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community  
foundation  
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*Members of the West Hartford Greater Together Community Fund committee gather at our first Greater Together Community Funds Celebration of the year on January 15 at Farmington Gardens. Photo by Defining Studios.*

## **Kicking Off Our 100th Year With \$100,000 for Every Greater Together Community Fund**

To mark our Centennial anniversary in 2025, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has announced a new \$2.9 million investment in the Greater Together Community Funds; \$100,000 for each of the 29 funds. This is the first of several major investments that will be announced over the course of the Foundation's 100th anniversary year.

The Greater Together Community Funds were created in 2019 to engage and empower community residents. As of December, the 29 town committees have made 659 individual grants totaling \$2.48 million. All of the decisions about what to fund were made by town

residents themselves. We've engaged roughly 700 volunteers whose hard work and dedication has helped improve the quality of life in their towns in myriad ways.

Our latest investment is a reflection of the success of these funds, which are now a permanent program at the Foundation.

### Read More

[A CT organization is giving a total of \\$2.9M to 29 towns. Here's how and why. \(Hartford Courant\)](#)



### Urban League of Greater Hartford Receives \$600,000 Grant

Based in Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood and serving approximately 3,000 individuals and families annually, the **Urban League of Greater Hartford** has addressed economic disparities experienced by Black residents and other marginalized communities since 1964.

To help support the organization's growth and impact, the Hartford Foundation has awarded the nonprofit a **two-year, \$600,000 grant**. This funding will support the continued growth and expansion of the organization's education, employment, housing, and other services.

[Read more about this grant.](#)



### Hartford Foundation Board Names New Officers for Centennial Year

Dr. Mark Overmyer-Velázquez, who is Dean and Chief Administrative Officer of University of Connecticut-Hartford and was appointed to our Board of Directors in 2019, has been elected as our new Board Chair.

Marlene Ibsen, Vice President of Community Relations at Travelers and CEO and President of the Travelers Foundation, is our new Vice Chair. Ibsen has served on our Board since 2017.

Beatriz Gutierrez, President and CEO, CONNSTEP, Inc., who joined our Board in 2022, has been elected Treasurer.

Each has made important contributions to our Board already, and we're excited to begin our 100th year under their leadership.

[Read more.](#)

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

We periodically issue calls for proposals from organizations serving Greater Hartford to contribute to advancing our strategic priorities in specific ways. 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.

We are hosting a **2025 Grantmaking Opportunities Info Session** for Greater Hartford nonprofits to learn about upcoming opportunities and how to best position your application. Join us for the webinar on Tuesday, February 4th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. [RSVP here.](#)

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## Time is Running Out to Apply for Hartford Foundation Scholarships!

[The Hartford Foundation Scholarship Website](#) offers scholarships for the 2025-26 school year. There are scholarships for all types of Greater Hartford students. The application period for many of the scholarships **ends on February 4**, so don't wait! [Visit the site](#) to find the right scholarship for you or your child!

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## **Carlos Hernández Chavez** Celebrated Artist and Activist

### 100 Influencers of Greater Hartford: Carlos Hernández Chavez

A celebrated artist and activist, **Carlos Hernández Chavez** has been a prominent figure in Hartford since his arrival in 1967. He played a key role in the passage of Connecticut's One Percent for Art legislation and co-founded the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz.

"Art has to have a positive outcome, the same as justice," said Chavez. "And there is no half-justice... To me, the true character of justice is harvested through one's total giving; and art is all giving."

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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