

2022 Southeast General Grants

Organization	Project/Description	Granted
Basic Needs		
Alliance for Living	Provide food, clothing, personal care and household items, transportation, phones, emergency hotel stays, and naloxone for the community.	\$ 25,000
Always Home	Advance the long-term housing stability of low-income families.	\$ 20,000
American Red Cross-Connecticut & RI Region	Disaster Services in New London County.	\$ 7,500
Artreach	Second Step Players: a new play on racial disparity in healthcare and the impact on mental health.	\$ 7,500
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich	Supply assistance and aid to individuals and families with help for rent, utilities, fuel, food, transportation, prescriptions, clothing and other basic needs.	\$ 7,500
Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut	Expand programming to include Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, an evidence-based practice designed to help improve the parent-child relationship.	\$ 20,000
Children in Placement CT	Support the ongoing recruitment and onboarding of new volunteers who are so vital to the success of our work and the clients we serve. Our staff assign and manage cases with the volunteers to provide needed services to child victims of abuse and neglect and their families.	\$ 15,000
Connecticut Association for Human Services	Support its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and financial literacy programs in Southeastern Connecticut.	\$ 10,000
Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund	Increase access to legal justice for individuals who fall into the civil legal justice gap. Provide free, bilingual legal information, low-cost attorney connections, individualized advocacy, and community education with empathy and cultural competence.	\$ 15,000
Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut	Purchase beds for families in financial need.	\$ 7,500
Garde Arts Center	Explore new and expand existing community, small business, educational, and artistic partnerships as we respond to the growing needs caused by the pandemic variants and our downtown partners and businesses struggling from Covid-19 anxiety.	\$ 30,000
Habitat for Humanity of Eastern CT	Rehabilitation of a single family home for a qualifyig family in the Gales Ferry section of Ledyard.	\$ 7,500
Health Education Center	Provide 10 eligible residents from the southeast CT region with HEC's Community Health Worker Certification training followed by practicum.	\$ 24,500
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	Increase the number of individuals served through equine assisted services, strengthen the volunteer experience and implement elements of the One Health curriculum in recognition of the interdependence of animals, people and the environment. Three year grant (\$10,000/year x 3).	\$ 30,000

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Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut	Support of the AYUDA program, which is comprised of three parts: 1) direct services in the form of food distribution and 4-CT Card Direct Cash Assistance identification and distribution, 2) STARFISH – an urgent one-time assistance program, and 3) the information, referral and advocacy arm, which is expanding this year to include translation services.	\$ 20,000
Immigration Advocacy & Support Center (IASC)	Ensure that all New London area residents have access to high-quality immigration legal representation.	\$ 20,000
The Lefty Cycles Project	Strengthen bicycle partnership program with Sound Community Services and develop additional programming that can directly benefit people in recovery from addiction and fighting mental health issues.	\$ 5,000
Madonna Place**	General Operating	\$ 20,000
Martin House	Provide core services to the men and women who call Martin House "Home".	\$ 10,000
New London Area Food Coalition	Increase the number of food distributions and keep pace with demand for New London families.	\$ 12,000
New London Community Meal Center	Mitigate food insecurity for the economically disadvantaged in New London.	\$ 30,000
New London Homeless Hospitality	Address historical inequities accessing homeownership which have so seriously impacted housing options and financial stability for people of color by offering mortgage-related assistance.	\$ 30,000
Operation Fuel	Support emergency energy distribution in Southeastern Connecticut.	\$ 7,500
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England	New London Fund for Access: Provide our services on a sliding fee scale to make healthcare affordable to all.	\$ 15,000
Safe Futures	Support for The Center, which is based on the family justice center model, identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services. Three year grant (\$25,000/year x 3).	\$ 25,000
S.E. CT Community Center of the Blind	Hold monthly Lunch and Learn educational programs for the visually impaired at the Center.	\$ 1,200
The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries	Purchase food for distribution to needy residents through our Old Lyme and East Lyme Food Pantries.	\$ 5,000
St. Vincent de Paul Place	Obtain food for distribution in the food pantry, which is open to clientele to visit on a weekly basis. St. Vincent de Paul Place programs address food insecurity by providing food, case management, and hope.	\$ 10,000
Step Up New London	Support members in exploring how systemic oppression and racism have shaped our homes and lives. Organize campaigns utilizing people-power to advance solutions and demands.	\$ 15,000
Thames River Community Service	Expand "Supporting Young Adults to Become More Economically Secure and Stably Housed". Work with young adults to create and staff an on site job center at Thames River, where group training can occur; tablets, and other resources are available to aid with employment.	\$ 15,000

