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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

CLICK \$3,000

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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