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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES $241,500 IN GRANTS

MARKETWIDE, CT—The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved $241,500 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:

**Hartford County**

**Achieve Hartford** $5,000
To support the Nearlies Action Team

**Building Hope Together** $5,000
To support rapid rehousing in New Britain

**Ebony Horsewomen** $5,000
To support the Equine/Animal Growth and Learning program

**Farm to Family** $2,500
To support the weekend backpack program in West Hartford

**House of Bread** $2,500
To support the Career Pathways program

**LISA** $2,500
To support the Work In Progress program

**Literacy Volunteers of Central CT** $3,000
To support the Parenting for Academic Success program

**Neighborhood Housing Services of New Britain** $5,000
To support a real estate developer position
Pro Bono Partnership  $7,500
To provide free legal services to qualified nonprofits

University of St. Joseph  $4,000
To support the Developing Leaders, Inspiring Learners program

Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative  $5,000
To hire a consultant to develop an intergenerational family resource center

Wilson Gray YMCA Youth & Family Center  $3,500
To support homebuyer education

**Marketwide**

Early Childhood Funders Collaborative  $15,000
To partner with state government for a coordinated system of care and education for young children

**Middlesex County**

Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County  $4,950
To support the Hal Kaplan Mentor program

Gilead Community Services  $5,000
To provide temporary emergency housing to mentally ill individuals in crisis

Literacy Volunteers of Valley Shore CT  $3,650
To support the Workplace Literacy program

Russell Library $5,400
To support the Career Services program

St. Vincent De Paul Middletown  $18,000 (over three years)
To support meals and community assistance programs

**New Haven County**

Agency on Aging of South Central CT  $5,000
To support Experience Corps, an intergenerational literacy program

Big Brothers Big Sister of Southwestern CT  $5,000
To support the Youth Mentoring Youth program

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury  $4,500
To support the My Future STEM/Technology program

Catholic Charities archdiocese of Hartford  $5,000
To support the Meriden Family Center’s school readiness programs

City of Meriden Health & Human Services  $5,000
To support a warming center for unsheltered homeless individuals

**Community Soup Kitchen**  $15,000 (over three years)
To purchase food

**Girl Scouts of CT**  5,000
To support STEM programming in Waterbury

**Music Haven**  $5,000
To support the Academic Success program

**Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven**  $5,000
To support general operations

**Valley United Way**  $5,000
To support the Grow Your Own Neighborhood Garden program

**Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History**  $7,500
To support EVOLUTIONS, a science and college prep program

**New London County**
**Collaborative for Colchester's Children**  $3,000
To support PEP programming

**CT Storytelling Center**  $4,000
To support the Littlest Listeners program

**Covenant Shelter of New London**  $5,000
To support general operations

**Eastern CT Housing Opportunities**  $7,500
To support rehabilitation of one affordable home

**FRESH**  $5,000
To support the Youth Leadership program

**Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center**  $5,000
To purchase fresh, healthy food for food insecure residents

**New London County Fund to End Homelessness**  $15,000 (over three years)
To support shelter diversion and rapid rehousing services

**Ocean Community YMCA**  $5,000
To support Winthrop STEM Elementary Magnet School’s Expanded Learning Time program

**Riverfront Children’s Center**  $5,000
To support literacy programming for children

**STEPS**  $3,000
To support school programming for adolescent girls in New London, Groton and Norwich

**Thames Valley Council for Community Action**  $7,500
To fund a case manager to liaise with the Southeastern Coordinated Access Network

Windham County
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To support operation of a commercially licensed kitchen

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry  $4,000
To support the Unmet Needs Fund

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over $11 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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