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Thames River Heritage Park Foundation	Operational support to assist with community outreach for promoting racial and economic equity and the development of streamlined infrastructure that supports program and partner development.	\$ 15,000
Thames Valley Council for Community Action	Homelessness Prevention/Diversion Financial Assistance Program: assist low-income residents at risk of eviction & homelessness.	\$ 20,000
Three Rivers College Foundation	Financial support for students taking courses in the Nursing Department.	\$ 18,000
United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut	Continuation of free, vital services for individuals with disabilities in our community.	\$ 10,000
United Way of Southeastern Connecticut	Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center: Procure/purchase healthy nutritious food not readily available through donations to help people in need in New London County.	\$ 15,000
United Way of Southeastern Connecticut	New London County Fund to End Homelessness: rapidly rehousing individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness as well as diverting those who are at imminent risk of homelessness in their current housing.	\$ 15,000
W.A.R.M. Center	Provide resources to help ensure stability and security to individuals and families facing financial crisis. This funding will serve 50 Connecticut individuals and families in 2022.	\$ 5,500
Whalers helping Whalers	Support family events and weekly pantry where clients are able to pick out their own food and meals and other necessities.	\$ 5,000
Yellow Farmhouse Education Center	Gleaning and food preservation program with the New London Community Meal Center and FRESH New London. Work with our partners to disseminate food to organizations and community members in New London. Offer educational workshops on food preservation and fermentation and support NLCMC to establish a larder of preserved foods to serve year-round.	\$ 15,000
Total Basic Needs and Rights		\$ 586,200
Youth Empowerment		
Arts for Learning Connecticut	Implementation of Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS).	\$ 10,000
Community Level Up	Implement programs in New London Schools to create relationships with students during the school day while also providing after school and weekend services at our State Street education center.	\$ 15,000
Connecticut College	Implementation of the Kindergarten Readiness Family Initiative with the goal that all of our students, regardless of family income, start kindergarten on equal footing with their peers and ready and eager to learn.	\$ 8,000
Connecticut Landmarks Society	Offer educational and engaging programming that encourages participants to think and interact deeply about slavery, freedom, and social justice.	\$ 11,000
The Connecticut Storytelling Center	Support emergent literacy programming in New London preschool classrooms.	\$ 9,500

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Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board	The Summer Youth Employment Program provides up-front employability skills training to low-income youth ages 14-24 and places them into a structured community work experience in an area of their interest.	\$ 10,000
Easterseals Rehabilitation Greater Waterbury Inc	Supports costs for our Southeast Birth to Three program to insure the best start for all toddlers.	\$ 10,000
Elevate to Even Plus Incorporated	Funding for internship experiences for high school and college aged students of color from low-income backgrounds, enabling the hosting nonprofits to pay each intern \$15/hr.	\$ 15,000
Eugene O'Neill Theater Center	Young Playwrights Festival (YPF), a program with local high and middle school students.	\$ 8,000
Expressiones Cultural Center	ArtVenture Program: an ongoing bilingual arts program for disadvantaged and low-income children living in New London County, encouraging artistic achievement and cultural enrichment.	\$ 15,000
Flock Theatre	Production of "The Hairy Ape", part of the "I Belong" Project, focuses on educating & providing a strong cultural/humanities experience for marginalized communities & youth in our towns.	\$ 7,500
The Governor's Prevention Partnership	Deliver four regional trainings and activities designed in response to program's input. The initiative will strengthen the capacity for youth development in Southeast Connecticut by facilitating collaboration and sharing the latest research and resources to promote positive outcomes for youth.	\$ 7,500
Higher Edge***	General Operating	\$ 30,000
Mystic & Noank Library	Animals, Books and Bikes: designed to entice young readers, including underserved populations, to discover the value of reading by connecting books to educational interactive library visits with animals and encounters with the book bike.	\$ 8,000
New London Adult & Continuing Education	Intervention services for 15 young, at-risk children exhibiting weak, delayed, non-verbal or dual-language communication deficits.	\$ 8,985
New London County Historical Society	Programming invites students to immerse themselves in 18th century life and contrast it with their own. Students will use our collection and perform an archaeological dig in our garden to find and interpret artifacts from the 18th century.	\$ 15,000
New London Maritime Society/U.S. Custom House Museum	Programming for third-grade students on New London's local history	\$ 15,000
New London Youth Affairs	Teen Links supports middle school and high school aged teens achieve academic and employment objectives, targeting skill growth through workforce/career readiness certification, employment, and enhancement excursions.	\$ 15,000
Niantic Children's Museum	Provide a yearlong series of monthly sensory friendly programs to families with children on the autism spectrum.	\$ 8,220

