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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$264,350 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$264,350 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving Liberty Bank’s market area and surrounding towns to support programs that will provide early childhood education, affordable housing, and basic human needs. The following organizations received grants:

Greater Hartford

Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. \$5,000

To support the Math Education Component at the Pathways/Senderos Center

Imagine Nation \$3,500

To support the STEAM program for preschoolers

Journey Home \$5,000

To support the work of the Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network

Klingberg Family Centers \$3,500

To support the vocational education program

Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc. \$3,000

To support general operating expenses

Workforce Solutions Collaborative of Metro Hartford \$10,000

To support the Collaborative in organizing and supporting employer partnerships in three industry clusters

YWCA of New Britain \$15,000 (\$5,000 over three years)

To support the STRIVE Youth Development program for middle school girls in New Britain

Marketwide

Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust \$5,000

To fund the Empowerment Resource Academy

Southeastern CT Funder Collaborative \$10,000

To support the creation of an Institute for Nonprofit Excellence to build the capacity of nonprofits in southeastern Connecticut

Middlesex County

Oddfellows Playhouse \$5,000

To support the 2018-2019 after-school program

Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries \$5,000

To purchase food

New Haven County

Beat the Street Community Center, Inc. \$3,150

To support the Career Explorers Program

Boys & Girls Club of Meriden \$5,000

To support Project Learn

Bridge to Success Community Partnership \$7,500

To support the BOOST! Initiative in Waterbury

City Seed \$2,500

To support the food business incubation program

Children's Community School \$5,000

To support the Summer Bridges Program

Feed Branford Kids \$2,000

To provide weekend meals to low-income children in Branford

Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries \$5,000

To fund the soup kitchen and food pantry

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven \$5,000

To support free literacy classes for adult learners in Meriden and Wallingford

Master's Manna, Inc. \$5,000

To support the Food Reclamation program

Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA \$5,000

To support Meriden Summer Youth Employment

New Haven Ecology Project \$5,000

To support the Green Jobs Corps Youth Employment program

New Haven Reads \$15,000 (\$5,000 over three years)

To support the early literacy program for Pre-K and K students from New Haven Public Schools

United Way of Greater Waterbury \$3,500

To fund the Flexible Assistance Fund

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra \$3,000

To support Bravo Waterbury, an after-school music, cultural, and civic enrichment program

Waterbury Youth Services \$3,500

To support the Linking Academics to Life program

New London County

Always Home \$5,000

To fund the shelter diversion/homelessness prevention fund

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

To support Summer Youth Employment in Eastern CT

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

New London Homeless Hospitality Center \$5,000

To support general operations

New London Youth Affairs \$5,000

To support the Early Childhood Family Center

Norwich – Willimantic

Madonna Place \$15,000 (\$5,000 over three years)

To support the Families First Initiative

Norwich Community Care Team \$10,500 (\$3,500 over three years)

To fund shelter diversion and rapid rehousing services

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

To support general operating expenses

Windham Public Schools \$10,000

To support before- and after-school programming for students at North Windham School, Windham Center School, and Charles H. Barrows STEM Academy

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$11.5 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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