



ACCESS GRANTS



Hartford Foundation Announces More Than \$250,000 in Access Grants to Support Dismantling Structural Racism

In 2021, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving launched the **Access Grants** program to support organizations with a mission or project that aligns with our goal of dismantling structural racism in Greater Hartford. Last year, we awarded more than \$1.1 million to 33 organizations. Now, the Foundation has announced our first round of 2022 Access Grants: **eight grants totaling more than \$250,000**.

These grants will support new approaches to addressing inequities in our community, including projects seeking to integrate trauma-informed care in youth enrichment and arts programming, to prompt community conversations around social justice issues, and to introduce capital for BIPOC-owned small business startups.

This round of Access Grants was funded using dollars from our **Action Fund for Racial Justice**, a fund created in the wake of the racial reckoning of 2020, to engage community-minded residents in support of racial justice.

The Foundation is **now accepting applications for the next round of 2022 Access Grants**. Nonprofits can apply until August 5. We are holding an

informational session for potential applicants on Thursday, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. [Register here.](#)



Grant Opportunity: Emergency Assistance Grants

The Hartford Foundation is now accepting applications to support organizations increasing access to emergency services and immediate assistance of basic human needs for residents in Greater Hartford. Services may include food, personal care items, emergency financial aid, one-time medical device or medical aid assistance, immediate or informal case management services, or other critical basic needs you see in the community you serve.

[Click here to learn more about this opportunity and apply for a grant by May 17.](#)

[Sign up to receive email notifications when we announce new grant opportunities.](#)



Join Our Virtual Event: Black Health & Wellness

The Hartford Foundation's Black Giving Circle is hosting a virtual event on Thursday, May 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. titled "Black Health & Wellness: Accessing Pathways to Comprehensive Healthcare." Panelists include:

- **Kenneth R. Alleyne, MD, FAAOS** (Orthopedic Surgeon and Chair, Board of Directors, Connecticut Health Foundation)
- **Andrea Barton Reeves** (CEO, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority)
- **James Michel** (CEO, Access Health CT)
- **Nichelle A. Mullins, Esq.** (President and CEO, Charter Oak Health Center)
- **Moderator: Jay Williams**, President, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

This virtual event is free and open to the public.

[Click here to register.](#)

Through our 2021
Neighborhood Beautification
grants, local organizations:



Highlights: Our 2021 Neighborhood Beautification Efforts

In 2021, the Hartford Foundation launched a request for proposals for Neighborhood Beautification grants through its [Higher Opportunity Neighborhoods outcome portfolio](#). The grants supported the implementation of a broad range of physical improvements that will make Hartford's neighborhoods more attractive, safe, healthy and vibrant. Here are some highlights:

- 15 projects were funded
- \$230,960 in grants was awarded
- 1,350 residents were engaged
- 1,252 volunteer hours were worked
- 58 partners collaborated on projects

[See before and after photos and learn more about our efforts.](#) Neighborhood Beautification projects for 2022 will begin soon.



Members of the TREES FOR BLOOMFIELD Initiative planting a tree for Arbor Day 2021 (Sam Ouk photo)

Donor Story: Trees for Bloomfield Fund

Members of Bloomfield's Conservation Energy and Environment Committee and Bloomfield Beautification Committee began meeting with town residents in October 2020 to develop a sustainable urban tree program. Together, they launched the Trees for Bloomfield Initiative.

"Trees are crucial for a healthy environment," said Paula Jones, Initiative chairwoman and co-founder. "Trees also lower energy bills, provide shelter, and reduce stress, something we can all benefit from."

Initiative co-founder Sharon Mann is hopeful that residents will become part of the volunteer "TreeForce," helping to plant new trees and care for the 34 new trees planted in the first year.

In 2021, the [Trees for Bloomfield Fund](#) was established at the Hartford Foundation, to support

the goal of planting and maintaining trees in Bloomfield and to enable other efforts toward environmental sustainability.

To learn more about creating a fund for your nonprofit organization, visit hfpg.org/donors.

Questions? Email hartfordfoundation@hfpg.org.



Hartford Foundation for Public Giving | 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106

[Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#).

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by hartfordfoundation@hfpg.org