

# CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM



## FALL 2022 GRANTEE PARTNERS

The Foundation for Community Health awarded over \$57,000 to six non-profit organizations, through the Fall 2022 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 \$261,570 to seventeen organizations to date.

### DAVID M. HUNT LIBRARY

FALLS VILLAGE, CT

\$10,000

Since its founding in 1891, the David M. Hunt Library has amply fulfilled the vision set by its founders, Mr. Hunt's sisters Wealthy Ann and Catherine E. Hunt. These earliest and key benefactors had a vision, that the library: "...be a house of learning fitted to the wants of our youth and the high purpose of promoting the intelligence and welfare of this community." Grant funds will enable the David M. Hunt Library to hire a consultant to work with library staff and its Board of Directors to generate its next strategic plan. With a new Executive Director and potential capital projects on the horizon the library is looking to set goals for the next five years, with the guidance of a knowledgeable professional. The plan, which will be finalized in 2023, will be distributed widely throughout the community.

### GREENWOODS COUNSELING REFERRALS, INC.

LITCHFIELD, CT

\$10,000

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. General operating support will be put towards Greenwood's community outreach and recovery navigation team, enabling the organization to maintain and improve its service delivery through clinician staff time dedicated towards outreach and recovery navigation efforts.

### HOUSATONIC YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

FALLS VILLAGE, CT

\$7,500

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. General operating support will allow the organization to strengthen its community programs and youth development work.

LONG TABLE HARVEST

GERMANTOWN, NY

\$10,000

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, enabling the organization to better support the interdependent network of farms and pantries that makes Long Table Harvest's mission possible.

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

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AMENIA, NY

\$10,000

St. Thomas Episcopal Church operates Comida de Vida/Food of Life Pantry, the pantry's mission is to provide fresh, nutritious food weekly, including vegetables grown in the on-site "Giving Garden". In 2022, over 14,000 were served by Comida de Vida. General operating support will strengthen the organization's ability to transition day-to-day operations of its pantry from its Executive Director to its full-time Pantry Manager, enabling the Executive Director to focus on donor development, fundraising, and grant research and writing.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT, INC.

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. Funds will support the agency's restructuring efforts, which came as a result of a year-long strategic planning process the organization completed this year. This will include the creation of new positions and redefining roles to better support management, supervision, and service delivery.