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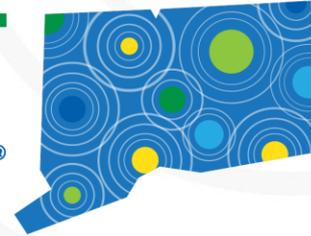
The Sustainable CT Community Match Fund

Year in Review - 2023





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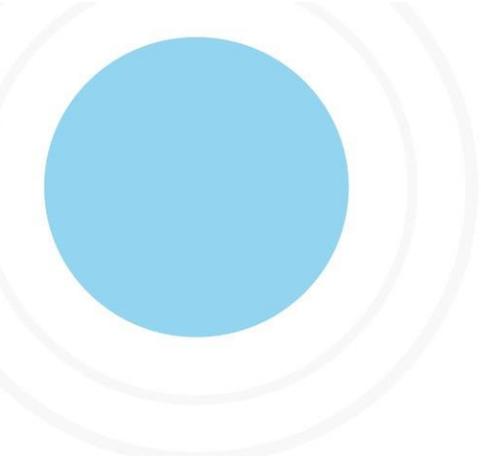
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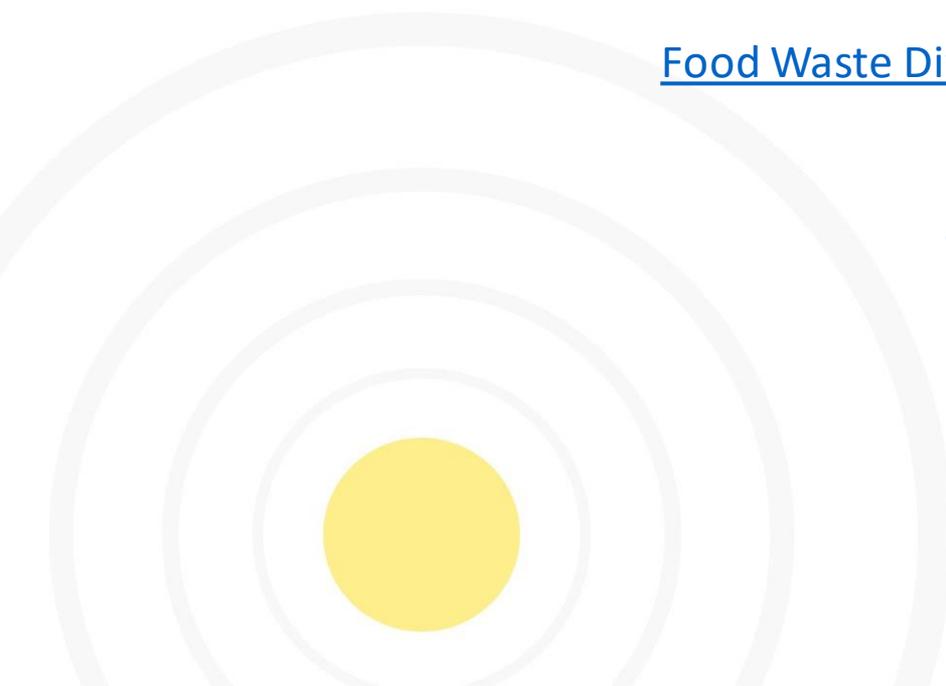
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The Community Match Fund

has supported almost **300** projects throughout Connecticut since its inception in 2018, resulting in an investment of over **3.8** million dollars.

In **2023**, the Community Match Fund:

Supported **65**
projects

Served **38**
towns

Crowdfunded
\$464,182

Matched
\$480,049

Invested a total of
\$944,231
in community led
projects

How it works

Funding is available on a rolling basis with no deadlines, no long application, and no lengthy review period. To be eligible, projects must:



Be located in a Sustainable CT-registered town



Be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit



Align with Sustainable CT's action road map and mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities



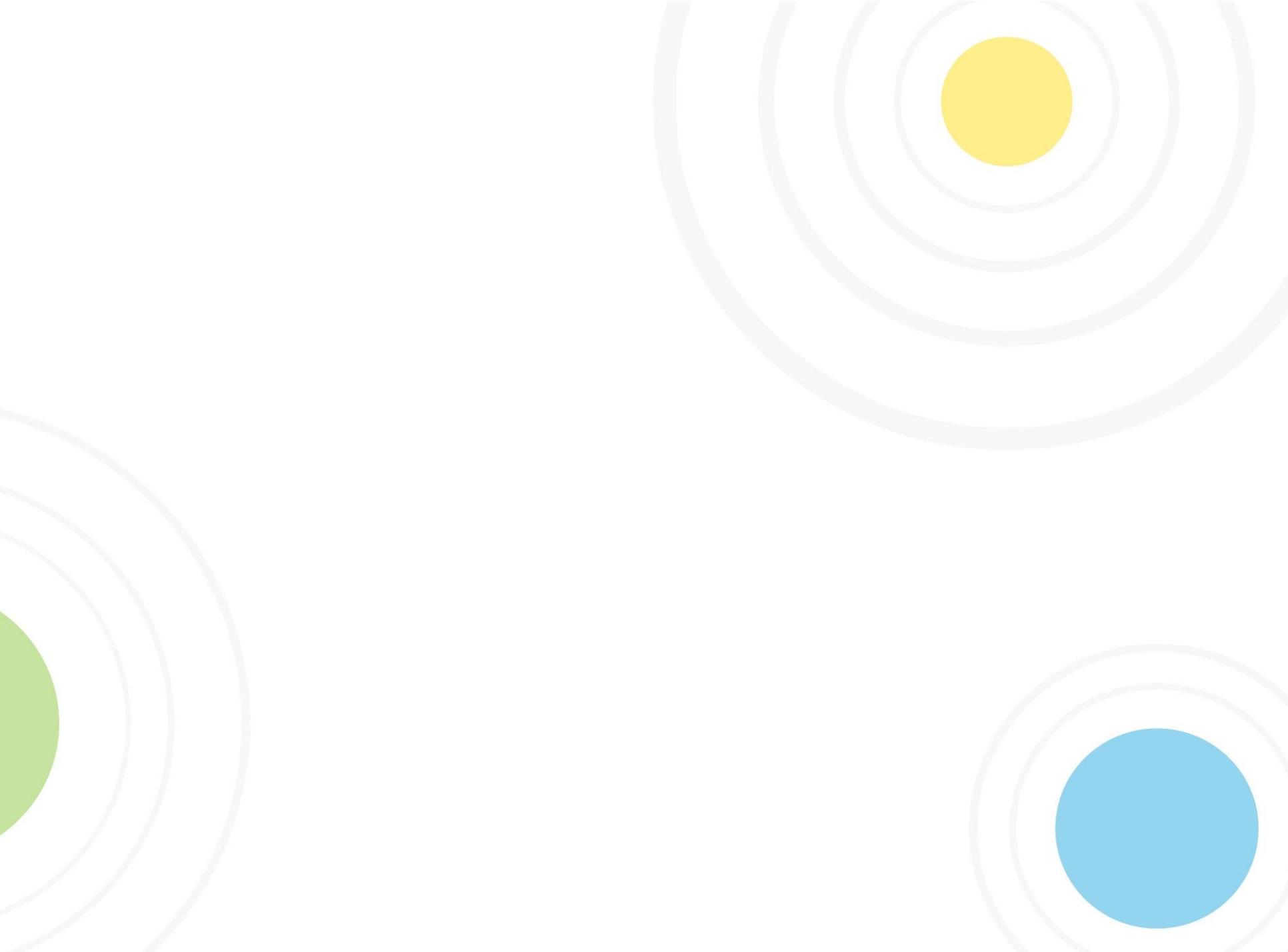
Ready to get started? Here's how.

