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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$106,800 IN GRANTS**

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$106,800 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 needs. The following organizations received grants:

**Greater New London**

**Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, Inc. - \$3,500**  
to fund the homelessness prevention/shelter diversion program

**Hartford County**

**Consolidated School District of New Britain - \$5,000**  
to support the summer enrichment experience

**Marketwide**

**Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness - \$5,000**  
to fund statewide policy advocacy to preserve and expand resources to prevent and end homelessness

**Pro Bono Partnership - \$5,000**  
to provide educational services and expert legal assistance to qualifying nonprofits in Liberty Bank’s service area

**Middlesex County**

**Adelbrook - \$3,500**  
to support the work study program

**Oddfellows Playhouse - \$4,000**  
to expand participation in after-school and evening performing arts programs by low-income and minority Middletown youth

**Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries - \$5,000**  
to fund the pantry food distribution program

**Naugatuck Valley**

**Bridge to Success Community Partnership - \$5,000**  
to support the organization’s cradle-to-career collective impact initiative

**Children’s Community School - \$5,000**  
to support the summer bridges program

**United Way of Greater Waterbury - \$5,000**

to support the flexible assistance fund to prevent homelessness

**Waterbury Symphony Orchestra - \$2,500**

to provide support for Bravo Waterbury, an after-school music, cultural, and civic enrichment program

**Waterbury Youth Services System, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the linking academics to life program

**New Haven County**

**City of Meriden Department of Health and Human Services - \$5,000**

to support Meriden summer youth employment

**Community Dining Room - \$3,000**

to provide food for low-income residents, working poor, unemployed, elderly and chronically ill residents

**Concepts in Adaptive Learning - \$4,800**

to support the technology cascade and training program in New Haven

**Connecticut Voices for Children - \$3,000**

to support the publication of 'The State of Working Connecticut'

**Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven - \$5,000**

to support free literacy classes for adult learners in New Haven, Meriden, and Wallingford

**New Haven Ecology Project - \$5,000**

to support the Green Jobs Corps youth employment program

**St. Martin de Porres Academy - \$5,000**

to support the graduate support program

**United Way of Greater New Haven - \$5,000**

to train nonprofit staff in the greater New Haven area for the delivery of financial education to clients

**Norwich – Willimantic**

**CLiCK, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the costs associated with operating the commercially licensed kitchen

**Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, Inc. - \$7,500**

to support the summer youth employment program in eastern Connecticut

**St. Vincent de Paul Place – Norwich - \$5,000**

to support general operations

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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