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The Community Match Fund

The program has supported nearly **350** projects throughout Connecticut since its inception in 2018, resulting in an investment of over **4.3** million dollars.

In **2024**, the Community Match Fund:

Supported
52 projects

Served
38 towns

Crowdfunded
\$320,966

Matched
\$288,266

Invested a total of
\$609,232
in community led
projects

How it works

Funding is available on a rolling basis with no deadlines, no long application, and no lengthy review period. To be eligible, projects must:



Be located in a Sustainable CT-registered town



Be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit



Align with Sustainable CT's [action road map](#) and mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities



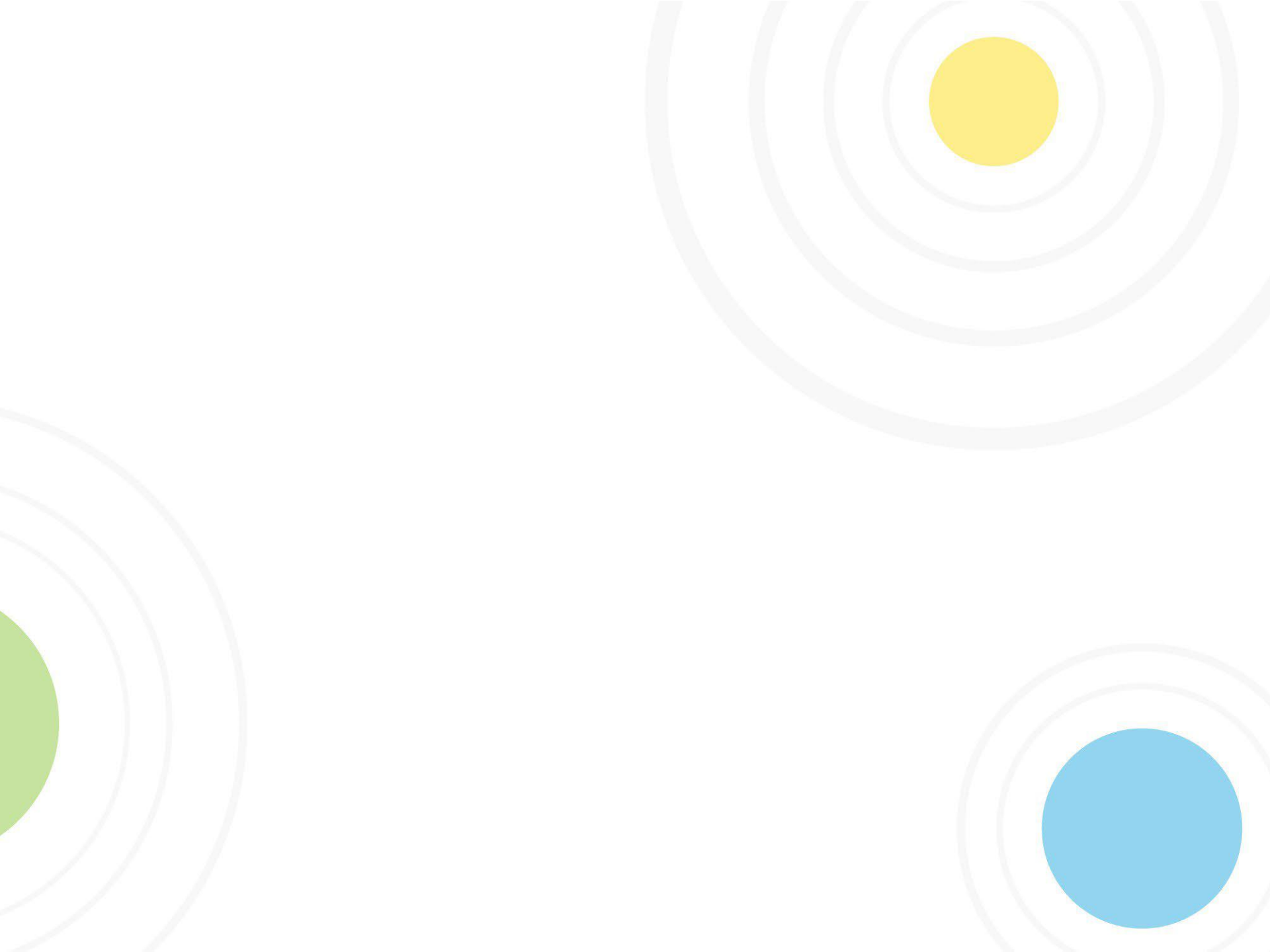
Ready to get started? Here's how.