Contact Sustainable CT to discuss your project. You can reach the **Community Match Fund Team**, at funding@sustainablect.org.

We'll review your project and help you make sure it aligns with Sustainable CT's mission. Once we've approved your project, we'll help you set up your crowd-funding page and create a fundraising strategy.

Then you can start raising matching funds! We will help you every step of the way to reach your fundraising goal.

Visit sustainablect.org/funding for more information. And browse all of our CMF-supported projects at patronicty.com/sustainablect.





Climate Change & Clean Energy

A sampling of projects that promote, support, or target energy efficiency, renewable energy, and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.

Youth Climate Arts Project 2024

New Haven

Supporting ten youth interns at New Haven Leon Sister City Project who will conceptualize and run climate education campaigns and participatory art projects.



Crowdfunded: \$1,790*

SCT Match: \$4,200

Total Raised: \$5,990*

Current Project*

[View Project](#)

Electric Bicycles for Bridgeport!

Bridgeport

Building electric bicycle conversion kits for fifteen Bridgeport residents in need of affordable and reliable transportation.



Crowdfunded: \$7,500

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,000

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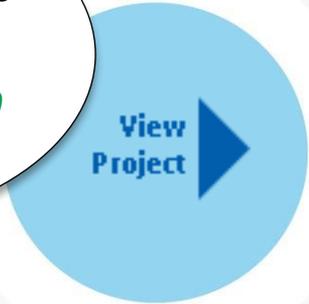
The Rosette Neighborhood Village Energy Efficiency

New Haven

Including solar panels and advanced insulation in the creation of community for unhoused neighbors in New Haven.

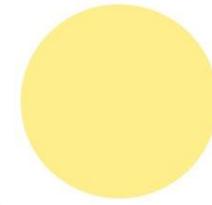


Crowdfunded: \$10,590
SCT Match: \$15,000
Total Raised: \$25,590



Youth Lead on Climate Solutions Project

New Haven



Engaging youth interns in climate solutions work with the Board of Education, and working with youth artists to do public climate education.



Crowdfunded: \$4,042

SCT Match: \$3,750

Total Raised: \$7,792

View Project

West Hartford Youth Baseball Wolcott Park Lights Campaign

West Hartford

Replacing the aging lights of West Hartford's local youth baseball field.



Crowdfunded: \$15,510

SCT Match: \$15,000

Total Raised: \$30,510

[View Project](#)

Massaro Community Farm Learning Garden Solar Pavilion

Woodbridge

Transforming the Massaro Community Farm Learning Garden to include a solar pavilion that will be central to youth education programs and community events.



Crowdfunded: \$15,730

SCT Match: \$15,000

Total Raised: \$30,730

[View Project](#)



Stonecroft Energy Campaign

Hebron

Reducing energy costs for senior residents by installing triple pane windows and on-demand water heaters.



Crowdfunded: \$4,241

SCT Match: \$4,241

Total Raised: \$8,482

**View
Project**



Food Waste Diversion & Composting

A sampling of projects that promote food waste diversion and composting.

Compost for the Community-Expand our Composting Program!

New Haven

Expanding Common Ground's Composting Program to provide education and awareness that drive increased participation in food waste recycling efforts.



Crowdfunded: \$6,000

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,000

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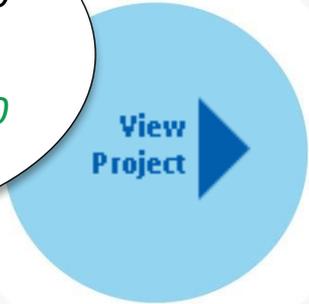
Suffield Food Waste Diversion Initiative

Suffield

Providing food scrap and organic waste collection bins for the community and at-home compost bins for a group of 200 residents.



Crowdfunded: \$6,000
SCT Match: \$9,000
Total Raised: \$15,000



Save Our Food Scraps! Community Composting in Falls Village *Canaan*

Helping Adamah Farm expand on-farm composting and accept organic waste from community members.



Crowdfunded: \$6,334

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,334

[View Project](#)

Composting in Rocky Hill

Rocky Hill

Providing free composting collection service to 100 pilot homes for six months and a food scrap drop-off program at the transfer station.

The Town of Rocky Hill ANNOUNCES Food Scraps Drop-off Program

BEGINNING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, RESIDENTS CAN DROP OFF THEIR FOOD SCRAPS BAGS AT THE TRANSFER STATION TO BE TURNED INTO CLEAN ENERGY AT AN INDUSTRIAL COMPOSTER.

