

# CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM



## FALL 2023 GRANTEE PARTNERS

The Foundation for Community Health awarded over \$81,000 to eight non-profit organizations, through the Fall 2023 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. Established in 2021, FCH's Capacity Building Grant Program has awarded \$423,070 to twenty-one organizations to date.

### CHORE SERVICE

LAKEVILLE, CT

\$12,000

For 31 years, Chore Service has been a leading resource for non-medical services for seniors and disabled residents for stay-at-home services. Serving the northwest corner of Connecticut, the organization provides over 5,700 hours of care annually to 200 clients and families. Grant funds will ensure ongoing strategic planning with a consultant firm the organization has been working with since Fall of 2022. In the upcoming year, the firm will support board education and efficacy to ensure longevity of services.

### COLUMBIA COUNTY SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

HUDSON, NY

\$15,000

Columbia County Sanctuary Movement's mission is to organize with immigrants and allies to collectively support, empower and defend our communities. Emerging from a gathering of Latinx community members and allies in 2016, the organization's first achievement was prohibiting collaboration between city police and ICE officials. A majority of this grant funding will be dedicated towards community safety training in response to recent attacks on community members and for continuous staff training and wellness support.

### FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY

CANAAN, CT

\$2,500

With a mission to feed those in need within Falls Village, Norfolk, and North Canaan, Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry works to increase food access in response to rising poverty levels. Serving roughly 57% adults, 26% children, and 17% seniors, the organization eases financial burden through food storage and distribution. Funding will enable Fishes & Loaves to obtain non-profit status as a 501(c)3 organization, allowing financial independence and setting a foundation for ongoing work. Fishes & Loaves also intends to funds will also be used to improve the initiative's marketing and communication tools.

*Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry is a fiscally sponsored by North Canaan Congregational Church.*

**GREENWOODS COUNSELING & REFERRALS**

LITCHFIELD, CT

**\$15,000**

The mission of Greenwood's 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. Believing everyone should have this important access is central to the organization's mission. General operating support will bolster the beginning stages of a new office location and clinician onboarding. Overall, these expansion efforts will increase the financial stability of Greenwood's, ensuring sustainability of services in the long run.

**NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT ARTS COUNCIL**

TORRINGTON, CT

**\$10,000**

Northwest Connecticut Arts Council believes that access to arts and culture is a universal human right, meeting both a social and psychological need. As one of eight arts regional services organizations in Connecticut, NWCT Arts Council serves 25 towns through advocacy, networking events, and creative workshops for local artists. NWCT Arts Council's organizational health will be furthered during the funded period through the establishment of a software program that will set up critical process automations. The software will help NWCT Arts Council eliminating redundant tasks, which will increase staff capacity to provide services.

**PROJECT SAGE**

LAKEVILLE, CT

**\$5,000**

Project SAGE is a domestic violence agency serving northwest Connecticut and surrounding communities in New York and Massachusetts. Their mission is to create social change and to end interpersonal, relationship violence by challenging attitudes and beliefs about power, control, and gender norms and by advocating for victims and survivors. General operating support will bolster board engagement through the use of technology, their aim is to increase and improve communication between board and staff.

**PRIME TIME HOUSE**

TORRINGTON, CT

**\$12,000**

Prime Time House provides a place for people with severe and persistent mental health illness to rebuild their lives. With three different locations offering services, Prime Time House established a program where all members are needed, wanted, and appreciated. Funds will support the organization's implementation of their strategic plan, specifically aligning the organization's staffing needs with its revised strategic priorities, bolstering current programming, and strengthening communicative efforts with the community.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT**

TORRINGTON, CT

**\$10,000**

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. A leader in women and family services, this organization was first incorporated in 1983 after a group of concerned local citizens started meeting to discuss and identify the need for crisis services. Grant funding will support a continued collaboration with an organizational management consultant firm to focus on the organization's on-boarding of staff.