



Hartford Foundation Awards More Than \$800,000 to Greater Hartford Summer Programs

This summer, more than 7,600 school-age children and youth across Greater Hartford will participate in summer learning programs, [thanks in part to \\$824,350 in grants from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving](#). The grants will support 36 programs that provide a range of fun and enriching options for children in Hartford, as well as counselor-in-training programs that offer Hartford youth one of their first paid job opportunities. The Foundation also supports summer programming for people with disabilities including programs for youth and adults from throughout Greater Hartford.

The Hartford Foundation has a long history of supporting summer programs, with grants dating back to the 1930s. Our support of these programs contributes to [our goal of increasing employment opportunities for Black and Latinx residents of Greater Hartford](#). It removes a barrier to employment for working families, who often struggle to find affordable and reliable summertime childcare, and helps provide career skills to Hartford youth, many of whom have the chance to work at a camp they attended as a child.

Following two summers of remote or hybrid activities, programs are planning to be fully in person – providing young people the chance to step away from their screens and enjoy summer outside!

To help families discover and apply for summer programs, the Foundation awarded a grant to the Connecticut Afterschool Network to develop an updated online Summer Program Directory. Visit CTYouthDirectory.org to search for summer program opportunities near you.

Read more:

[Hartford Foundation for Public Giving grants \\$825,000 to summer camps, learning and job programs](#) (*Hartford Courant*)



Jay Williams Testifies Before U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Economic Disparity & Fairness in Growth

On Wednesday, May 11, Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams was featured in a hearing convened by the U.S. House of Representatives' Select Committee on Economic Disparity & Fairness in Growth in Washington, D.C. This hearing focused on strategies the federal government could use to support left-behind urban and rural communities. He spoke about the importance of ensuring that local residents play an active role in the creation of solutions to bring growth and prosperity to their communities. [Watch video of Jay's testimony.](#)



Artist Andriena Baldwin painted the mural at the Hartford Intersection of Hope Garden as part of a 2021 Love Your Block project (Defining Studios photo)

"Love Your Block" 2022 Grants Announced

The City of Hartford and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving announced this year's recipients of **Love Your Block** grants, awarded to projects proposed by community members to beautify Hartford neighborhoods. This latest round of grants committed more than \$225,000 to fund 21 unique projects in 15 different neighborhoods. These beautification efforts help create a more vibrant Hartford, but just as importantly, they engage community members and instill a sense of civic pride. Residents who have participated in [past beautification projects](#) have told us that it changed the way they look at their own neighborhoods – and made them want to do even more. [Read about the Love Your Block 2022 grants and the projects they'll fund.](#)



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Donor Story: The Berkins Family Fund

Andréa Hawkins and Doug Barber have been making a difference in Greater Hartford for more than half a century. After a career in the nonprofit world, in 2015, the couple opened Berkins Blend Cafe, an independent coffee shop that would later expand to multiple locations.

Andréa and Doug chose to open the Berkins Family Fund as a gift to each other. The fund will support

nonprofit organizations that assist entrepreneurial people of color who are interested in starting a new program.

"The Berkins Family Fund has a full family impact, and, hopefully, a full legacy impact," said Andréa. "Our entire family is excited about it."

[Read more about The Berkins Family Fund.](#)

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