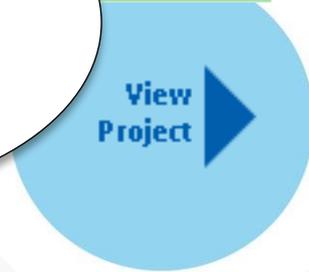
Are you interested in separating your food scraps from your trash so that they can be made into compost, but don't want to do it in your backyard? Consider joining us in the effort to prevent food waste from entering the conventional waste stream and promoting a sustainable environment!

REMEMBER – ONLY FOOD SCRAPS are allowed in your bag.

- 
Fruits and vegetables
(no stickers)
- 
Meat and poultry
(bones OK)
- 
Fish and shellfish
(shells OK)
- 
Dairy products
- 
Egg shells
- 
Bread and pasta



Crowdfunded: \$2,425
SCT Match: \$3,150
Total Raised: \$5,575



Fairfield Public Schools Cafeteria Composting!

Fairfield

Providing food waste composting programs at five Fairfield school cafeterias for two years to divert roughly 100 tons of food waste.



Crowdfunded: \$25,115

SCT Match: \$37,500

Total Raised: \$62,615

[View Project](#) 

Southbury Food Scraps Recycling

Southbury

Providing community-wide education on composting and creating a sustainable system to improve management of organic waste in Southbury.



Crowdfunded: \$6,785

SCT Match: \$6,000

Total Raised: \$12,785

**View
Project**

Community Dining Room Composting

Branford

Expanding the composting program at the Community Dining Room in Branford.



Crowdfunded: \$2,190

SCT Match: \$2,130

Total Raised: \$4,320

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Project**

Food Recovery Waste Diversion

Avon, Simsbury, Unionville, and Hartford

Diverting food from going to landfills and distributing it to shelters, pantries and soup kitchens.



Crowdfunded: \$7,760

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,260

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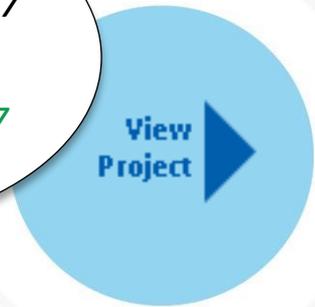
Tri-Town Food Scrap Composting and Education Campaign

Essex, Deep River and Chester

Building a community that works in harmony with nature by educating children on the importance and impacts of composting and recycling in all of Region 4 schools.



Crowdfunded: \$12,247
SCT Match: \$18,000
Total Raised: \$30,247



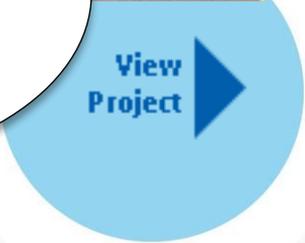
Haven's Harvest Summer Supper Series

New Haven

Holding a community event designed to showcase the quality and value of rescued food by inviting three local chefs to create a meal from rescued food.

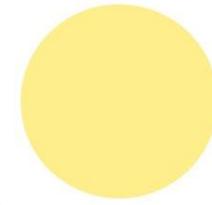


Crowdfunded: \$10,541
SCT Match: \$9,000
Total Raised: \$19,541



Community Waste Diversion Initiative

Windham



Building community sustainability by providing waste diversion support, education and services for community members and organizations, and events.

DONATE TO OUR COMPOST PILE!

CLiCK and the Windham Community Food Network are fundraising to expand our community composting initiatives!

Each online donation is eligible for a 1.5x match through Sustainable CT. If you donate \$10 we get \$25!

Funds will be used to:

- Expand composting at community events like Third Thursday and Hopfest
- Provide stipends to community members to participate in composting
- Distribute educational material
- Reduce waste in our community!
- Purchase materials to compost more efficiently
- Generate compost for community gardeners

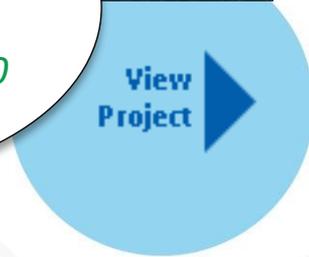


ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR COMPOST PILE!

PATRONICITY.COM/WILLICOMPOST



Crowdfunded: \$6,460
SCT Match: \$9,000
Total Raised: \$15,460



Community Composting for All

Hartford

Establishing a low maintenance community composting system that integrates into the Trinity College Community Garden and can be disseminated as a best practice solution.



Crowdfunded: \$2,846

SCT Match: \$4,269

Total Raised: \$7,115

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Composting with Lovie's Farm

Middletown

Developing composting programs for families and providing education on composting benefits.



