other summer program related questions can be directed to Kate Piotrowski at [kpiotrowski@hfpg.org](mailto:kpiotrowski@hfpg.org). Any technical questions regarding completing the online application should be directed to Grants Administration at [grantsadministration@hfpg.org](mailto:grantsadministration@hfpg.org).

**Applicants should complete all required questions of the online application by the deadline in order to be deemed eligible for funding consideration.** Each organization is invited to submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **11:59pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**

### **III. Key Dates:**

- Summer programs RFP release: Monday, November 13, 2023
- Application deadline: Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 11:59pm
- Award announcement: end of April 2024