

GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED BY CHEFA

Two Grant Programs Provide Significant Financial Support to Nonprofits

June 23, 2015 (HARTFORD, CT) – The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (**CHEFA**) announces 26 awards totaling \$1,743,244 through two of its competitive grant programs. These awards will provide funding to nonprofit organizations throughout Connecticut for a wide range of projects and programs.

The **Targeted Investment Program**, a highly competitive two-year program requiring significant collaborations to address issues with a statewide impact will fund two healthcare-sector grants totaling \$418,222.

CHEFA Targeted Investment Program Awards – FY 2015

Entity	Award	Use of Funds
Community Health Center	\$274,422	Project ECHO/Behavioral Health– Increase access to mental healthcare for children and adolescents in school-based health centers
Hartford Hospital	\$143,800	First Responder Training –Improve survivability from emergency events, including mass casualty for police, fire and rescue personnel

The Authority received 20 applications from organizations throughout the State requesting more than \$3.8 million for innovative projects and programs with a broad statewide impact and significant collaboration to address identified issues in selected sectors. Eligibility for this program was limited to organizations providing services in CHEFA’s mission areas of childcare, education, healthcare, and cultural institutions.

CHEFA’s **Nonprofit Grant Program** will fund grant a total of \$1.325 million in grant awards to twenty-four not-for-profit entities. The Nonprofit Grant Program eligibility was limited to cultural, childcare, educational, and healthcare entities, in addition to those that address food insecurity.

The Authority received 145 Statements of Interest for this program totaling nearly \$7.4 million. These one-year grant awards provide important funding for Connecticut nonprofits.

CHEFA’s Executive Director, Jeffrey A. Asher, noted that CHEFA derives its revenues from the annual loan servicing fee it charges its clients, and operates without any State or taxpayer funds. Asher praised his agency’s Board of Directors: “Our Board approved the use of these funds to award grants for projects and programs that make a difference in the lives of Connecticut citizens.”

CHEFA provides financing options for colleges, universities, independent schools, hospitals, childcare facilities, cultural institutions and other not-for-profit entities through the issuance of tax-exempt bonds. For more information on CHEFA, visit www.chefa.com

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CHEFA Nonprofit Grant Program Awards – FY 2015

Entity	Award	Use of Funds
American School for the Deaf	\$50,000	Visual Media Studio Program to provide students with hands-on training and a transferrable skill set in Photoliteracy, Videography, and Broadcast Journalism.
Columbus House	\$49,063	Meals for the homeless staying in Columbus House's New Haven Shelter and the Seasonal Overflow Shelter.
Community Health Services	\$75,000	Behavioral Health care integration into primary healthcare practice.
Community Partners in Action	\$30,000	Prison Arts Program - providing cultural, educational and therapeutic opportunities to CT inmates.
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$40,000	Increase the quality of service, environment and resources for families while utilizing the services at the State's 18 domestic violence programs.
Connecticut Food Bank	\$75,000	Mobile Pantry program support to increase the amount of fresh produce and perishable groceries provided to underserved communities.
Connecticut Science Center	\$30,000	Educational equipment upgrade and materials for classroom laboratories and public programming spaces.
Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corp.	\$75,000	Equipment to better diagnose heart disease and prostate cancer and speed patient registration.
Covenant Soup Kitchen	\$70,000	Soup Kitchen and Emergency Food Pantry support.
Estuary Council of Seniors	\$42,000	Replacement of automated packaging equipment and equipment for Meals on Wheels Program delivery.
Farm to Family	\$54,259	A teaching greenhouse to produce and distribute healthy food year round for low-income people.
Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries	\$50,000	Soup Kitchen support - purchase a walk-in cooler/freezer and expand to include Saturday service.
Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective	\$45,000	To support medical, dental and food/nutrition services provided in Manchester and Hartford to populations with HIV/AIDS or those at high risk for the disease.
Klingberg Family Centers	\$51,237	Construction of an occupational therapy sensory room and therapeutic gym at the Raymond Hill School to benefit all students.
Malta House of Care	\$75,000	To provide preventative and primary healthcare at no cost to financially insecure, uninsured adults.
Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp.	\$50,000	Meals for the homeless and transitional living programs.
Mid Fairfield AIDS Project	\$45,000	Identify and educate people with Hepatitis C, link them to care and cure.
Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western CT	\$75,000	Services and medical equipment that are not covered by private or government insurances but give patients a better quality of life.
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	\$75,000	Camp ELLI, a 5-week summer program, to improve kindergarten readiness for Norwalk children with little or no prior preschool experience.
The Bridge Family Center	\$75,000	Community-based substance-abuse prevention and treatment to provide crisis counseling, stabilization, and therapy to children and families.
The Shoreline Soup Kitchens	\$50,000	Pantry Food Distribution Program support for 7,500 low income individuals in need in 11 town service area.
United Community and Family Services	\$75,000	Comprehensive, four-stage Autism Center targeting low income/uninsured/Medicaid insured children.
Visiting Nurse Association of Ridgefield	\$25,000	Home nursing and preventive care to seniors with limited financial resources or inadequate insurance coverage.
Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut	\$43,463	Diagnostic meters and therapeutic ultrasound equipment for improved patient care.

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