

**New Canaan Community Foundation
2025 Grant Awards Summary**

Organization Name	Impact area of request	Public Summary	Board Directed	DAF	Total Grant
A Better Chance (ABC) New Canaan	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support, which will allow the ABC to provide talented young men of color from under-resourced communities with transformative academic opportunities, support them in becoming well-rounded and confident leaders, and prepare them for future success.	\$8,000	\$2,000	\$10,000
All Our Kin	Youth & Education	To support programming to expand access to high-quality, accessible and licensed early childhood care for children and families of lower Fairfield County. Programming includes licensing, business education, individual coaching, educational workshops, and zero-interest loans.	\$7,500		\$7,500
Americares Free Clinics	Health & BH	To provide general operating support to the Bob Macauley Americares Free Clinic of Norwalk and the Americares Free Clinic of Stamford, ensuring that low income uninsured patients are able to receive medical care.	\$9,850	\$150	\$10,000
Building One Community	Human Services	To support B1C's (1) Workforce Development Program, which integrates immigrants into the workforce by providing programs that help them gain English language and job skills, and (2) Academic Enrichment Program, which provides academic and social-emotional support for immigrant children.	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
Carver, The	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support, which will allow The Carver to support its 60+ before-school, after-school, summer, and community programs which equip K-12 students in Norwalk and across Fairfield County for global competitiveness.	\$5,000	\$500	\$5,500
Catholic Charities Of Fairfield County, Inc. (Fresh Start Furniture)	Human Services	To support Fresh Start Furniture, which provides basic household furniture to individuals referred by social or government agencies, including those transitioning from homelessness, survivors of domestic abuse, etc. FSF's goal is to transform housing arrangements into true homes.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Catholic Charities Of Fairfield County, Inc. (New Covenant Center)	Human Services	To support New Covenant Center's mission to reduce food and economic insecurity among the neediest in greater Stamford. Services include a Soup Kitchen/Café, Food Pantry, Shower and Active Toiletry Programs, and collaborations with local human services agencies.	\$22,500	\$2,500	\$25,000
Center for Children's Advocacy	Human Services	To support the establishment of a Stamford Immigrant Children's Justice Project, which would allow CCA to increase the number of undocumented Stamford children and youth who receive legal services in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Children In Placement	Human Services	To provide volunteer court-appointed child advocates serving in court as Guardian ad Litem (GALs) for children and youth within the child welfare system who have been victims of domestic abuse, violence, or are living in unstable home and family settings.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support to enable CLC, the largest early childhood education provider in Stamford, to deliver comprehensive education programs and wrap-around services for more than 800 children in the region.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Circle of Care for Families with Cancer	Health & BH	To provide general operating support, enabling Circle of Care to continue offering emotional, practical, and financial support services to the pediatric cancer community.	\$2,250	\$250	\$2,500
Community Health Center Inc., d.b.a. Child Guidance Center of Southern CT	Health & BH	To support high-quality mental health services - from early childhood to young adulthood - in New Canaan and surrounding communities, regardless of their families' ability to pay.	\$20,000		\$20,000
Community Mindfulness Project	Health & BH	To provide general operating support to CMP, which empowers all people to lead healthier lives by providing direct, secular, and affordable mindfulness services.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Community Resources for Justice (Family ReEntry)	Human Services	To support the general operating of the organization, including the successful planning, implementation, and oversight of life-changing programs, including two Behavioral Health Centers.	\$7,500		\$7,500
Connecticut Institute For Refugees And Immigrants Inc	Human Services	To support affordable, high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and naturalized citizens, with a focus on victims of domestic violence and other serious crimes in the Stamford area.	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Connecticut RISE Network	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support to CT Rise, which breaks multigenerational opportunity gaps through innovative and data-driven partnership models and improving educator networks.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Connecticut Stage Company	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to CT Stage Company, which provides quality theatrical performances with and for our community.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Domestic Violence Crisis Center	Human Services	To provide general operating support to DVCC, which provides emergency, counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, emergency safe housing, and financial and legal advocacy.	\$29,500	\$5,500	\$35,000

