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## **\$835,904 in Grants Awarded to Ten Connecticut Nonprofits**

Hartford, CT – March 5, 2008 – The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA), a quasi-public agency, announced the recipients of their 2008 Client Grants today.

These grants were awarded to ten nonprofits from a highly competitive field of forty RFP-respondent applications totaling \$3.35 million in requests for funding.

<b>Client Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>
Bridgeport Hospital	\$100,000	Video-based translation services for patients
Fairfield University	\$99,974	Simulation laboratory for nursing education
Gaylord Hospital	\$98,000	Patient lifts to improve care and safety of patients and staff
Hebrew Health Care	\$98,000	Specialized meal service equipment for patients
Catholic Health East for Mercy Community Health	\$90,465	Telehealth monitoring program for multiple CT facilities
New Opportunities	\$22,680	Community information dissemination systems
UCONN Foundation	\$75,205	Instructor training for accelerated nursing education program
Under One Roof	\$75,000	Replacement of two seriously compromised roofs at the facility
Wesleyan University	\$75,000	Support for at-risk youth afterschool program at Green Street Arts Center
YMCA of Greater Hartford	\$100,000	Furniture and flooring at new North End community and youth center

Since the inception of their grant programs in 2003, CHEFA has awarded more than \$11.5 million in grants to Connecticut nonprofits. CHEFA's grant programs are not funded through state appropriations, but through Authority surplus funds.

“We are honored to be a part of the continuum of care and services of immeasurable value that our grantees provide to improve the lives of the citizens of our state. Please join us in congratulating these nonprofits on their awards and recognizing them for the important work they do every day,” said Kimberley Fontaine, CHEFA’s Manager of Grants & Grants Administration.

More information on the Authority and its programs can be found at [www.chefa.com](http://www.chefa.com).

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