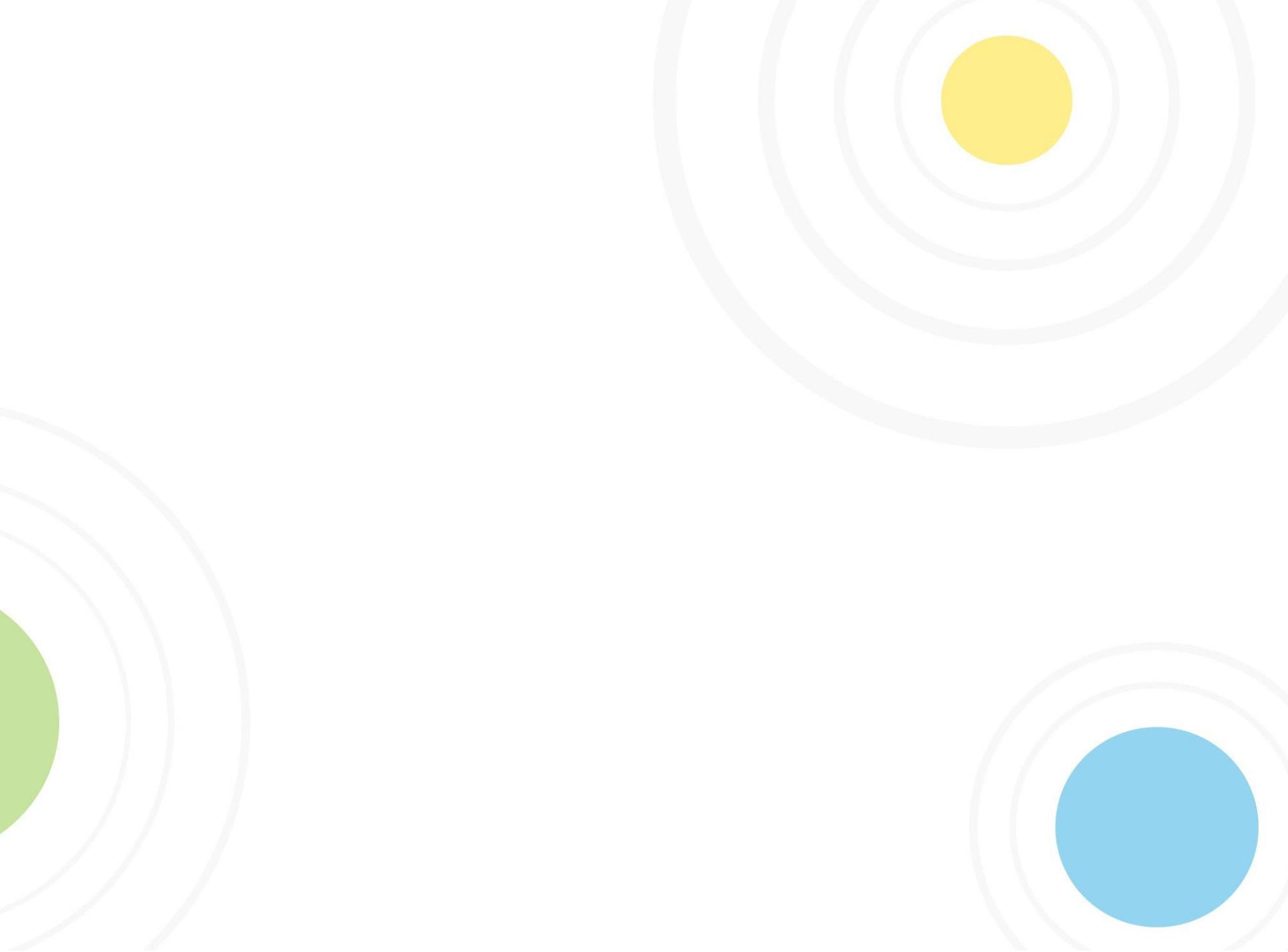
Crowdfunded: \$2,770*

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$11,770*

*Current Project

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Social Change

A sampling of projects led by Black, Latinx, multiracial, Indigenous and other people of color (POC) community organizers and organizations.

Let's Move!

South Windsor

Promoting healthy living by fostering artistic movement and nutritional education while bridging the gap across communities.



Crowdfunded: \$7,735

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$17,177

[View Project](#)

Support Find and Feed in Hartford!

Hartford

Helping Find and Feed provide nourishing meals and basic need products such as toiletries, first aid products, contraceptives, warming items and socks.



Crowdfunded: \$7,500

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,000

[View Project](#)

Community Paint Day in Enfield, CT

Enfield

Gathering the community together for a day of family fun to kick-off a mural to beautify the neighborhood.



Crowdfunded: \$1,500
SCT Match: \$1,500
Total Raised: \$3,000

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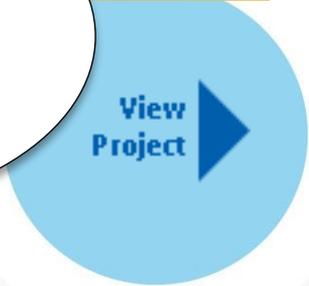
Support the AHNA Green Energy Family Festival!

Hartford

Bringing the local Bridgeport community together to promote the humanities and arts through film screenings, workshops, panel discussions, live music, art and screenplays.



Crowdfunded: \$1,300
SCT Match: \$1,300
Total Raised: \$2,600



Ditch Plastics & Switch to Reusable Cafeteria Foodware!

Middletown

Funding to transition all 10 Middletown Public Schools to 100% reusable food ware items.



Crowdfunded: \$5,634

SCT Match: \$5,358

Total Raised: \$10,992

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Creating Pollinator Gardens & Community with Skateport

Bridgeport

Building a pollinator garden to create and maintain public art and offering a Community Skate Day where attendees can roller-skate for free at the debut of the pollinator and public art space.



Crowdfunded: \$4,750

SCT Match: \$4,750

Total Raised: \$9,500

[View Project](#)

Indigenous Forest Management at Greenwich Audubon

Greenwich

Capturing indigenous history and inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards while improving habitat for birds and other wildlife.



Crowdfunded: \$8,433

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,933

[View Project](#)

EggUcation Series: Cultivating BIPOC Farmers

Middletown

Helping 15 individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of color, female, and low-income become Connecticut farmers.



Crowdfunded: \$6,400

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,400

[View Project](#)

WAMI's Bridgeport Book Bag Giveaway & Voter Registration

Bridgeport

Supporting a community voter registration drive while supporting low-income families and youth with bookbags & back-to-school supplies.



Crowdfunded: \$4,711
SCT Match: \$4,711
Total Raised: \$9,422

[View Project](#)

Greater Hartford Harmony Garden & Creation Care *Hartford*

Bringing awareness and education in eco-justice, health and wellness, environmental toxins, and creation care to the community and churches in Hartford.



Crowdfunded: \$6,000

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,000

[View Project](#)

"We Outside" Back To School Block Party in Harmony Garden Hartford

Bringing the Hartford West Side community together in unity, family fun and empowerment through teaching about composting and providing book bags.



Crowdfunded: \$6,004

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,004

[View Project](#) 

Renaissance Gyal *Hartford*

Creating the space for Black women and their families to see their worth, their beauty, and their innovation reflected back to them through dance and music.



Crowdfunded: \$6,952

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,952

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Project**

FREE HART - Art for All

Hartford

Cultivating a new space for the FREE HART Closet to continue to provide free art supplies and workshops to the community.