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Domus Kids, Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the Work & Learn employment readiness training program, which exposes young people to paid, hands-on work in a supportive environment. The program targets disengaged and disconnected youth between the ages of 12-25 in Stamford and surrounding towns.	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Earthplace, Inc. (Harbor Watch)	A/C/C	To support the Harbor Watch program's continued water quality monitoring of the Fivemile, Noroton and Rippowam Rivers, and to provide immersive science education experiences to all students.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
ElderHouse, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide general operating support to ElderHouse, which works to meet the needs of thousands of seniors and their family caregivers through an adult day program and long-term care services.	\$5,000	\$6,250	\$11,250
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern CT (HELP for Kids), The	Human Services	To support the Exchange Club's home visitation model, which has become the organization's most significant and successful method of fighting against child abuse by working directly with at-risk parents to break cycles of abuse, neglect, and violence.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Fairfield County Hospice House Inc	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Resident Assistance Fund, which gives low-income patients the opportunity to access safe, high quality, meaningful end of life care.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Fairfield County Trauma Response Team, Inc.	Health & BH	To provide general operating support to FCTRT, an alliance of mental health professionals dedicated to helping first responders heal from trauma, tragedy and stress through educational presentations, Incident Stress Debriefings, referrals, peer support meetings, and more.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Family & Children's Agency	Seniors & Special Needs	To support FCA's senior services, which provide services to seniors that allow them to remain safe and independent as they age in place. Programs include Personal Alert Services, Home Health Aides, Assisted Transportation, household management assistance, chore services, and more.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Family Centers Inc.	Health & BH	To support for the Center for Hope, which offers comprehensive grief and bereavement services to adults and children living with an illness, coping with loss, or facing other life-altering circumstances.	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$9,000
Filling in the Blanks	Human Services	To support the "Fresh Food on the Move" Mobile Food Pantry, which distributes fresh food and hygiene products on a consistent schedule to low-income families in Norwalk, Stamford, and Bridgeport.	\$1,500	\$11,000	\$12,500
Food Rescue US	Human Services	To support the organization's volunteer-driven, community-based food rescue platform in Fairfield County. The platform reroutes surplus food which would otherwise be thrown away to organizations serving food insecure people.	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$18,000
Friends of Waveny Playground	A/C/C	To support the creation of a thoughtfully-designed, all-abilities play space in Waveny Park. The space will meet the recreational, social, and developmental needs of New Canaan's children.	\$27,000	\$8,000	\$35,000
Future 5	Youth & Education	To support the College Prep Program, which guides high school juniors and seniors through the process of selecting and applying for college, navigating financial aid, and searching for scholarship assistance.	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000
GetAbout, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the organization's mission of providing transportation services to seniors and anyone with special needs in the New Canaan community.	\$23,750	\$1,250	\$25,000
Glass House, The	A/C/C	To support Glass House Presents, a series of free public talks about architecture, design, and Modernism in New Canaan and beyond. Presentations feature notable architects, artists, curators, scholars, and others who explore issues related to the built environment and contemporary culture.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Grassroots Tennis & Education	Youth & Education	To support the Education & Enrichment Programming, which provides Norwalk and Stamford students free year-round tennis training and a blended curriculum that includes social-emotional character development, leadership, and college and career readiness.	\$12,500		\$12,500
Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County	Human Services	To provide construction materials which will be used to renovate one unit of affordable housing in Bridgeport.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Horizons at CT State Norwalk	Youth & Education	To support the six-week, full-day, tuition-free summer program, which provides academic instruction and enrichment opportunities to vulnerable students in Norwalk.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Horizons at New Canaan Country School	Youth & Education	To support the six-week Summer Program, which provides 300 students grades K-9 with academic and enrichment classes, providing the opportunity to build on the academic and social-emotional progress made during the school year.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Human Services Council	Human Services	To support Children's Connections, the nationally accredited child advocacy program that works to address the issue of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and human trafficking by providing wrap-around care to children and families.	\$10,000		\$10,000

