



Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Request for Proposals
November 4, 2024

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity designed to provide summer programming opportunities to Hartford youth as well as people with disabilities in our 29-town region. The Hartford Foundation welcomes requests of **up to \$50,000** for activities implemented during the summer of 2025 and expects to award up to \$750,000 in total across all grantees.

Applicants are requested to complete the [online grant application](#) before **11:59 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2025**. Grants will be announced in **April 2025**.

I. Background:

The Hartford Foundation's goals in supporting summer programming are to 1) provide children in Hartford, as well as people of all ages with disabilities across the region, with a place to go during the traditional workday in support of working families while school is out of session, and 2) provide Hartford youth with career exposure through counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

II. Proposal Requirements:

Grants will be considered for programs that can contribute to one or both of the Hartford Foundation's goals as outlined above. Applicants should demonstrate cultural humility. Preference will be given to organizations that are Black or Latine led.

Organizations currently receiving a core support grant through the Hartford Foundation are ineligible to apply. If you are unsure whether you are a core support recipient, please reach out to your existing grant's community impact officer to confirm **prior** to submitting an application.

- **Population of Focus:** Programming must serve either Hartford youth or people of all ages with disabilities in our [29-town region](#).
- **Eligible Applicants:** Applicants must meet the Hartford Foundation basic grantee criteria, [found here](#). Non-501c3 community-based groups may apply using a fiscal sponsor. Applicants must also have at least one summer's experience running a summer program or the equivalent of at least one year's experience working with children in Hartford or with people (of any age) with a disability.

- **Eligible Types of Programs:** Eligible types of programs include summer camperships, enrichment opportunities (programs that host campers from other agencies rather than hosting their own campers), tutorial experiences, or counselor-in-training (CIT) programs.

Programs should be hosted during the traditional workday to support working families and should provide transportation where appropriate (e.g., when the program site is not located in the community to be served).

- The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is now supporting costs associated with registering with the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. If you are interested in being registered with the Office of Early Childhood, please add \$315 to your proposed program budget. Please feel free to contact Alexis Safo-Agyeman for [more information](#).
- **Expected Measurement of Outcomes:** Funded proposals will be asked to track and report on the following measurements: 1) the number participating in overall programming, 2) the number of Hartford children participating in programming, 3) if applicable, the number of individuals with disabilities participating in programming, 4) the number of Hartford participants from low-income families, if/as identified during intake process to determine reduced-fee or free enrollment, and 5) if applicable, the number of CITs with a summary of activities geared toward career exposure.

Hartford Foundation staff will utilize a rubric to aid in the review and evaluation of submitted applications. To view the rubric, please [click here](#).

Eligibility and other program related questions can be directed to Alexis Safo-Agyeman at asafo-agyeman@hfpg.org. Any technical questions regarding completing the online application should be directed to Grants Administration at grantsadministration@hfpg.org.

Applicants should complete all required questions of the online application by the deadline in order to be deemed eligible for funding consideration. Each organization is invited to submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **11:59 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025.**

III. **Key Dates:**

- Summer programs RFP release: Monday, November 4, 2024
- Application deadline: Monday, January 13, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.
- Award announcement: end of April 2025