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LIBERTY BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS \$98,450 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

MIDDLETOWN, CT — The Liberty Bank Foundation Board of Directors has awarded \$98,450 in grants to 23 nonprofit organizations serving Middlesex and New London Counties, New Britain, and Willimantic. The grants were approved at the board's third quarter meeting in September. Following is a list of the organizations that were awarded grants, grouped by region:

Hartford County - \$18,000

Friendship Service Center of New Britain, Inc., New Britain - \$ 5,000

To fund pre-development and consultant services to prepare a proposal for state funding for new units of supportive housing in New Britain

Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, Hartford - \$ 5,000

To fund the construction of five affordable homes in Bristol for low-income families

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

To help provide bread items to 30 agencies in Plainville, New Britain, Bristol and Farmington

Prudence Crandall Center, New Britain - \$ 5,000

To prevent domestic violence through the Community Education and Prevention Program

Marketwide - \$10,000

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Hartford - \$ 5,000

To improve productivity and sustainability of affordable housing developers throughout Liberty Bank's footprint through capacity building services and investments

The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc., Storrs - \$ 5,000

To support statewide training and administration for the People Empowering People (PEP) program

Middlesex County - \$19,000

Gilead Community Services, Inc., Middletown - \$ 5,000

To support the Client Basic Needs Fund

Middletown Even Start Family Literacy Program, Middletown - \$ 4,000

To offset costs associated with the Family Lunch Program

Northern Middlesex YMCA, Middletown - \$ 5,000

To fund the KidzLit after-school program for grades K-2

Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Essex - \$ 5,000

To purchase food for pantries serving 11 shoreline towns

New Haven County – \$25,000

Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund, Inc., New Haven - \$ 3,000

To fund the Real Options in Overcoming Forclosure program in the Greater New Haven area

Meriden Children First, Meriden - \$ 7,500

To support the Meriden Family Zone Leadership project

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, New Haven - \$ 5,000

To support revitalization efforts in the Newhallville neighborhood of New Haven

Solar Youth, New Haven - \$ 3,000

To support the Youth Educator internship program, which trains low-income teenagers to provide hands-on environmental education to younger children

Southington-Cheshire Community YMCA, Cheshire - \$ 2,500

To provide financial assistance to low-income families whose children can benefit from the Y's before- and after-school programs

Wallingford Family YMCA, Wallingford - \$ 4,000

To fund the Upward Bound program

Greater New London – \$9,500

New England Science and Sailing Foundation, Stonington - \$ 3,000

To fund an experiential STEM education program for low-income, minority students in partnership with the Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London

New London Homeless Hospitality Center, New London - \$ 5,000

To support general operating expenses of the shelter and daytime hospitality center

The New Life Program, Old Lyme - \$ 1,500

To support an apartment for women released from York Correctional Institution and help them successfully re-integrate into their families and community

Norwich/Willimantic - \$16,950

ACCESS Agency, Inc., Willimantic - \$ 4,950

To fund three financial training workshops as part of the agency's Housing Now! multi-family affordable housing program

Catholic Charities and Family Services, Norwich - \$ 5,000

To support the Emergency Basic Needs and Case Management Program

Holy Family Home and Shelter, Willimantic - \$ 4,000

To repair damaged ceilings and replace a carpet in the shelter

Our Piece of the Pie, Norwich - \$ 3,000

To support Pathways to Success, a program that helps Norwich youth ages 14-24 to successfully transition between high school and college, vocational, or work opportunities

Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$7.6 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

grantmaking, the foundation strives to foster the convening and collaboration of nonprofits, funders, business, and government to address community issues.

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