



Hartford Foundation
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

Newsletter

Happy Holidays and Thanks for Partnering With Us in 2022!

It's been a very productive year at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving as we make progress toward **our strategic priorities** of dismantling structural racism and advancing social and economic mobility in Greater Hartford. Working together with donors, nonprofits, government partners and residents, we made strides in key areas including employment, housing, basic needs, arts, and resident engagement.

In 2022, we built **new avenues** for our donors to fulfill their philanthropic visions. We hosted donor education programs and created opportunities for donors to fund new projects alongside the Foundation. Donors worked together with our staff to identify areas where they could have the greatest impact on the causes that matter most to them.

We also created new opportunities for nonprofits to engage with our Foundation, including our **Access Grants** initiative and **RFP calendar**. When making grants, we've shifted power to our nonprofit partners by increasing our use of core support grants, streamlining our application process, and inviting grantee feedback to better inform our work. Our hope is that any Greater Hartford nonprofit that can contribute to the goal of dismantling structural racism will feel encouraged to connect with us, regardless of their size or whether they've worked with us before.

What we're perhaps most proud of is how we've incorporated a wider network of Greater Hartford residents into our work. Our **Greater Together Community Funds** had a landmark year, with residents of 25 towns working together to award 200 grants totaling more than \$730,000. Our **Neighborhood Beautification** efforts -- including support of the city of Hartford's Love Your Block program -- helped produce more artwork, gardens and green spaces in every neighborhood of the city, all of which was done through resident-led decision making. And our increased focus on **resident engagement** helped more voices to be heard, which will benefit our neighborhoods for years to come.

We believe the diversity of our community is our greatest strength, and we recognize that we can't do our work alone. As we look toward 2023, we want to continue to make the Hartford Foundation and Greater Hartford a place where all are welcome and everyone can contribute toward making this region a better place to live.

Happy Holidays and thanks for being a great partner to our Foundation.

Click on the image above to watch Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams' year-end message to Foundation stakeholders



Hartford Foundation Awards \$263,000 to Support Food and Other Basic Needs

When people can't afford essentials like groceries or medical care, it becomes challenging for children to perform in school or adults to succeed at work. The Hartford Foundation recently awarded 27 Emergency Assistance grants totaling \$263,000 to support food assistance, emergency aid, rental assistance and other basic needs. These grants will improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of our neighbors and support our strategic priority of advancing social and economic mobility for Greater Hartford residents. [Learn more about these grants.](#)

Coming Soon! 2023 Grant Opportunities

Attention nonprofits: We will release our 2023 RFP Calendar on our website within the next few weeks. If you haven't already, [sign up to receive grant opportunity notifications](#), and we'll let you know when the RFP Calendar and other future grant opportunities are released.



Time is Running Out to Apply for Scholarships!

Our Scholarship Directory features 150+ available 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. **Many of our application deadlines occur in early January, so browse and apply now!**

Open a Fund at the Hartford Foundation

Year-end is a time when many people think about their philanthropic goals. The Hartford Foundation can help you create a personalized giving plan and support the causes and organizations that matter to you for years to come. Our 1,400+ funds are as unique as the individuals, families, businesses and organizations that created them. **Learn more about starting your own fund at the Hartford Foundation.**

Hear from two of our donors about why they decided to open a fund.



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