



Hartford Foundation
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

Newsletter



The Hartford Foundation Had a Record-Breaking Year For Grantmaking and Gifts in 2022

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving awarded **\$54.5 million in grants to the region's nonprofits in 2022**, marking the largest total in our nearly 100-year history. This surpasses even the \$52.7 million in grants made during the peak of the COVID-19 public health and economic crises in 2020.

A few key examples of our 2022 grantmaking include:

- **\$9.9 million awarded to 24 agencies for "core support,"** flexible resources to organizations whose missions and work closely align to Foundation priorities;
- **\$663,000 in Emergency Assistance Grants** to 77 nonprofit organizations to support food security and other basic human needs;
- **Four \$175,000 grants** to the Offices of Family and Community Partnerships in Bloomfield, Manchester, Vernon and Windsor;
- **\$225,000 in Love Your Block grants** to support 21 neighborhood beautification projects across Hartford;
- An additional **\$1.45 million investment** to bolster our Greater Together Community Funds program;
- and much more!

All of our Foundation-directed grants were in support of [our strategic priorities](#) of dismantling structural racism and advancing equitable social and economic mobility in our communities of color, as well as [our five outcome areas](#).

Thanks to our generous donors and community, the Foundation also brought in \$40.8 million in gifts last year, the second-highest total in our history. This includes 41 new funds opened by individuals, families and businesses in our region. These new gifts and funds, along with our endowment and careful fiscal stewardship, will allow us have a greater impact in our community for years to come.

The Foundation has now awarded more than \$948 million in grants since our founding in 1925.

[Learn more about our 2022 grantmaking and gifts.](#)



Jay Williams Included in *Hartford Business Journal* "Power 50"

Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams has been named #10 on the *Hartford Business Journal's* "Power 50" list for 2023.

"Williams seeks to partner with whomever can help move a project along," according to the *HBJ*. "Since day one, and particularly during the pandemic, the foundation has partnered with the city of Hartford on everything from providing food to the hungry and aid for small businesses to Wi-Fi expansion."

[Read the full article here.](#)



Grant Opportunity: Seeking Proposals for Hartford Voter Engagement Efforts

In an effort to encourage greater civic engagement and increase voter participation in our Capital City, the Hartford Foundation is seeking proposals from nonprofits to support nonpartisan voter engagement activities leading up to Hartford's mayoral primary election and general election. Less than one-fifth of eligible voters participated in the 2019 Hartford mayoral election and more than 14,000 eligible, not-yet-registered voters reside in the city. The Foundation is seeking to partner with

organizations that will effectively engage with populations whose voices have been least reflected at the polls. We will award individual grants up to \$25,000.

[Learn more about this opportunity.](#)

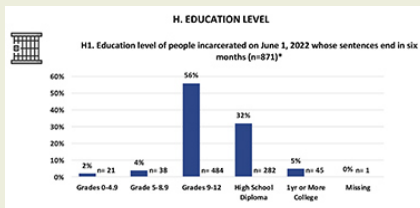
More Grant Opportunities

We are currently seeking proposals for the following grant opportunities:

- Community Organizing RFP
- Resident Engagement RFP
- Love Your Block: Beautification Projects
- RFP to support the town of Granby

[Visit our Grant Opportunities web page](#) to view current and upcoming RFPs, or watch our information session about 2023 opportunities.

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



2023 State of Reentry Report

On February 15, a news conference and panel discussion took place at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford to share the findings of the **2023 State of Reentry Report**. Supported by the Hartford Foundation, the report provides a snapshot of the state of men and women returning from incarceration and the challenges many face to successfully reintegrate into Connecticut's communities, gain employment, reach their potential and contribute to their families and communities. The Foundation has long supported reentry work as part of our strategy to remove barriers to employment for Greater Hartford residents. [Visit our Publications page to view or download the report.](#)



Persimmon Petals Flower Shop Opens in Hartford

Persimmon Petals, a flower shop run by the YWCA Hartford Region, has opened its store on Broad Street. This business originated through the Hartford Foundation's **Social Enterprise Accelerator** program, an initiative that supports local nonprofits in developing revenue-generating business ventures that align with their mission. [Sixteen nonprofits have participated in the program](#), creating a wide array of business ideas and raising money to support them, with the Hartford Foundation providing matching grants. We hope you'll support Persimmon Petals and all the Social Enterprise Accelerator businesses. In turn, you'll be helping these nonprofits achieve their missions.

Watch the NBC Connecticut story

[Connecticut in Color: YWCA Opens Flower Shop With a Purpose](#)

Nonprofits: Interested in participating in our Social Enterprise Accelerator? [Click here to learn about the next iteration of the program and register for an information session on March 7.](#)

Celebrating Black History Month!

Happy Black History Month from the Hartford Foundation and the Black Giving Circle Fund! This month, we are [highlighting local Black figures](#) who made history from our state, to show that Connecticut's Black history is all of our history.

[Visit the Black Giving Circle Fund web page](#) to see how we are working to create sustainable change in Greater Hartford's Black community.

Lemuel Custis
Hartford, CT
1915 - 2005

U.S. Army Air Force officer, combat fighter pilot, Squadron Operations Officer and one of the first airmen to graduate from Tuskegee Institute in 1942. Custis was also Hartford's first African American police officer.




Black Giving Circle Fund

Ann Lane Petry
Old Saybrook, CT
1908 - 1997

A talented writer and journalist whose novel, *The Streets*, was one of the first to address race, class and gender experiences as a Black woman.




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