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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$99,800 IN GRANTS**

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$99,800 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:

**New London County**

**FRESH New London - \$5,000**

To support the FRESH leadership program

**Light House Voc-Ed Center - \$5,000**

to retain a development consultant to support the creation of 10 units of affordable housing for individuals with autism.

**Riverfront Children’s Center, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support early childhood educational programming at the center

**Thames Valley Council for Community for Action, Inc. -- \$5,000**

to support the homelessness prevention and diversion financial assistance pool

**Hartford County**

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford - \$5,000**

to support the Meriden Family Center’s school readiness program

**Connecticut Housing Coalition - \$5,000**

to test the feasibility of an affordable housing internship program

**Connecticut Invention Convention -- \$5,000**

to support expansion of the STEM learning program into two new schools in Bristol

**Farm to Family, Inc. - \$2,500**

to expand the West Hartford weekend backpack program for elementary school students who are food insecure

**Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc. - \$2,500**

to support Step Up to STEM, a program designed to involve girls in STEM-related activities

**Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain, Inc. - \$10,000**

to support creation of a full-time developer/property manager position

**New Britain Youth Theater - \$2,500**

to support the On Stage! youth theater program

**Middlesex County**

**Middlesex Coalition for Children – \$5,000**

to support general operating expenses

**Middlesex Habitat for Humanity of CT, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the renovation of a home at 160 Julia Terrace, Middletown

**The Connection, Inc. - \$5,000**

to supply food for shelter residents and to purchase a computer for staff

**New Haven County**

**Agency on Aging of South Central CT - \$5,000**

to support the Experience Corps, and intergenerational literacy program for k-3 students

**Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the SMART program (single mothers actively reaching the top)

**Music Haven - \$5,000**

to support the academic success initiative

**Windham County**

**ACCESS Community Action Agency, Inc. - \$5,000**

to support the access to employment program

**Horizons - \$2,500**

to support the educational support services stipends project

**Windham Regional Community Council - \$4,800**

to support Windham Youth CORE/GROW Windham

**Windham Regional No Freeze Hospitality Center, Inc. - \$5,000**

to expand the position of the shelter to manager to include system change work to end youth homelessness

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$10.7 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area since its inception. 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 basic human needs, such as food and shelter. Along with its grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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