Crowdfunded: \$7,500
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$15,000

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Juneteenth 2023 Festival

Enfield

Bringing the town together to celebrate the African American community with music, art, performances, and local vendors.

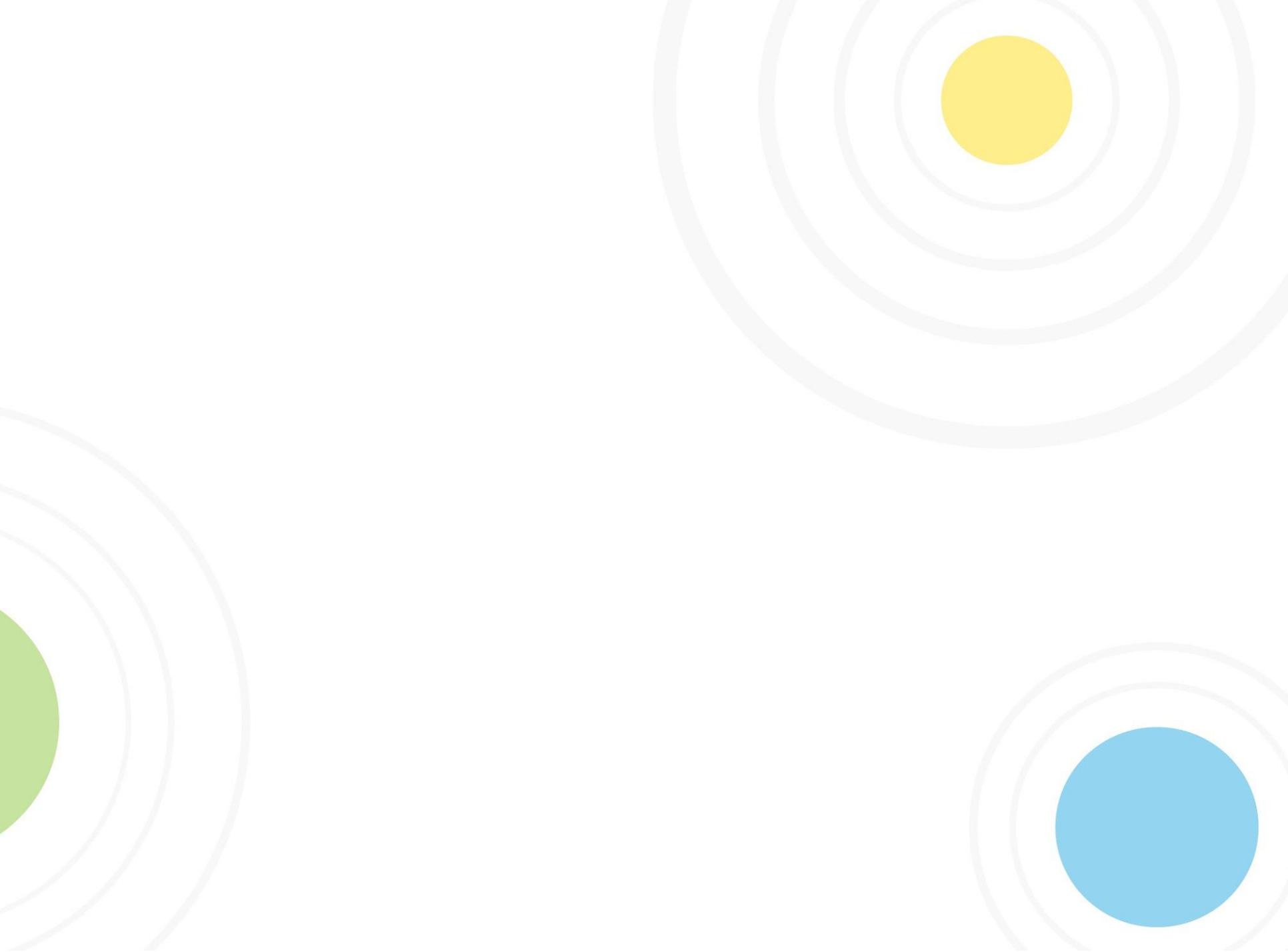


Crowdfunded: \$2,500

SCT Match: \$2,500

Total Raised: \$5,000

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General Sustainability

A sampling of projects that align with the Sustainable CT roadmap of actions that promote healthy, resilient, and inclusive neighborhoods and towns.

Solar Youth Green Jobs Park Improvement Project

New Haven

Improving public urban green spaces by engaging local teens in environmental stewardship.



Crowdfunded: \$7,500

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,000

**View
Project**

Youth Conservation Corps "Rocks the House"

Oxford

Increasing accessibility to Rockhouse's trail system by supporting the Youth Conservation Corps paid summer internship program.



Crowdfunded: \$8,010

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,409

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Neighborhood Farming

Hartford

Installing an urban micro-farm that provides food security, skills development, and a staging area for more urban farming in Hartford.



Crowdfunded: \$9,638

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$17,138

[View Project](#)

Tree As Art - Another Life for the Charter Oak Scion

Hartford

Converting the trunk of a historic Charter Oak in Bushnell Park into a piece of art to honor its life and give it a new one as a functional work of engaging fine art.



Crowdfunded: \$9,476

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$17,476

[View Project](#)

The West Hartford Tree Project 2023

West Hartford

Preserving the West Hartford tree canopy through the distribution of young trees to residents for free.



Crowdfunded: \$3,915
SCT Match: \$3,000
Total Raised: \$6,915

[View Project](#)

Contain & Sustain

Cheshire

Purchasing compact and reusable silicone take-away food containers and distributing them (for free) to 1,000 community members.