Contact Sustainable CT to discuss your project. You can reach the **Community Match Fund Team**, at funding@sustainablect.org.

We'll review your project and help you make sure it aligns with Sustainable CT's mission and action roadmap. Once we've approved your project, we'll help you set up your crowd-funding page and create a fundraising strategy.

Then you can start raising matching funds! We will help you every step of the way to reach your fundraising goal.

Visit sustainablect.org/funding for more information. And browse all our CMF-supported projects at patronicty.com/sustainablect.





Climate Change & Clean Energy

*Projects that promote, support,
or target energy efficiency, renewable energy,
and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.*



Solarize the Wilcox-Bushley Homestead Env. Education Center

Farmington

Supporting the installation of a 19.5 kW photovoltaic solar system to power the facility and provide programs in an energy-efficient facility.



Crowdfunded: \$17,334

SCT Match: \$15,000

Total Raised: \$32,334

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Project



Sustainability Expo - For A Resilient North Hartford

Hartford

Supporting an energy expo to connect leading energy professionals to engage the community in dialogue about current energy industry trends and opportunities.



SUSTAINABILITY EXPO FOR A RESILIENT NORTH HARTFORD

HOSTED BY: **NORTH HARTFORD PARTNERSHIP** **SWIFT**

Join us for an inaugural event focused on energy products and programs that can help you save money on home energy bills, improve indoor and outdoor air quality.

- E-Vehicles, E-bike safe charging and demos
- Panel discussions
- Food and Raffle Prizes

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
19 OCTOBER, 2024

10 Love Lane, Hartford, CT
SWIFT FACTORY

FREE TO ATTEND

SPONSORS:

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

COMCAST

CNG
An Avangrid company

UConn

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

Connecticut Science Center



Crowdfunded: \$4,755

SCT Match: \$4,600

Total Raised: \$9,355

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Youth Climate Arts Project 2024

New Haven

Supporting ten youth interns at New Haven Leon Sister City Project who will conceptualize and run climate education campaigns and participatory art projects.

