

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM



FALL 2021 GRANTEE PARTNERS

The Foundation for Community Health awarded nearly \$100,000 to nine non-profit organizations, through the inaugural cycle of its Capacity Building Grant Program. Decisions were made based on each organization's organizational health goals, strength of ties to FCH's community, as well as the alignment of each organization's mission and activities with the foundation's funding interests.

The purpose of FCH's Capacity Building Grant Program is to increase the stability, effectiveness, and resilience of nonprofits, ultimately supporting their ability to meet mission and community need.

CENTER OF COMPASSION

DOVER PLAINS, NY

\$10,000

For over fifteen years, the focus of the Center of Compassion has been to provide healthy, nutritious foods to those in need. What began as a small pantry program, now operates and oversees a thrift store, as well as a variety of food relief programs. General operating support will allow the organization to reinstate a part-time Executive Director, significantly increasing the organization's capacity to coordinate the organization's numerous community programs, as well as the dedicated group of volunteers that support the organization's work.

GREENWOODS COUNSELING & REFERRALS

LITCHFIELD, CT

\$10,000

The mission of Greenwood Counseling & Referrals is to ensure swift, affordable access to mental healthcare, regardless of ability to pay, for individuals and families living and working in Litchfield County. General operating support will allow the organization to bring on a medical doctor that is Board-certified in Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry. This addition will allow the organization to improve its services overall, while expanding its current offerings of addiction services.

HOUSATONIC YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

FALLS VILLAGE, CT

\$8,000

Serving the Region One School District, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) exists to strengthen the emotional health of youth and families by providing free behavioral health services and programs in partnership with community. At a time of significant expansion for HYSB, general operating support will allow the organization to meet personnel costs and complete an office renovation.

FALLS VILLAGE CHILDREN'S THEATER

FALLS VILLAGE, CT

\$12,000

Founded over a decade ago by parents of Lee H. Kellogg School to support the production of the elementary school's theater productions, the Falls Village Children's Theater is looking to reimagine its work in Falls Village and incorporate more community centered strategies. Funds will support their development of a strategic plan, which will refine the mission, vision, and programs of the organization.

FISHES & LOAVES PANTRY**NORTH CANAAN, CT****\$10,000**

Fishes and Loaves Pantry sees it as their mission to make people feel more secure about where their food is coming from. General operating support will support Fishes & Loaves Pantry's process of becoming its own 501(c)3, a process that is being undertaken to support the financial resiliency of the program.

Fishes and Loaves Pantry is a fiscally sponsored project of North Canaan Congregational Church.

PRIME TIME HOUSE**TORRINGTON, CT****\$15,000**

Prime Time House provides a place for people with severe and persistent mental health illness to come to start to rebuild their lives. Funds will be used to primarily build upon Prime Time House's housing assistance work, support professional development for its housing staff, and make technology upgrades, such as mobile hotspots and portable printers, improving staff's work with clients out in the community.

LONG TABLE HARVEST**GERMANTOWN, NY****\$8,000**

Long Table Harvest works to cultivate social and economic justice in the food system, their programs include a gleaning program which serves food pantries, youth programs, and community organizations, as well as a recently formalized seedling distribution program. Funds will support general operating needs of Long Table Harvest, including personnel costs, delivery vehicle costs, and the purchase of supplemental produce.

Long Table Harvest is a fiscally sponsored project of Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT**TORRINGTON, CT****\$15,000**

Susan B. Anthony Project promotes safety, healing, and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of women and the end of interpersonal violence. Funds will support the strategic planning process of the agency, which will specifically work to develop the organization's personnel needs, including succession planning.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM**CORNWALL, CT****\$11,970**

The Medical Equipment Loan Program serves residents of Litchfield County and neighboring counties in Massachusetts and New York through their 'library' of medical equipment. Funds will be used to support the personnel costs and operating expenses of the Medical Equipment Loan Program (MELP), which is seeking to improve the financial resiliency of the program.

The Medical Equipment Loan Program is a fiscally sponsored project of the United Church of Christ in Cornwall, Congregational.