Crowdfunded: \$3,690

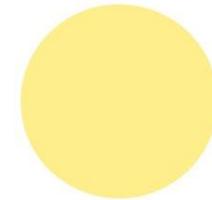
SCT Match: \$3,000

Total Raised: \$6,690

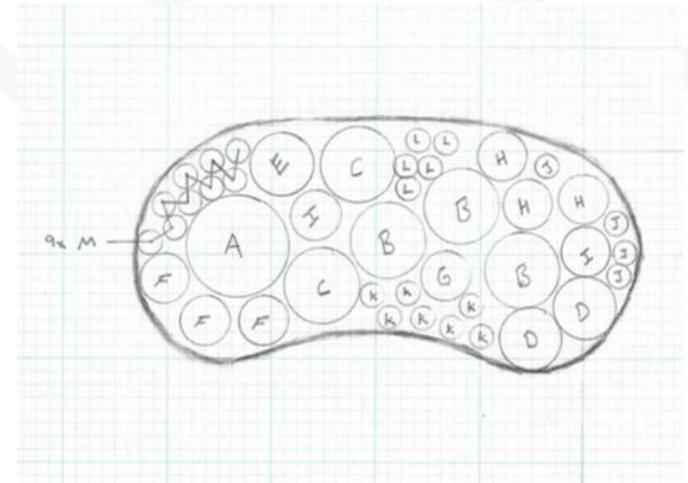
[View Project](#)

Foote Riverside Park Pollinator Garden

Branford



Increasing pollinator habitat through the education and engagement of youth.



Crowdfunded: \$2,646
SCT Match: \$2,500
Total Raised: \$5,146

[View Project](#)

Yoga in Our City

Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, New London, and Waterbury

Building happier and healthier communities across Connecticut with free yoga and wellness programming that is inclusive and accessible for all.

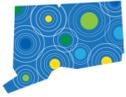


Crowdfunded: \$7,606

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,106

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Winterfest Hartford

Hartford

Supporting free ice skating, skate rentals, skating lessons, and other free programming at Winterfest Hartford in Bushnell Park.



Crowdfunded: \$7,698

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,198

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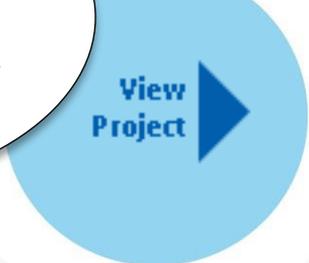
Off-Main Experience: Stamford 2023

Stamford

Creating a dynamic and community-centric event that brings together artists, musicians & performers, vendors, and local businesses, transforming Mill River Park into the ultimate local art festival.



Crowdfunded: \$8,555
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$16,055





Troop 22 Recycles

East Haddam

Refurbishing Troop 22's can and bottle recycling facilities at the East Haddam Transfer Station.



Crowdfunded: \$4,413

SCT Match: \$4,340

Total Raised: \$8,753

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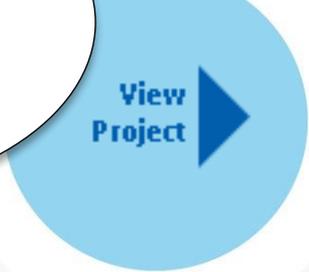
MLK Building a Beloved Community Dancing Toward DIVERSITY!

Vernon

Bringing community members together to prioritize love, kindness, compassion, peace, and service through dance and sharing resources with the community.



Crowdfunded: \$1,209
SCT Match: \$1,200
Total Raised: \$2,409



Manchester Cycling Without Age

Manchester

Purchasing a trishaw to establish and implement a Cycling Without Age chapter in Manchester.



Crowdfunded: \$7,545

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,045

[View Project](#)

Safe Bike Riding for Mansfield 4th Graders

Mansfield

Creating the first year of a 4th grade bicycle education program at the Mansfield Elementary School.



Crowdfunded: \$8,841

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,341

**View
Project**

Connect a Kid to Nature this Summer

Portland

Raising scholarship funds to enable youth to engage in transformational outdoor experiences.



Crowdfunded: \$7,501
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$15,001

[View Project](#)

One Fish, Two Fish

New Haven

Creating public art and eco-literacy to help reduce waste and water pollution with participants from New Haven schools and Fair Haven community members.



Crowdfunded: \$7,909

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,409

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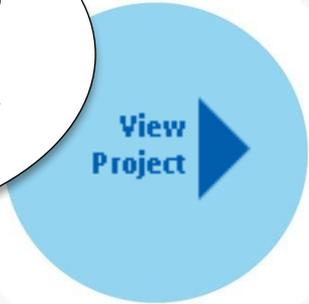
The 2023 Bridgeport Film Fest

Bridgeport

Supporting a three-day film festival at the historic Klein Memorial Auditorium. The festival brought the local Bridgeport community together to promote the humanities and arts.



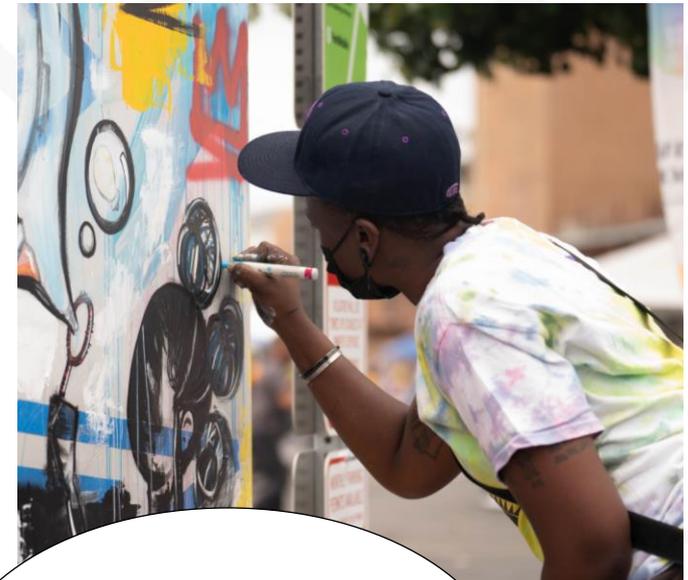
Crowdfunded: \$8,805
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$16,305



ART maniFESTation 2023

Hartford

Creating an immersive arts festival to celebrate and discover local artists, businesses, and community.



Crowdfunded: \$8,690

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,190

[View Project](#)

Let's Populate Our Plaza

Windham

Transforming a barren downtown plaza into a "people place," a welcoming and functional recreational place for all ages and abilities.



