



**Hartford Foundation**  
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

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Hartford's  
community  
foundation  
since 1925*



*Left to right: ReadyCT received a \$530,000 grant; AKNEW (Achieve Knowledge Nurture Empower Within) received an Emergency Assistance Grant; the Hartford Foundation's Nonprofit Support Program awarded 90 grants totaling nearly \$2 million*

## Hartford Foundation 2024 Grantmaking Approaches \$55 Million

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving awarded **2,440 grants totaling nearly \$55 million to our region's nonprofits in 2024**. This marks the second-highest total in our Foundation's 100-year history. Since our founding in 1925, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.05 billion to organizations supporting Greater Hartford.\*

The Foundation organizes our work around **five strategic outcome areas**. Our goal is to help **dismantle structural racism and advance equity in social and economic mobility**, prioritizing Greater Hartford's Black and Latine communities. Notable grants from 2024 include:

- A [\\$530,000 grant to ReadyCT](#), which helps students develop career skills and earn industry-recognized credentials
- A [\\$1.5 million grant to LISC Connecticut](#) to create a more inclusive community development sector in Greater Hartford
- [Emergency Assistance Grants grants to 71 nonprofits](#) to support basic human needs
- Grants to [Connecticut Students for a Dream](#) and [Make the Road Connecticut](#) to support undocumented and immigrant youth and adults
- More than [\\$1.45 million awarded through 440 scholarships](#)

We can only make these investments in the community because of the generosity of our donors over the past 100 years. In 2024, individuals, families and organizations opened 19 new funds, and the Foundation received gifts totaling more than \$36.6 million.\*

“At a time when many in our community continue to face significant fiscal challenges, the Foundation has been able to provide a meaningful source of support through local nonprofits,” said Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams. “We remain committed to serving the diverse needs across our region.”

Thank you to our donors, nonprofit partners, and everyone else who helped make 2024 a productive year.

### [Read More](#)

[Hartford Foundation Awards Nearly \\$55 Million in 2024](#) (*Hartford Business Journal*)

*\*Unaudited numbers*

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## A Message to Our Nonprofit Partners

We know that federal policy changes have created significant uncertainty for nonprofits and the communities they serve. As your community foundation, we want to affirm our commitment to working alongside you during this challenging period.

[Read our full message to our nonprofit partners](#)

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## ROCA Inc. Awarded \$460,000 to Support Young Women in Hartford

The Hartford Foundation, the City of Hartford, and Dalio Education helped launch Roca Hartford in 2021. Now, three years later, Roca has expanded to include a transitional employment program that helps young women — primarily mothers — heal, gain stability, and build brighter futures.

To support this growth, the Hartford Foundation awarded a two-year, \$460,000 grant, including \$160,000 from Foundation donors, to expand Roca’s Young Women’s program. This aligns with our goal of [increasing stable employment opportunities](#) for Black and Latine adults and youth in our region facing barriers to employment.

“We are incredibly grateful for the Hartford Foundation’s steadfast support,” said Sunindiya Bhalla, Roca’s Executive Vice President of Women and 2Gen. “Their investment allows us to continue transforming the lives of Hartford’s highest-risk young women, reducing violence, and strengthening public safety.”

Read more:

[Roca Inc. receives \\$460K grant to aid young women in the greater Hartford area \(CT Insider\)](#)



## Donor Stories: South End Wellness Senior Center

At the South End Wellness Senior Center in Hartford, ten women meet up every day to sew quilts, blankets and other items that are then sold in the gift shop to raise money for Center activities. When the Center was in need of new sewing machines, four Hartford Foundation donor-advised funds — the Jackson Batchelder Family Fund, J and L Chapman Fund, S.A. Johnson Family Fund and The Paisley Fund —

partnered to provide \$2,750 for the machines and related supplies.

"The new machines allow them to be more creative, increase productivity and improve their fine motor skills," Awilda Rodriguez, Director of the South End Wellness Senior Center told us. "While they are sewing they are experiencing less stress and anxiety. It's not just a class, it's also therapy, a time away from home to relax, and our seniors are taking advantage of that great opportunity! Thank you for making this happen!"



Over 50 projects funded!

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## Love Your Block 2025: Call For Ideas

Are you a Hartford resident or organization passionate about beautifying your neighborhood? **Love Your Block** is a grant program that supports neighborhood beautification projects and strengthens neighborhood pride. If you have an idea to clean, green or beautify your neighborhood, we want to hear from you! [Submit your ideas on the City of Hartford website](#). Deadline is March 14.

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## Our Grant Opportunities Page Has Been Updated With 2025 Listings!

We've recently updated our [Grant Opportunities web page](#) with new Requests for Proposals for 2025. Visit the page to see what opportunities are coming up throughout the year.

[Sign up to receive notification emails](#) every time a new grant opportunity is announced.

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## Celebrating Black History Month

The Hartford Foundation is proud to celebrate Black History Month! Thank you to all of our nonprofit partners and donors who are committed to supporting Greater Hartford's Black community and building a more equitable region.

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## Rosalind Swift

Community Archivist

### 100 Influencers of Greater Hartford: Rosalind Swift

Rosalind Swift is an elder at the Ministries of Love & Hope and a member of the Enfield Crisis Response Team. She is also the founder of Ujima African American Alliance (UAAA), the first African American nonprofit formed in Enfield.

UAAA hosted its first Juneteenth Festival in 2022 and partnered with the Enfield Historical Society to create an exhibit designed to commemorate the town's Black history that had been overlooked, ignored or forgotten. As more stories come to light, additional items will be submitted to the museum to ensure they become a lasting part of Enfield's legacy.

To celebrate the Hartford Foundation's 100th Anniversary, we are sharing 100 Influencers of Greater Hartford on our social media channels throughout the rest of 2025. Follow us on social for more!



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