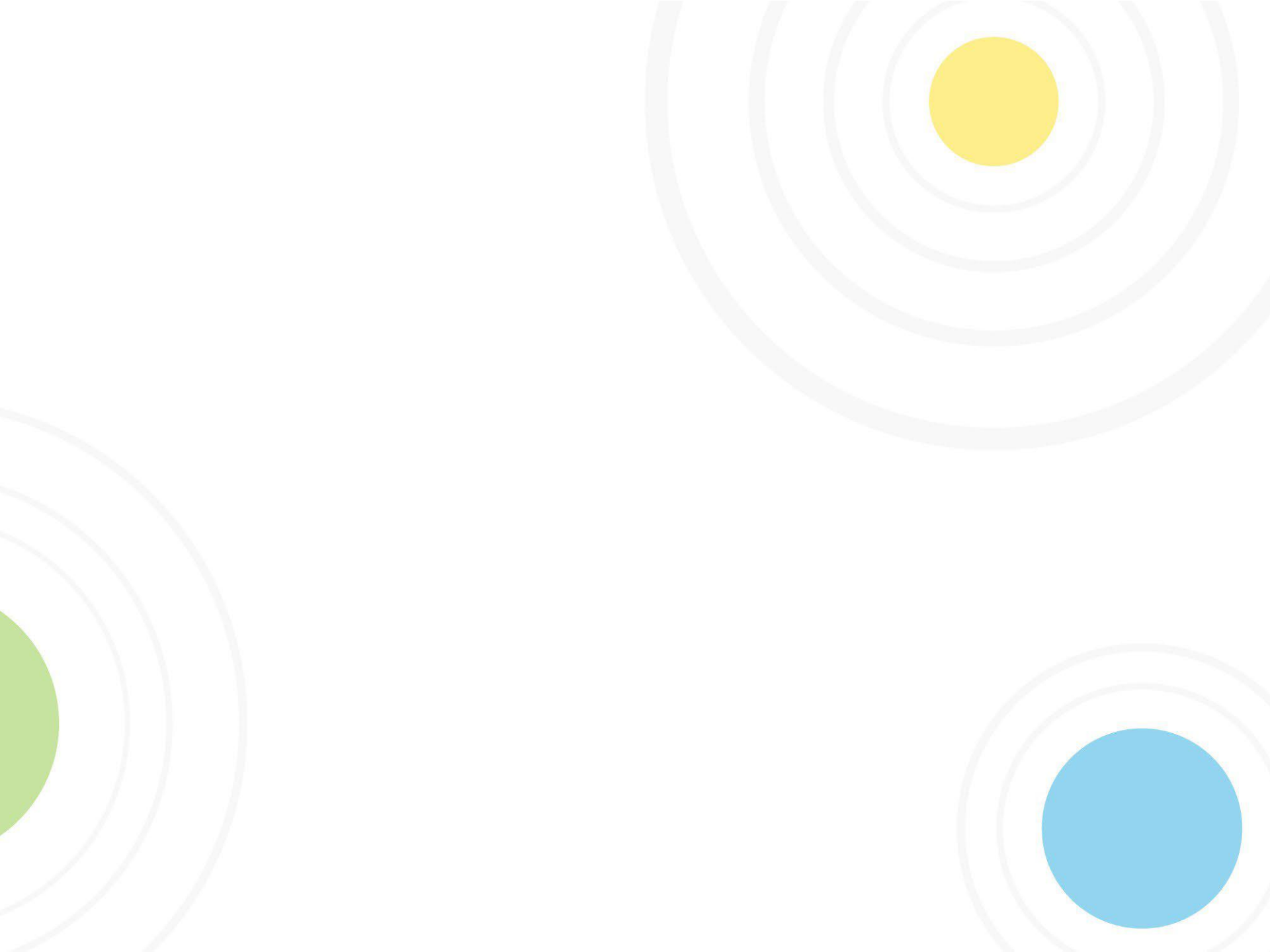


Crowdfunded: \$2,761

SCT Match: \$2,761

Total Raised: \$5,522

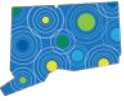
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Food Waste Diversion & Composting

*Projects that promote food waste
diversion and composting.*



Composting with Lovie's Farm *Middletown*

Providing food waste education, collect compost from families in Middlesex & New Haven Counties, provide up to 50 families with composting buckets to deliver food scraps to compost bins on the farm and provide 10 families vermicompost bins.



Crowdfunded: \$6,000

SCT Match: \$9,000

Total Raised: \$15,000

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Project



2024 Compost Conference *New London*

Supporting a first of its kind conference in CT to bring together experts and stakeholders from a variety of areas, including municipal, commercial, and large-scale composting, farm and mid-scale composting, and home and community composting.