Crowdfunded: \$7,801

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,301

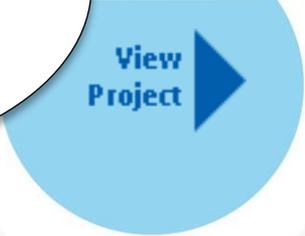
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Equity Mural at Miller Library Hamden

Bringing Dr. King's message of racial equity and inclusivity to Hamden.



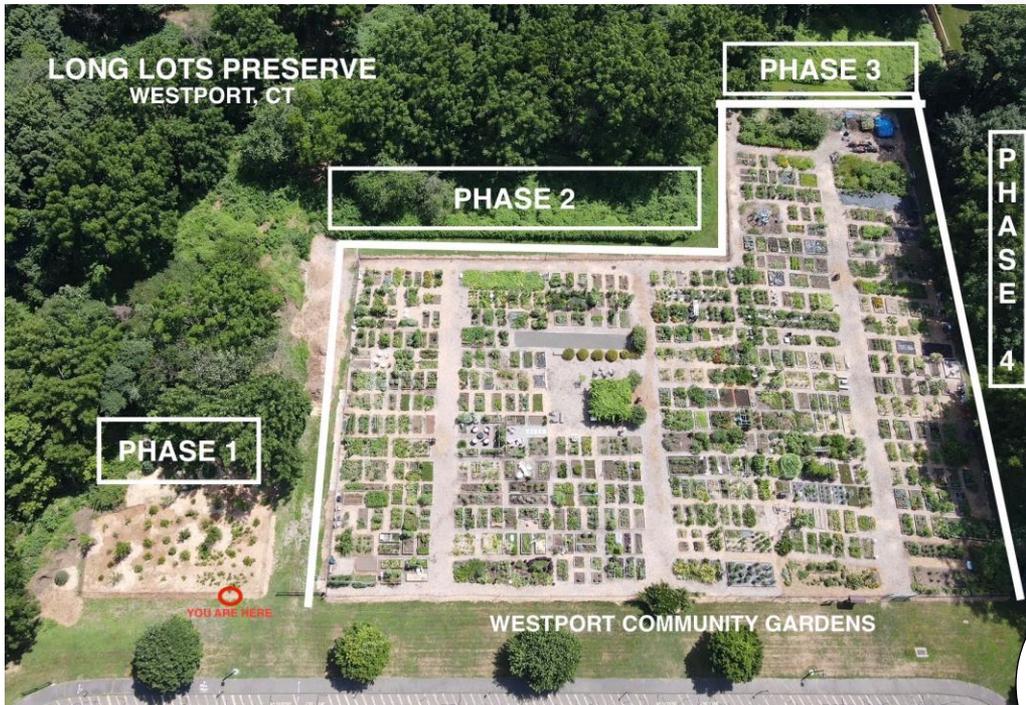
Crowdfunded: \$8,946
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$16,446



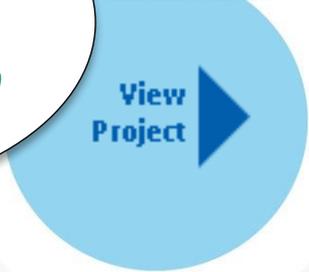
Long Lots Preserve: Phase 3 and 4

Westport

Establishing densely planted native flora to complete the transformation of public land to an ecologically rich model of suburban open space rehabilitation.



Crowdfunded: \$7,500
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$15,000



Support Runoff Art!

Bridgeport

Training local artists to make street art focusing on water and reducing water pollution and flooding from stormwater runoff.



Shell Street Playscape - see [Flow Project Art gallery](#) for site images and ideas

Lots of Fish invites you to - Make your own design or additions using this theme - include river, tributaries, trees, path, clouds/rain, Hopscotch, Four Square. You can make planter designs too!



Stormwater education and public participation art project - existing storm drains (bottom & top left) are depicted as if on the street.

Crowdfunded: \$3,059

SCT Match: \$3,000

Total Raised: \$6,059

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Project

A Midsummer Night's Dream in Downtown Rockville!

Vernon

Enhancing community and economic development through a one-hour, interactive, family friendly performance of the A Midsummer Night's Dream.



Crowdfunded: \$8,605

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,105

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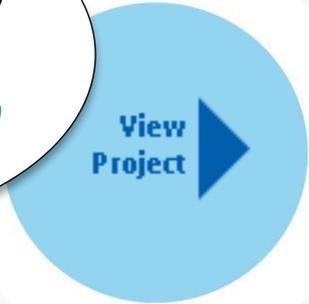
Cam Hutchins Memorial Garden

New Canaan

Creating a pollinator garden in memory of Cam Hutchins.