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Inclusive Together Co.	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide general operating support to Inclusive Together, which advances acceptance and opportunities for the neurodiverse and special needs community through their core pillars: community training and engagement, inclusive spaces and places, family support services, and inclusive community opportunities.	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Inspirica Inc	Human Services	To provide general operating support to both Residential Programs (including emergency, transitional and affordable housing) and Non-Residential/Support Services Programs (including children's services, job training, counseling, etc.). Inspirica's mission is to shelter the homeless and to fundamentally break the cycle of	\$5,000		\$5,000
INTEMPO Organization Inc.	Youth & Education	To support the organization's mission of providing high-quality classical and intercultural music education to Stamford-based children predominantly from immigrant backgrounds and from communities underrepresented in the arts.	\$4,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
Kids in Crisis	Human Services	To support Safe Haven for Kids, which serves children (newborn - 18) who are unsafe at home. Safe Haven for Kids comprises three 24-hour services at no cost: the Crisis Helpline, Crisis Prevention and Intervention, and an Emergency Shelter Program.	\$19,500	\$5,500	\$25,000
Laurel House, Inc.	Health & BH	To support the rotr.org Resources to Recover program, which intervenes early in a family's identification and treatment of mental health disorders by connecting them to expert mental health services, free of charge.	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$18,000
Liberation Programs, Inc.	Health & BH	To support general operating, including inpatient treatment programs, outpatient services, and resources for youth, adults, and families impacted by substance use and mental health conditions.	\$20,000		\$20,000
LiveGirl	Youth & Education	To support general operating for the girl's leadership organization that builds confident, inclusive leaders using evidence-based programs. Programming includes: Confidence Clubs, Camp LiveGirl, LiveGirl League, and She Cares	\$17,500		\$17,500
Malta House	Human Services	To provide general operating support to Malta House, which provides a nurturing home environment, support services, and independent living skills to pregnant and parenting mothers and their children.	\$14,500	\$5,500	\$20,000
Meals-on-Wheels of New Canaan, Inc.	Human Services	To support meal delivery for residents of New Canaan whose physical, emotional, mental, medical or social condition makes it difficult to provide these meals for themselves, regardless of their ability to pay.	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Mercy Learning Center	Youth & Education	To support the Early Childhood Education Program, which provides a safe, educational and compassionate space for children so that mothers can focus on their own basic literacy and life skills training. Ensuring that children are English-fluent and prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond is key to MLC's two-generation family literacy	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Mid-Fairfield Community Care Center	Health & BH	To provide general operating support to ensure equitable access to mental health and community support services that improve the health, resiliency, and quality of life of all individuals.	\$15,000		\$15,000
New Canaan CARES	Health & BH	To provide general operating support for New Canaan CARES, which provides responsive educational programs that strengthen parenting skills, foster positive youth development, and encourage healthy lifestyles.	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$17,500
New Canaan Chamber Music Inc	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to NCCM, which supports (i) the 2024-2025 concert series, bringing classical chamber music played by world-class performers to New Canaan, and (ii) the Outreach Program, which exposes pockets of youth and seniors throughout Fairfield County to chamber music.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Ice Rink	A/C/C	To provide general operating support, enabling NC Rink to offer their open-air seasonal ice rink for all ages.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Ice Rink	A/C/C	To seek the Adult Skate Rental Shop. This off-cycle grant was issued in Fall 2024, so adults could rent skates during the 2024-2025 ice rink season.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Library	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the continuation of robust programming for children with special needs and their families, and to provide accessibility trainings to the Library's staff and other New Canaan-based nonprofits.	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Canaan Library	A/C/C	The fourth installment of the \$150,000 multi-year grant to support the Capital Campaign.	\$25,000		\$25,000
New Canaan Mounted Troop	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Super Troopers equine care and adaptive riding therapeutic programs, which are dedicated to serving children and adults with special needs.	\$10,000		\$10,000
New Canaan Museum & Historical Society	A/C/C	To support the Museum's gardens by providing an informative sign for the colonial herb garden and underwriting the maintenance of the pollinator pathway.	\$5,000		\$5,000

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New Canaan Museum & Historical Society	A/C/C	The second installment of the \$100,000 multi-year grant to support the Campus Reimagined Capital Campaign.	\$25,000		\$25,000
