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We Can End Homelessness

Ending homelessness is not some far-fetched idea. Over the past few years, Connecticut has made tremendous progress toward that goal, effectively [ending veteran's homelessness](#) in 2016 and [reducing overall homelessness by 24%](#) between 2014 and 2016. We saw the numbers increase somewhat last year after a large influx of hurricane evacuees came to our region from Puerto Rico and elsewhere. Despite this unfortunate situation, the goal of ending chronic homelessness is still within our reach.

The Hartford Foundation has [awarded a series of grants totaling \\$924,000](#) to nonprofits on the front lines of this fight. These nonprofits will work in a coordinated effort to provide services that prevent and eliminate homelessness.

"One of the most fundamental needs of all individuals and families is a safe, affordable place to live," said Hartford Foundation Community Investments Officer Dawn Grant.

No one should have to live without a home, especially during these harsh New England winter months. We are committed to this effort and look

forward to the day when we can say that Connecticut has successfully ended homelessness.

Voices Around Reentry: Trailer

The Hartford Foundation has awarded a grant to the Commission on Equity and Opportunity to produce a documentary showing the challenges faced by citizens returning from prison, especially with regards to finding housing.



We've created a trailer featuring the voices of returning citizens, who discuss the challenges they faced upon reentry and share the triumphs they were able to achieve. The documentary will be released sometime in the next year. We hope you'll support it.

[Watch the trailer.](#)

Fighting Blight

There are more than 400 vacant and abandoned properties in the City of Hartford. Blighted properties decrease the value of surrounding homes and pose a public health risk, including increased risk of fire and criminal activity.



With support from a \$175,000 Hartford Foundation grant, the City's Blight Remediation Team and the Hartford Land Bank will execute a blight remediation strategy to target resources where they will be most effective. This effort will build off the recent success of the Blight Remediation Team and include input from national experts who have faced similar challenges in other cities.

[Read more about this grant.](#)

Listening Tour 2019

Our Listening Tour is almost over. In January, we spoke with residents of **Newington, Suffield** and **Windsor Locks** to find out how we can work together to make their communities

even better. [Read our recaps here.](#)

There are only two more stops remaining on our tour:

Feb 5: South Windsor & East Windsor
Feb 12: Simsbury



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[See what else we're working on.](#)

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