



CFGNB CATALYST FUND GRANT HISTORY

Celebrating 23 years of making a Difference in our Communities!

2025 Grant to Catalyst to Journey Home: \$20,000 to support a historic collaboration addressing homelessness in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville, and Southington. Journey Home leads the initiative with Friendship Service Center, Community Health Resources, and Neighborhood Housing Services to expand the Compassionate Connections to Housing model, transitioning individuals from encampments into permanent housing with supportive services. The grant will house 12 people, provide tenant supports and landlord incentives, strengthen eviction prevention, and expand landlord and tenant education. (2025 Topic: supporting individuals experiencing homelessness, particularly those without access to stable or adequate shelter.

2024 Grant to Best Buddies CT: \$20,000 to support the expansion of the Transitions Program, bridging the gap between the Best Buddies' School Friendship programs and the transition out of secondary education and providing critical career readiness services to students and members of its adult Citizen's program. (2024 Topic: Youth Aging out of Systems and Services)

2023 Grant to New Life II: \$15,000 to support Forensic Peer Support training for 25 individuals as well as providing recovery housing for 3 men for 3 months. (Topic: Community Re-Entry following Incarceration)

2022 Grant to QPlus: \$15,000 to bring activity nights to our service area for youth who identify as LGBTQIA+ (Topic: Mental Health Needs for Adolescence through Young Adult)

2021 Grant to New Britain Roots: \$12,500 to launch the Community Seed Library in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. (Topic: Community Gardens)

2020 Grants to Arts and Cultural Organizations seeking to adapt their business model and practices in order to continue successful operations during Covid 19 pandemic. \$12,500 total:

- \$1,864 to the **Art League of New Britain** for a virtual figure drawing class to enhance their online gallery exhibit,
- \$3,000 to **CONCORA** for PPE and barriers needed for "Virtual CONCORA",
- \$3,000 to **CT Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra** for equipment needed for live streaming and virtual programming,
- \$1,500 to **New Britain Symphony** to cover the cost to live stream the Young People's concert scheduled for April 2021, and
- \$2,500 to **New Britain Youth Museum** to create virtual educational programs

2019 Grant to Jordan Porco Foundation: \$12,500 for suicide prevention among children and young adults by 1) bringing the 4 What's Next program to an estimated 300 middle and high school aged youth; 2) providing QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) training to 120 adults and 3) holding a Fresh Check day at Central Connecticut State University. (Topic: Suicide Prevention Among Children and Young Adults)

\$10,000 Grants:

2018 Grant to Central Connecticut ARC (CCARC) for an informational workshop series relevant for families of adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as they transition beyond their secondary education. (Topic: Services for Children and Young Adults with Autism)

2017 Grant to Plainville Community Schools to hire a part time job coach for the newly developed Plainville Alternative Learning Center to help students who are behind in credit achievement and/or who may not have a clear direction for their post-secondary life to receive job training, preparation and employment. (Topic: Workforce of the Future)

2016 Grant to Family Promise of Central Connecticut to help establish Family Promise in Connecticut and alleviate child and family homelessness by keeping families with children intact and help them become self-sufficient.. (Topic: Youth and Family Homelessness)

2015 Grant to Danosky and Associates to provide a capacity building program aimed at strengthening non-profit organizations in our communities. (Topic Capacity Building for Non-Profits)

2014 Grant to Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention; Pathways/Senderos Center to purchase new computers, tablets and 2 projectors that will help facilitate and enhance service delivery to participants. (Topic: After School/Out of School Programs for 10-15-year-old Youth)

2013 Grant to NAMI for “Parents and Teachers as Allies” Program to deliver the *Parents and Teachers as Allies* program in Greater New Britain to help families and school professionals to identify warning signs of early-onset mental illnesses in children and adolescents in local schools and to increase knowledge of community resources to support both parents and educators. (Topic: Mental Health Issues for Youth)

2012 Grant to House of Heroes CT Chapter to provide no-cost home improvements that will help four veterans and their families maintain a safe, secure and accessible home. (Topic: Veterans Issues)

2011 Grant to Human Resources Agency to implement “Foundations for Financial Independence” program to increase financial literacy among low to moderate income individuals. (Topic: Strengthening Financial Literacy)

2010 Grant to Consolidated School District of New Britain to implement the “Common Sense Parenting Program®(CSP) for parents of New Britain school students to improve communication, discipline, decision-making, family relationships, self-control and school success. (Topic: Strengthening Parenting Skills)

2009 Grant to Central Connecticut Senior Health Services to create a Mobile Connecticut Center for Healthy Aging kiosk that will bring a wide array of information and services closer to senior citizens living in Berlin, New Britain and Southington. (Topic: Senior Citizens)

2008 Grant to Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut for the Women’s Literacy Project that will help women with low literacy develop basic life skills focusing on family, work, health and leadership. (Topic: Literacy)

2007 Grant to New Britain Food Security Collaborative to increase outreach efforts aimed at decreasing food insecurity in New Britain by providing resources and services that will help families achieve self-sufficiency. (Topic: Hunger and Food Security)

2006 Grant to Visiting Nurse Association of Central Connecticut to support HIP HOP, a program that will identify area children ages 5-13 at high risk for diabetes or other medical complications and enroll them in fun, interactive, monthly workshops where they will learn to live a healthier lifestyle. Topic: Nutrition and Related Issues)

2005 Grant to Community Health Center, Inc./New Britain Oral Health Collaborative to produce an educational video that will document the importance of regular, preventive dental care for children and the role that in-school dental hygiene programs can play in ensuring oral health. (Topic: Access to Health Care)

2004 Grant to School Readiness Council of New Britain to provide teacher training on the use of the Creative Curriculum for 60 preschool staff members. (Topic: Early Childhood and pre-K Education)

2003 Grant to Pathways/Senderos operating support to help offset the negative impact of state cuts on the center's operating budget and secure the delivery of this evidence based program. (Topic: Risky Behaviors in Youth)