New Canaan Nature Center	A/C/C	To support NCNC's ongoing land management and grounds beautification, and to conduct an ecological study on the Nature Center and partner organizations' properties to promote sustainability.	\$15,000		\$15,000
New Canaan Parent Support Group	Health & BH	To support the organization's mission of providing support for parents of loved ones struggling with substance use disorder or in early recovery; and to raise awareness about addiction, mental health and recovery in our community.	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
New Canaan YMCA	A/C/C	The first installment of the \$100,000 multi-year grant to support a Combined Heat & Power Unit, which enables the YMCA to increase their energy efficiency to serve as a designated emergency shelter for the Town.	\$50,000		\$50,000
New England Dance Theater Inc	A/C/C	To provide operational support for annual Nutcracker Performance, including the rental and custodial costs of the NCHS Auditorium and access to the theatre's sound board, live stream equipment, etc.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Norwalk Community College Foundation, Inc.	Human Services	To support the Feeding Student Success program, which helps to ensure that students have access to regular, nutritious meals, reducing hunger-related barriers to academic success.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Norwalk Community Health Center, Inc.	Health & BH	To support the addition of a bilingual psychiatric provider to NCHC's Behavioral Health Department, expanding access to psychiatric mental health care in lower Fairfield County.	\$12,500		\$12,500
Norwalk Symphony Orchestra	A/C/C	To support the (Not) Just for Kids program, a flagship education program that coordinates with after-school programs for underserved students and presents weekend programming over the concert season that is tied to an upcoming Symphony concert.	\$4,750	\$250	\$5,000
Odyssey Family Executive Center Of South Norwalk Inc	Health & BH	To support the "Building Resilience and Well-Being: Mental Health Support for New Moms" pilot program, which will provide emotional support, culturally competent counseling, and perinatal education to help new mothers build resilience and maintain their mental health.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Open Doors	Human Services	To provide general operating support for Open Doors. Their innovative model to end homelessness in the Greater Norwalk focuses on preventing homelessness through food, clothing, and financial services; offering homeless services such as shelter and case management; and encouraging housing stability by providing transitional housing	\$17,500	\$2,500	\$20,000
Orchestra Lumos	A/C/C	To support and strengthen programming for New Canaan youth, including the Reading for Rhythm program for Pre-K children and a special "Small Space Series" chamber concert for the New Canaan community.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Pacific House, Inc.	Human Services	To support the Emergency Meals Program, which aims to meet the basic nutritional needs of the shelter's Emergency Shelter clients.	\$17,500		\$17,500
Person to Person, Inc.	Human Services	To provide general operating support, which will allow P2P's wraparound services to meet both the immediate and long-term needs of the low-income population in the Norwalk-Stamford metro area.	\$18,500	\$4,000	\$22,500
Planet New Canaan	A/C/C	To provide general operating support, which will allow PNC continue fostering environmental stewardship and sustainability within the New Canaan community.	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Positive Directions - The Center For Prevention And Counseling	Health & BH	To support the creation of an additional child-specific counseling office, in an effort to accommodate the influx of adolescent client referrals. This dedicated space will feel safe and comfortable for kids, including therapeutic games, age-specific books, artwork, comfortable seating, and more.	\$7,000	\$500	\$7,500
Pro Bono Partnership Inc	A/C/C	To support free legal services to nonprofit organizations serving Fairfield County, including many Foundation grantees	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Prospects, Opportunity and Enrichment, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide an Access for All program for New Canaan Country School and a Mining for Sparkle & Meaningful Work program for the New Canaan Public School Launch Program.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Rowan Center, The	Health & BH	To provide general operating support, enabling the Rowan Center to provide counseling and advocacy for victims and survivors of sexual violence, and to offer age-appropriate prevention education throughout the community.	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	Human Services	To support the General Parenting Program, a curated curriculum addressing the basic skills and knowledge needed to parent positively, offered in both English and Spanish in Stamford, Danbury, and Bridgeport.	\$10,000		\$10,000

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Schoolhouse Apartments	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Health and Wellness Program, which gives residents the opportunity to exercise, interact with others, and take in healthy nutrition.	\$7,500	\$1,500	\$9,000
Silvermine Arts Center	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to Silvermine Arts Center, one of the region's oldest artist communities which cultivates and encourages growth through the arts, promotes and showcases artists, and provides arts education opportunities.	\$10,000		\$10,000