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Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters	Community-Based/Virtual Mentoring provides one-to-one mentoring between at-risk youth aged 6-19, and volunteer mentors. The Foster Grandparent Program connects retired, low-income seniors with children in Head Start, preschool, and elementary school classrooms for mentoring.	\$ 10,000
Project Oceanology	Summer camp scholarships to children from families experiencing financial hardship, including hardships that are the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, children of essential workers, and children from vulnerable/underserved communities.	\$ 10,000
Public Library of New London	Provide "Take and Make" kits for children and teens to help families and friends bond with each other, develop critical skills for school, and help foster communication and imagination.	\$ 5,000
Reach Out and Read	Southeastern Connecticut Early Literacy Initiative: Enable pediatricians to distribute books at well-child visits for children ages 0-5, and counsel their parents on the importance of reading together daily.	\$ 5,000
Riverfront Children's Center	Scholar Dollars Early Childhood Education and Childcare Tuition Assistance for Low-Income Families.	\$ 25,000
S.T.E.P.S.	Operating support for programs for middle and high school girls, the expansion of administration, and the continuation of Network for Good's capacity building Jumpstart fundraising program.	\$ 15,000
Salt Marsh Opera	Production of "Mozart's The Magic Flute" to New London County's 5th and 6th grade students at The Garde Arts Center.	\$ 5,000
Salvation Army of New London	Support the implementation of STEM programming at the Boys and Girls Club including operations within the program. This programming includes a partnership with Mystic Aquarium, Mystic Seaport, New England Sailing and Science, and the Niantic Children's Museum.	\$ 20,000
SARAH	Enhancing the quality of early intervention services with access to technology for therapists to use during in-home visits with children and families.	\$ 5,000
Southeastern CT Robotics	Community outreach efforts to attract new populations to classes this year, including encouraging girls' interest in STEM fields.	\$ 5,000
Traveling Toys	Establish an educational toy lending library at the Public Library of New London and supplement the resources of the Teen Activity Room.	\$ 5,053
Waterford Country School	Camp Cuheca Scholarships for disadvantaged young people	\$ 15,000
Writer's Block Ink	Add filmmaking instruction to enable outreach to larger audiences safely through video and film.	\$ 15,000
Total Youth Empowerment		\$ 366,758
Capacity Building		
Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness	<i>My Town Cares</i> : Ending Homelessness Through Municipal Partnerships	\$ 15,000
CT Fair Housing***	Uncovering Barriers to Equitable Access to Housing	\$ 20,000

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Cultural Coalition	General operations allow for evolving activities to help with our partners' sustainability and recovery.	\$ 20,000
The Day Publishing	The Day Community Journalism Fund: Housing Solutions Lab	\$ 25,000
Pro Bono Partnership	Pro Bono Partnership provides direct legal services and education programs to nonprofits in eastern Connecticut.	\$ 10,000
SECT Housing Alliance	Continue to engage the region's municipal planning and zoning commissions in addressing affordable housing needs in their towns.	\$ 5,000
Southeastern Connecticut Community Land Trust	Operating support to build staff capacity and related expenses.	\$ 80,000
The Southeast Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence	Embark on a strategic planning process to guide operations in the next three to five years.	\$ 7,500
Spark Makerspace	Support to rebuild after the pandemic and continue working toward its vision: To be a vibrant community hub for making, creativity, and collaboration in southeastern CT	\$ 7,500
Total Capacity Building		\$ 190,000
Total for 81 Grants		\$ 1,142,958

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