New Opportunities for Nonprofits in 2022

The Hartford Foundation is making an effort to evolve how we work. In 2022, we plan to build upon our partnerships with local nonprofits while providing expanded opportunities to a broader range of organizations. We also want our grantmaking process to be more accessible and transparent.

With that in mind, here are some new opportunities we are offering in 2022:

- **We are currently accepting proposals for the first round of this year’s Access Grants.** These grants, awarded in amounts of up to $50,000, support organizations with a mission or project that contributes to the goal of dismantling structural racism in Greater Hartford. The deadline to submit a proposal is February 14th.

- **We've launched a calendar of Grant Opportunities** that lists both current and upcoming opportunities. The calendar will be updated throughout the year as RFPs and other opportunities are announced.
- **We are currently seeking proposals** for Community Organizing Grants, Resident Engagement Grants and more.

- **On January 20, we held a 2022 Nonprofit Opportunities Information Session** for nonprofit leaders to hear about what we have coming up this year.

- **We've updated our website with new language around our strategic priorities.** What does it mean to Dismantle Structural Racism? How do we advance equity in economic and social mobility? We've developed more context around these questions in an effort to provide clarity for nonprofits that are interested in receiving a grant.

If you share our vision of a more equitable Greater Hartford, whether you're an existing donor or nonprofit partner, or we've never partnered before, we want to hear from you. Let's work together in 2022.

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**Hartford Foundation Awards $175,000 in Grants to Support Housing Policy and Advocacy Efforts**

In its effort to make affordable, stable and higher quality housing more accessible to low-income residents of color or residents encountering housing barriers, the Hartford Foundation has awarded seven $25,000 grants to support a broad range of state and local public policy and advocacy work. This marks the first time that the Foundation has offered its support for legislative advocacy by nonprofits and community members. **Learn more about these grants.**

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**Meet Our Newest Board Members!**

We are pleased to announce two new members of our Board of Directors, Susan B. Dunn and Judge Nina Elgo, who began their terms on January 1. Each brings a wealth of professional experience and vast knowledge of our region. **Click here to learn more about their backgrounds and what they bring to our Foundation.**
IN THE NEWS: **Friends of Keney Park will hire its first Executive Director,** thanks to a $215,000 grant from the Hartford Foundation.

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**2021: Year in Review**

Last year was a test of our resilience, but the Hartford Foundation remained steadfast in our commitment to address systemic racism, listen to residents and create new opportunities for nonprofits. **Here are some of the highlights of our work in 2021.**

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**Art in Action: Closing Reception**

In 2020, at the height of the pandemic, we launched an online gallery called **Art in Action** to capture how young adults were feeling during a time of uncertainty and turmoil. The response was tremendous and **Art in Action** turned into a physical gallery shown at several locations in Greater Hartford throughout 2021. Last month, the touring gallery ended with a closing reception at Hartford Public Library. Here are a few photos from the event. **You can view the online exhibit here.** Congratulations to all the participants, and we wish you luck in your blossoming careers as artists.

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**Latino Endowment Fund Approves Grants to Support Latino Entrepreneurship and Social Justice**

“**The strength of the Latino Endowment Fund is in supporting programs that positively impact and bring progress to our communities,**” according to LEF Steering Committee Chair Delpha DiGiacomo.

The Fund’s latest grants, totaling nearly $50,000, will support professional development,
social justice and entrepreneurship for Latino immigrant women, as well as social justice and resident engagement for Latinos in Greater Hartford. Read more.

Now is the perfect time to join one of the Hartford Foundation's Giving Circles!

Our three Giving Circles -- the Black Giving Circle Fund, Latino Endowment Fund and Catalyst Endowment Fund -- offer a place for dedicated, community-minded residents to come together and increase their impact through collective giving. Giving Circles members meet three times each year to learn about and discuss issues of importance to Greater Hartford. The beginning of a new year is the best time to join!

If you're interested in one of our Giving Circles please visit our website to learn more, or reach out to us with questions.

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