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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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