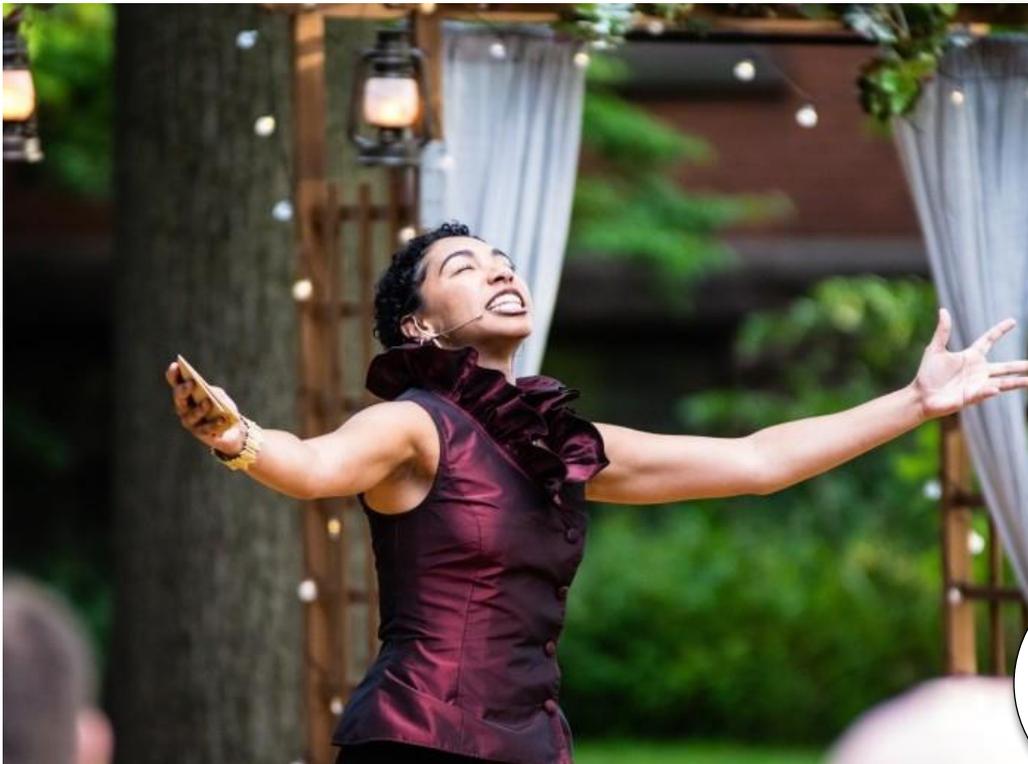


Crowdfunded: \$6,900
SCT Match: \$4,650
Total Raised: \$11,550



Time's Fool Company presents **AS YOU LIKE IT** *Wethersfield*

Bringing free, professional theatre to Wethersfield and the greater Hartford area.



Crowdfunded: \$8,475
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$15,975

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Hartford

Supporting an annual opportunity for Hartford neighbors to celebrate one another, reinforce connectivity, and celebrate what makes the community great together.



Crowdfunded: \$7,969

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,469

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Litchfield Art Festival 2023

Litchfield

Providing meaningful integration of fine arts and community-building activities for the residents of the Litchfield Hills and the surrounding towns.



Crowdfunded: \$7,610

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,110

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Support on Earth Hartford 2023

Hartford

Celebrating Earth Day and the work this year's volunteers have done to support the city of Hartford and the planet.



Crowdfunded: \$7,520

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,020

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West Hartford Tree Project 2024

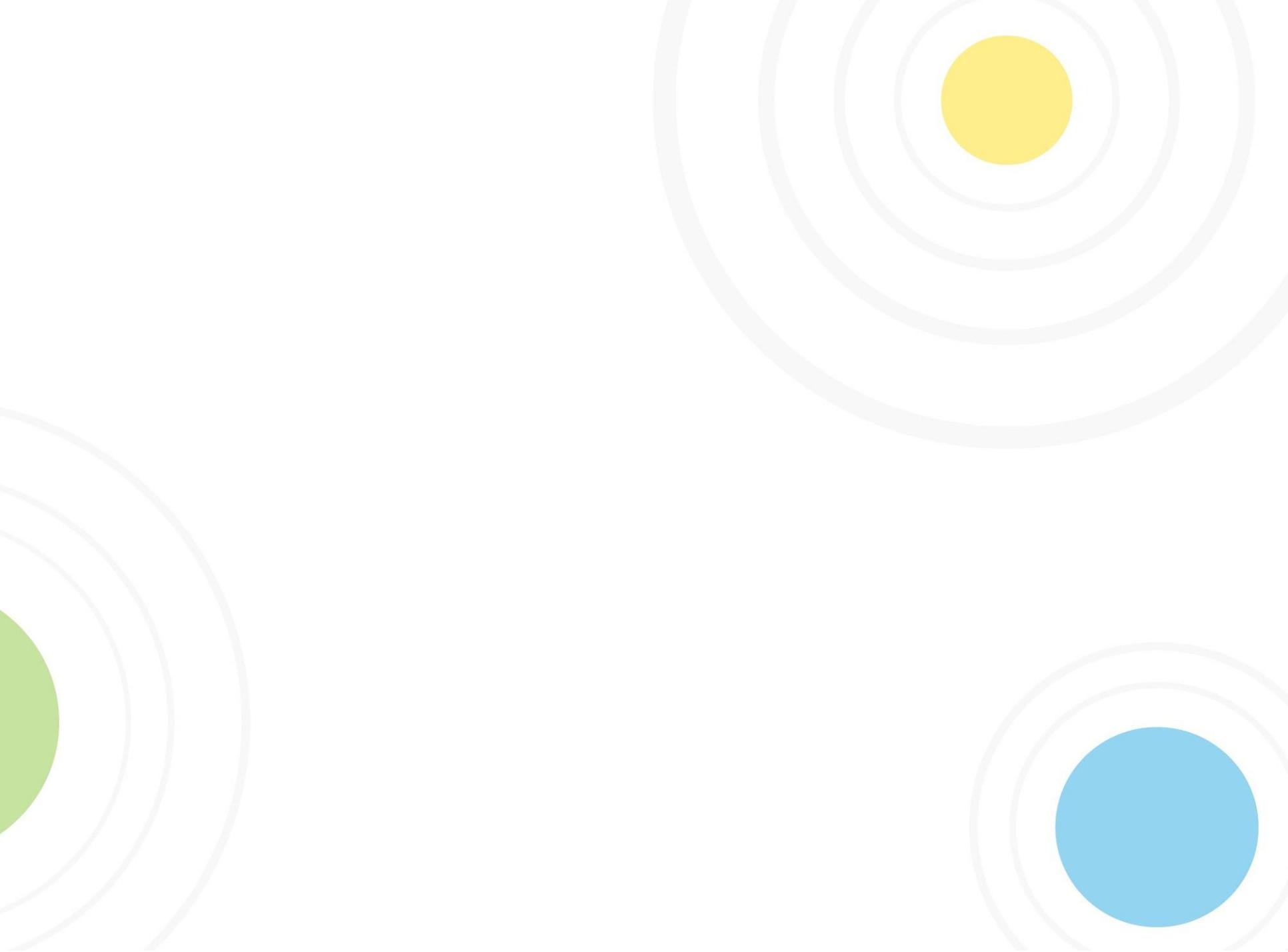
West Hartford

Preserving and growing the suburban tree canopy by purchasing native trees and shrubs and giving them away to West Hartford residents.



Crowdfunded: \$7,991
SCT Match: \$7,500
Total Raised: \$15,491*

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