



Hartford Foundation
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Newsletter



Hartford Foundation Awards More Than \$750,000 to Greater Hartford Summer Programs

This summer, more than **6,200 youth** in the City of Hartford **and individuals with disabilities** across Greater Hartford will participate in free and reduced-cost summer learning programs thanks to **\$772,567 in grants** from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

The Foundation has long recognized the value of supporting summer programs, with investments dating back to the 1930s. Summer programs advance our goal of [increasing employment opportunities for Black and Latine residents](#) in multiple ways. They provide reliable summer childcare for working parents and caregivers, and teach employment skills to older youth. This year, we'll support 116 counselor-in-training positions that offer paid career training for adolescents.

This year's grants will support **32 programs** that provide young people with an opportunity to explore new environments, learn skills, and make friends.

Research suggests that these types of structured activities can mitigate summer learning loss and improve academic engagement.

Over the past seven years, we've awarded nearly **\$6 million** for summer programming. We're glad to know that thousands of Hartford-area children will have a meaningful summer experience, spend time outdoors, and enhance their academic, social and emotional well-being.

[Read more about our Summer Program grants.](#)



Hartford Foundation Awards Nearly \$240,000 in Grants for Greater Hartford Voter Engagement Efforts

Over the past five years, the Hartford Foundation has provided more than \$1 million in grants for voter education and registration activities across Greater Hartford. Our latest series of grants awarded nearly **\$240,000** to **fourteen nonprofits** to support **nonpartisan voter engagement activities** leading up to the general election in November.

Nonprofits were invited to submit proposals for voter education and activities including voter registration, nonpartisan voter guides, transportation to polling locations, assisting voters with disabilities, and more. [Increasing civic and resident engagement](#) is one of our key outcome areas and helps to support historically disempowered residents. [Learn more about these grants and the activities they'll support.](#)



Honoring AAPI Heritage Month

The Asian Pacific American Coalition of Connecticut, APAC-CT, participated in a 5K race last weekend in West Hartford to honor AAPI Heritage Month.

[Watch our video from the event.](#)

The Hartford Foundation is proud to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month and all of the contributions members of the AAPI community have made to Greater Hartford.

Hartford Foundation: In the News

Read about our recent work in these local news stories:

[It's time in CT to address mental health needs of Black boys and men](#)
Hartford Courant

An op-ed by Hartford Foundation President and CEO Jay Williams and Black Giving Circle Fund Chair Chris Cloud, inspired by our recent partnership with Beta Iota Boulé Foundation to support the mental health of Black men and boys

[CT places of worship eligible to receive a portion of \\$400M in federal funds for security enhancement](#)

CT Insider

Highlighting efforts to enhance security at local places of worship, such as our recent \$300,000 grant to Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford in support of an interfaith security initiative

Hartford's Camp Courant opens campus facilities for event rentals

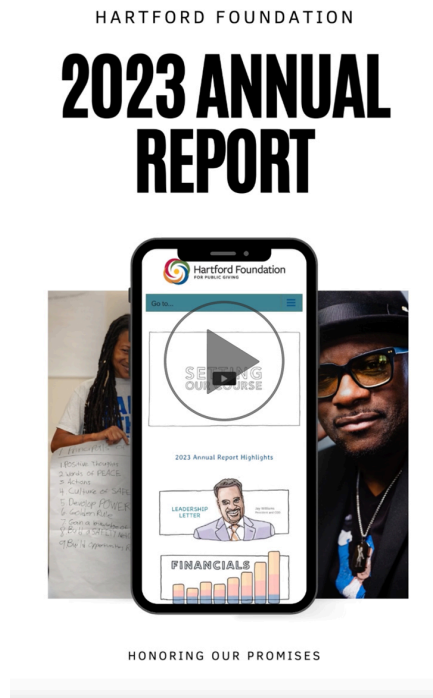
Hartford Business Journal

A new revenue-generating venture launched through the Hartford Foundation's Social Enterprise Accelerator program

2023 Annual Report: Teaser

Our 2023 Annual Report is coming soon! This digital report features photos, videos, and in-depth stories about the Foundation's recent work. We'll share a link to the report in next month's newsletter, or you can follow us on social media for more.

[Watch our teaser video for a preview of what's inside the report.](#)



New Fund Story: Marti Curtiss Memorial Fund

Marti Curtiss believed that gratitude is service in action, and so she became one of Glastonbury's most active citizens.

In addition to a full-time career, Marti volunteered with many organizations, ranging from her church to town fairs, parades and concerts. Marti served for many years on the Glastonbury Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Republican Town Committee. She was also part of the Garden Club.

Hank Picard was Marti's neighbor and close friend. After her passing in 2023, Hank started the **Marti Curtiss Memorial Fund** at the Hartford Foundation to honor Marti's legacy by supporting nonprofits in their hometown.

"Marti was known for her generosity to friends and strangers alike," says Hank. "She would reach into her pocket and give you her last dollar if you needed it. She had that much love in her for her neighbors and her town. I wanted to keep that love alive."

[Read about more new funds created at the Hartford Foundation in 2023.](#)

Interested in creating your own fund? Contact Deborah Rothstein, Hartford Foundation Vice President of Development, at drothstein@hfpg.org or 860-548-1888.

Grant Opportunities for Nonprofits

We periodically release Requests for Proposals for specific projects that help improve Greater Hartford. Currently, we have the following opportunities available:

- Community Organizing Grants
- Resident Engagement Grants

[Visit our Grant Opportunities web page](#) to learn about these and other upcoming opportunities.

You can also [sign up to be notified when new grant opportunities are announced](#).

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