SilverSource, Inc.	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide general operating support to SilverSource, ensuring that Stamford-based seniors are kept financially stable in safe, secure, hunger-free homes, with the medical care they need.	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000
Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities	Youth & Education	To support the Countdown to Kindergarten, a research-based program that helps Norwalk families promote the early literacy and social-emotional skills of their preschoolers.	\$5,000		\$5,000
St. Mark's Church (Gospel Garden)	Human Services	To provide general operating support to the Gospel Garden, the volunteer-run vegetable garden located in the rear of St. Mark's Church. The garden grows ~1 ton fresh fruits and vegetable each year, and delivers the produce to the New Canaan Food Pantry and Person-to-Person.	\$1,000		\$1,000
United Way of Coastal and Western CT (Stamford Cradle to Career)	Youth & Education	To provide general operating support for Stamford Cradle to Career, which collectively aligns community resources to ensure that all youth succeed in education, career and life because successful children lead to a vibrant and thriving community.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Stamford Public Education Foundation	Youth & Education	To support the Summer Start Program, a 5-week kindergarten readiness program designed for children entering Stamford Public Schools (SPS) who have not had a formal or full year of preschool experience.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Stand Together Against Racism	A/C/C	To provide general operating support, which would allow the organization to streamline administrative support needs by hiring various part-time positions.	\$2,500		\$2,500
STAR, Inc., Lighting the Way...	Seniors & Special Needs	To provide Community Enrichment classes for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities	\$13,500	\$3,500	\$17,000
Staying Put in New Canaan	Seniors & Special Needs	To support the Staying Put Scholarship Fund, which will ensure that 15 seniors with limited financial means can enjoy the benefits of membership and maintain a high quality of life.	\$2,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	Youth & Education	To support Camp ELLI+, a language/literacy and kindergarten readiness summer experience that works to close achievement and opportunity gaps by providing immersive, STEAM-based learning experiences to low-income students and families in Norwalk.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Summer Theatre of New Canaan	A/C/C	To provide general operating support for STONC, which produces award-winning theatre productions, compelling educational programs, and collaborative outreach programs to other community nonprofits.	\$17,500		\$17,500
Tiny Miracles Foundation, The	Health & BH	To provide the organization with general operating support, enabling it to provide for the emotional, practical and financial needs of families of premature babies who spend extended time in the NICU.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Town Players of New Canaan, Inc.	A/C/C	To provide general operating support to TPNC, the all-volunteer theatre company which operates the 115-seat Powerhouse Theatre year-round, with the mission to entertain and educate the community in theatre arts.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Voices Center for Resilience	Health & BH	To support the bi-monthly Parents Helping Parents support group for parents who have lost a child, and to support the expansion of VOICES' educational programs that provide presentation on grief, loss, and trauma.	\$9,250	\$750	\$10,000
Wakeman Memorial Association	Youth & Education	To support the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Out of School Programs at the Madison Avenue Community Clubhouse and the Smilow-Burroughs Clubhouse. These programs include academic support, leadership, workforce development, mental health support, and recreation.	\$5,000		\$5,000
Waveny LifeCare Network	Human Services	To support the Kathleen M. Fruin, RN Certified Nursing Aide School, which educates and trains individuals to become Certified Nursing Aides, bolstering the workforce of Waveny LifeCare Network and the local healthcare sector at-large.	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Waveny Park Conversancy	A/C/C	To support the organization's mission of working with the town of New Canaan on landscape, hardscape, restoration, and other projects to ensure that Waveny Park thrives in perpetuity for all to enjoy.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Wheel It Forward	Health & BH	To support the general operating - including procuring additional equipment - of WIF, a community lending library for durable medical equipment like wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, etc. free of charge.	\$10,000		\$10,000

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Wildlife in Crisis	A/C/C	To underwrite the costs to rehabilitate and care for the injured and orphaned animals brought to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program by New Canaan residents. Also, to address damage to their facility from the flooding in August 2024.	\$2,500		\$2,500
Womens Business Development Council	Youth & Education	To support the Child Care Business Support Program, which uplifts child care providers across the state, with an emphasis on underserved communities.	\$10,000		\$10,000
Women's Mentoring Network, Inc.	Human Services	To support the organization's mission of providing career, educational and personal resources that lead to the economic empowerment of low-income women and their families.	\$2,500		\$2,500
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