

CHELSEA GROTON FOUNDATION 2026 GRANT APPROVALS

Organization Name	Purpose	Amount
Always Home, Inc.	Family Housing Support Services	\$10,000.00
Alzheimers Disease And Related Disorders Association Inc	Walk to End Alzheimer's Eastern Connecticut	\$2,500.00
American Red Cross	Disaster Cycle Services for the towns served by Chelsea Groton Foundation	\$5,000.00
Arts for Learning Connecticut, Inc.	Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) in New London, 2026-27	\$3,750.00
Best Buddies in Connecticut	Best Buddies in Connecticut Friendship and Leadership Development	\$3,750.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut, Inc.	Community-Based & Site-Based Mentoring in New London and Windham Counties	\$10,000.00
Blue Bag Foundation Inc	Blue Bag Youth Empowerment & Community Safety Initiative	\$2,500.00
Camp Wightman	Waves of Confidence Initiative	\$5,000.00
Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc	Provide Assistance to those in need	\$10,000.00
CARTie	Integrating critical art museum enrichment in New London's early childhood curriculum	\$2,500.00
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich Ct	Basic Needs	\$10,000.00
Center for Women & Enterprise	Entrepreneurship Training for Veteran-Owned Businesses in Eastern Connecticut and Southern Rhode Island	\$5,000.00
Center: A Drop-In Community Learning & Resource Centers, Inc.	Drop-In Learning Out of School Care	\$5,000.00
Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT	Restoring Safe Play at Groton ECDC	\$9,000.00
Children First Groton Community Collaborative	Prescription to Read	\$2,000.00
Children In Placement Connecticut Inc	Guardian ad Litem	\$3,750.00
Chrysalis Center, Inc.	Supportive Services for Oak Tree Village - Griswold	\$5,000.00
Church of the City New London, Inc.	Community Meal Program Stability & Support Grant	\$10,000.00
Community of Hope, Inc	Community of Hope Program Expansion	\$10,000.00
Connecticut Audubon Society	Science in Nature Experiential Learning for Elementary Students in New London County	\$4,450.00
Connecticut Foodshare	Equitable Hunger Solutions	\$10,000.00
Connecticut Oral Health Initiative Inc	Healthy Smiles, Healthy Lives in New London County	\$3,750.00
Connecticut Science Center	STEM Education Programs for Groton Students	\$2,500.00
Connecticut Storytelling Center	Start With Stories	\$750.00
Hearing Youth Voices (A Better Way)	Youth, Leadership, and Community Connection	\$5,000.00
Connecticut Tenants Union (A Better Way)	New London County Organizing	\$5,000.00
Covenant Shelter of New London, Inc.	General Operating Support	\$10,000.00
Covenant to Care for Children	Basic Essential Goods for Children	\$2,500.00
CRIS Radio	Audio Accessibility for People who are Blind or Print Challenged	\$750.00
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center Inc	Nature Discovery Programs	\$3,050.00
East Lyme Giving Garden	East Lyme Giving Garden Direct/Operating Expenses 2026	\$2,500.00
Eastern Connecticut Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Community Support for Vision Difficulty	\$5,000.00
Eastern Connecticut Ballet	All About Ballet: Presenting the Nutcracker to Schoolchildren in our Community.	\$1,500.00

Eastern Connecticut Community Gardens Association	Community Shared Agriculture Donation Food Security Program and Healthy Nutrition Education	\$3,500.00
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra (ECSO)	Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra presents The Young People's Concert	\$2,500.00
Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (EWIB)	Connecticut Youth Employment Program (CYEP)	\$5,000.00
Expressiones Cultural Center, Inc.	ARTVenture: Bridging the Americas	\$5,000.00
Frank Olean Center	Vocational Services for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$1,500.00
Furniture Bank of Southeastern Connecticut	Purchase beds for families in financial need	\$10,000.00
Futures Incorporated	Summer Enrichment and Community Inclusion Program for Adults with Disabilities	\$2,500.00
Garde Arts Center	PACE: Partners: Arts. Community. Education	\$5,000.00
Generation Power CT (formerly Operation Fuel)	Emergency Utility and Energy Assistance	\$10,000.00
Global Impact	The United States of Readers	\$2,500.00
H.O.P.E., Inc.	Reynard Rent-to-Own Program	\$10,000.00
HAITIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER NORWICH	ESL Program Expansion Proposal – 2026 Haitian Community Center of Greater Norwich	\$5,000.00
Harriet U Allyn Testamentary Trust (Lyman Allyn Art Museum)	Free First Saturday	\$5,000.00
Healing Therapies Thru Sharing Inc	Lift Assist Massage Table for Oncology Patients	\$1,600.00
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	Access and Sustainability Through Scholarship: High Hopes' Equine-Assisted Therapeutic Programs in partnership with New London County (CT) Public Schools	\$2,500.00
Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc	Scholarship and Education support	\$2,500.00
Horizons, Inc.	Sustaining the Energy of Anticipation 2026-2027	\$2,500.00
Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut	Encountering Differences	\$2,500.00
Jonnycake Center Of Westerly	Food Pantry	\$6,000.00
Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, Inc.	Junior Achievement Economic Empowerment Education for Groton & Norwich Youth	\$3,750.00
Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center, Inc.	Sensory Room Upgrades	\$5,675.00
Literacy Volunteers of Washington County Inc	General Operating	\$5,000.00
Lumibility	Kidsteps Early Intervention services for New London County families	\$3,500.00
Madonna Place, Inc.	General Support for Madonna Place, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Make-A-Wish Connecticut	Wishes Can't Wait	\$5,000.00
Martin House, Inc.	Food Security Program	\$10,000.00
Meals on Wheels of RI Inc.	Home-Delivered Meals for Southern RI Older Adults	\$2,500.00
Mystic & Noank Library	Plant A Seed, Read: 2026 Summer Reading & Enrichment Program	\$2,500.00
New England Science & Sailing Foundation	New London Partnership Program	\$3,000.00
New London Community Meal Center (NLCMC)	Mitigation of food insecurity within New London County	\$10,000.00
New London Homeless Hospitality Center	Bridge to Home Flexible Spending Fund	\$10,000.00
New London Lodge of Elks	New London Community Youth Programs	\$2,500.00
New London Recreation Department	Teen Links Program	\$4,000.00
Niantic Childrens Museum	Niantic Children's Museum Cultural and Operational Support	\$3,750.00
Norwich Housing Authority	Basic Needs Pantry	\$1,500.00
Norwich Human Services	Job Related Incidentals	\$5,000.00

