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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$138,637 IN GRANTS**

MARKETWIDE, CT – The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$138,637 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving in Liberty Bank’s footprint and surrounding areas to support programs that will provide early childhood education, affordable housing, and basic human services.

The following organizations received grants:

**Greater New London**

**Eastern Connecticut Housing Opportunities - \$5,000**

to support renovation costs of an affordable home at 258 Ledyard Street, New London

**Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center -- \$5,000**

to purchase perishable foods for households that are food insecure in southeastern Connecticut

**Higher Edge - \$7,500**

to provide intensive college access and success programming to low-income and first-generation college-bound students from New London County and Windham

**Hygienic Arts, Inc. - \$2,500**

to support Do the Write Thing/Picture My World, an after-school creative writing program for New London middle school students

**New England Science and Sailing Foundation -- \$3,000**

to support the NESS Ocean Experience Experiential Learning program

**New London Youth Affairs - \$5,000**

to support the Early Childhood Family Center

**Safe Futures - \$3,000**

to support the Phoenix House Transitional Living program

**The Connecticut Storytelling Center, Inc. - \$3,000**

to support the Littlest Listeners Program for preschool students at Bishop Elementary School, Norwich

**Hartford County**

**Boys & Girls Club of New Britain - \$5,000**

To support Power Hour/Homework Club

**Coalition for New Britain's Youth - \$5,000**

to support New Britain's cradle-to-career community partnership

**Imagine Nation - \$4,637**

to support the Imagine Nation STEAM program for preschool children

**LISA, Inc. - \$2,500**

to support the Life Skills program for youth aging out of DCF care

**Prudence Crandall Center - \$3,000**

To support the Permanent Supportive Housing program

**The Bridge Family Center - \$5,000**

to support the Parent Leadership Training Institute program in West Hartford

**Marketwide**

**Connecticut Association for Human Services - \$7,500**

to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

**Jumpstart for Young Children - \$7,500**

to provide early literacy education to low-income preschool children in New Britain, New Haven, Storrs, and Windham

**Middlesex County**

**Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County - \$5,000**

to support the Middletown Summer Youth Employment program

**Columbus House - \$10,000**

to support the Middlesex Family Shelter and Wallingford Emergency Shelter

## **New Haven County**

### **Amity Teen Center, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the after-school program for students in grades 7-12

### **Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven - \$5,000**

to be applied towards a new construction home at 13 Rock Creek Road, New Haven

### **Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven - \$5,000**

to support the rehabilitation of 10 affordable single-family and multi-family homes in New Haven

### **Solar Youth - \$5,000**

to support the Youth Educator Internship program, which trains low-income teenagers to provide hands-on environmental education to younger children

### **Wallingford Family YMCA - \$5,000**

to support the Upward Bound program

## **Norwich-Willimantic**

### **Martin House - \$3,000**

to fund the Adult Education/Employment Support Program

### **Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters - \$4,000**

to support the site-based mentoring programs at five Windham schools

### **Our Piece of the Pie - \$5,000**

to support community-based youth development programming in Eastern Connecticut

### **Reach and Read, Inc. - \$7,500**

to support early literacy programming in Bristol, Mansfield and Windham

### **Thames River Community Service, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the Employment and Permanent Housing programs

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. The foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for people of low or moderate income by investing in three areas: education to promote economic success for children and families; affordable housing; and nonprofit capacity building. Along

with its grant-making, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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