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**LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION APPROVES \$263,050 IN GRANTS**

MARKETWIDE, CT— The Liberty Bank Foundation has approved \$263,050 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**

<b>Achieve Hartford</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the ALL IN! Coalition's High School Advisory Project	
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Bristol Family Center</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Power Hour After School Program	
<b>Bristol Early Childhood Alliance</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Parent Leadership Training Institute and People Empowering People	
<b>Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
To support the Meriden and Parker Memorial Family Centers	
<b>Community Renewal Team, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Women's Empowerment Center	
<b>Futures Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Culinary and Food Service Employment Training Program	
<b>Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Teacher-Led Troops Program	
<b>Imagine Nation</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Imagine Nation STEAM Program for preschool children	

<b>ImmaCare Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Mobile Outreach program	
<b>Institute for Community Research</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Youth Action Hub program	
<b>Journey Home</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Greater Hartford and Central Coordinated Access Networks	
<b>Sheldon Oak</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To provide general operating support for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization work	
<b>South Park Inn, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the Services for Women and Families program	
<b><u>Greater New Haven</u></b>	
<b>Beat the Street Community Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$3,150</b>
To support the Beat the Street Career Explorer Program	
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern CT</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the New Haven Youth Mentoring Program	
<b>City Seed</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the CitySeed Incubates and Sanctuary Kitchen Catering programs.	
<b>Construction Workforce Initiative 2, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support Construction Management Enhanced Training (CoMET)	
<b>Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support general operating costs	
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To support the YouthBuild training site project	
<b>Horizons at The Foote School</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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<b>Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven</b>	<b>\$30,000</b> (over three years)
To fund general operating costs	
<b>Workforce Alliance</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
To pilot the Secure Jobs initiative in Middlesex County, Meriden, and Wallingford	
<b>St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury, Inc</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
To fund the soup kitchen and food pantry programs	

## **Naugatuck Valley**

**Young Men's Christian Association of Naugatuck** \$20,000  
To replace the roof of the YMCA building

## **Statewide**

**Housing Development Fund** \$5,000  
To support the First-Time Homebuyer program

**Pro Bono Partnership, Inc.** \$7,500  
To support free legal services for Connecticut nonprofits

## **Middlesex County**

**Close the Gap, Inc.** \$2,000  
To support the Close the Gap College Preparatory Program

**Middletown Public Schools** \$30,000 (over three years)  
To provide Wraparound Services to Support Children and Families

**North End Action Team** \$7,500  
To support consulting services for the creation of a strategic plan

**Russell Library** \$5,400  
To support the Resume and LinkedIn Profile Review Services in the Career Program

**Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Inc.** \$5,000  
To support pantry food distribution

## **Greater New London**

**Connecticut Storytelling Center, Inc.** \$5,000  
To support the Littlest Listeners Program

**Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.** \$7,500  
To support the case manager liaison to the Eastern Connecticut CAN

## **Norwich / Willimantic**

**University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc.** \$5,000

**To support Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Disabled Veterans**

**Windham Area Interfaith Ministry**

**\$5,000**

To support emergency financial assistance and basic human needs

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$12 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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