Norwich Rotary Foundation, Inc	Rotary Coat Project	\$3,000.00
Ocean Community United Theatre Inc	General Operating Support	\$5,000.00
Operation Fresh Start Inc	Project Initiatives	\$2,500.00
Partnership for Strong Communities	Research Associates Program	\$2,500.00
Planned Parenthood of Southern New England	New London Fund for Access	\$5,000.00
Preston Public Library	Preston-Awe Learning Stations	\$4,175.00
Project Oceanology	Marine Science for Elementary Students	\$2,850.00
Rhode Island Center Assisting Those in Need (RI CAN)	Food Pantry Support and Programing	\$10,000.00
Rhode Island Community Food Bank Association	Feeding People in Need in Washington County	\$6,000.00
Rhode Island School Recycling Project	Get Food Smart, RI	\$5,000.00
Riverfront Children's Center, Inc.	Early Childhood Education for Young Children from Low-Income SECT Households	\$10,000.00
Rose City Learning Center	Digital Pathways to Workforce Success	\$2,450.00
Safe Futures, Inc.	Genesis House Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter and Alternative Shelter Solutions Program (GH)	\$10,000.00
Sails Up 4 Cancer Inc	Ongoing support for cancer patients in financial need	\$5,000.00
Salem Free Public Library	Programs, Supplies, Outreach & Collections	\$2,000.00
Salvation Army, New London	Salvation Army, New London	\$10,000.00
FRESH New London (Third Sector)	Inspiring Revolutions Through Food	\$4,500.00
Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP)	Pantry Food Distribution	\$2,000.00
Sound Community Services, Inc.	Bent Crandall Residential Refresh Project	\$5,000.00
South East Connecticut Community Center Of The Blind	Beyond Sight: Thriving Through Connection and Independence	\$2,500.00
Southeastern Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. (SCADD)	SCADD Recreation & Wellness Initiative	\$10,000.00
Southeastern Regional Action Council, Inc	Man Therapy Campaign	\$5,000.00
Southern Rhode Island Volunteers	Independent Aging Support Services for Westerly Rhode Island Senior Citizens	\$1,000.00
Spark Makerspace CO	Equitable Access Sliding Scale Initiative	\$4,000.00
Special Olympics Connecticut	Special Olympics Connecticut's 2026 Unified Sports Fall Festival/Sailing Regatta	\$1,250.00
St. James Episcopal Church	The Lord's Pantry	\$3,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul Place Norwich Inc	Food Pantry	\$10,000.00
STEPS Inc	Afterschool Support for Girls Grades 4-12	\$2,500.00
Thames River Community Service, Inc	Safe & Stable Housing for Young Families: Ensuring a Brighter Future (Apartment Turnover and Supplies Program)	\$10,000.00
Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (TVCCA)	Addressing the Nutritional Needs of Vulnerable Seniors in Eastern Connecticut	\$10,000.00
The Arc Eastern Connecticut	Seed Money for Cookie Truck Program	\$5,000.00
The Blue Door Foundation, Inc.	The Blue Door Foundation Request	\$10,000.00
THE HOUSING COLLECTIVE INC	Center for Housing Opportunity - Eastern Connecticut	\$5,000.00
The Last Green Valley, Inc.	TLGV Summer Adventure Camp	\$1,250.00
The Salvation Army - Norwich	Food Security, Seasonal, and Emergency Assistance	\$10,000.00
The Waterford Public Library	Let's Speak English Together!	\$1,800.00
Three Rivers College Foundation	Strengthening the Healthcare Workforce Pipeline in Southeastern Connecticut	\$2,500.00
United Cerebral Palsy of Eastern Connecticut (UCP)	Economic Empowerment Program	\$10,000.00
United Community and Family Services, Inc	Arts and Entertainment for our Seniors	\$3,000.00
United Way of Southeastern Connecticut	Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center	\$10,000.00
Viability, Inc.	Greenhouse	\$4,750.00

WARM Center Inc.	Anita's Kitchen Food Programs	\$5,000.00
Warriors For Warriors Inc	CAV	\$5,000.00
Waterford Country School, Inc.	Campus Health and Safety Initiative	\$10,000.00
Westerly Education Center	Westerly Education Center 10 Year Anniversary Celebration	\$5,000.00
William W. Backus Hospital	Bridge Rx	\$5,000.00
Windham County 4-H Foundation, Inc.	Ragged Hill Woods programming expansion	\$5,000.00
Windham Region Chamber of Commerce Foundation	Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500.00
Womens Business Development Council Inc	WBDC Ignite Grant Program and Entrepreneurial Training for Women Owned Small Businesses	\$5,000.00
Yellow Farmhouse Education Center	Growing the Next Generation of Food Systems Leaders	\$2,500.00
2026 Grants Awarded:		\$608,800.00