Connecticut Compost Alliance Presents
2024 CT Compost Conference
Made possible with support from our Partners, Sponsors & Sustainable CT



Thursday, March 14, 2024
(snow date March 15th)
Registration 8:30, Conference 9-5
Connecticut College
Crozier-Williams Building, 270 Mohegan Ave Pkwy, New London CT

Tracks for:
Home/Community/School | Farm/Mid-Scale
Municipal/Commercial/Large-Scale

FREE* All Day Event Will Include:
In-Person Sessions | Keynote Speakers | Exhibitors
Morning Refreshments | Lunch | Networking
If special accommodations are needed, please contact Sarah, slayton@ctrctd.org

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Packages Available | Donations Encouraged
***Registration Required, Please Visit:**
www.ctcompostalliance.org/2024conference



Crowdfunded: \$9,710

SCT Match: \$9,000

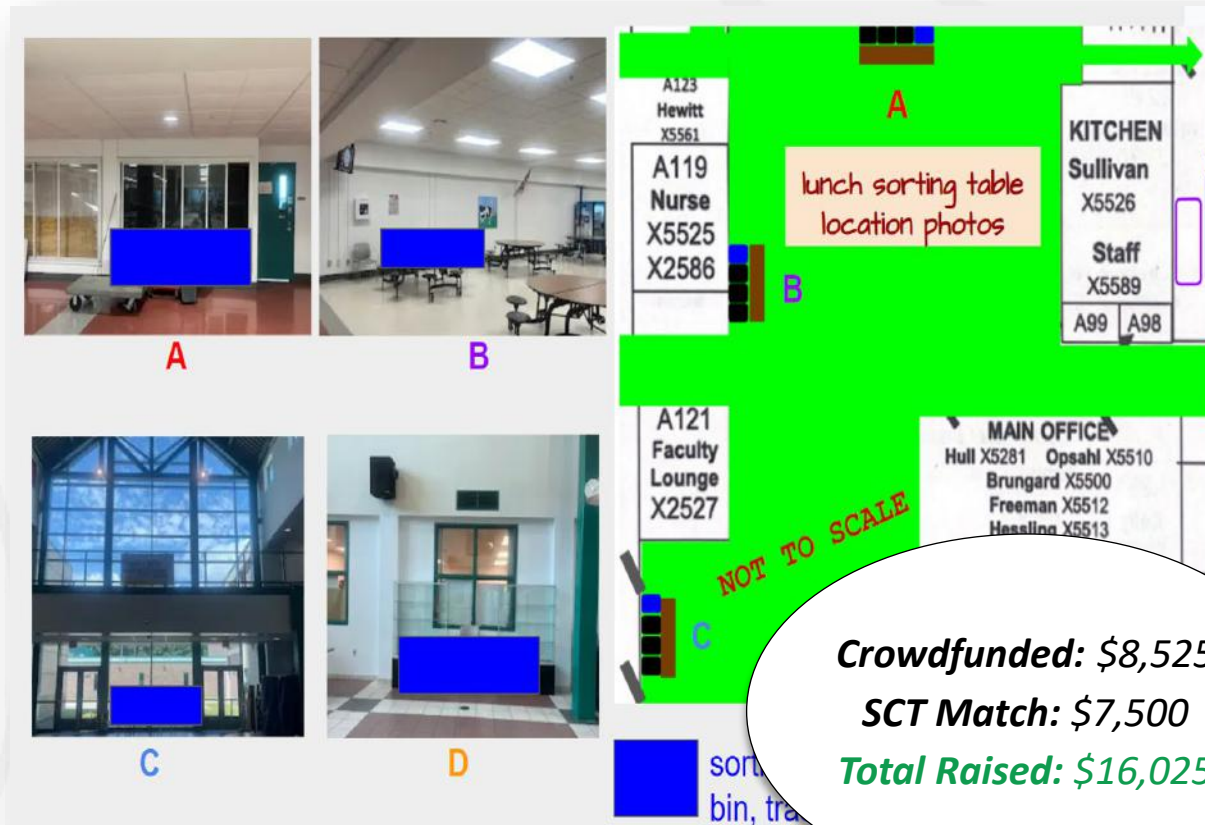
Total Raised: \$18,710

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Food Scrap Collection at East Lyme High School

East Lyme

Supporting East Lyme High School to collect food scraps at lunchtime to be composted through Blue Earth Compost. Once the composting process is complete, they will receive composting credits that can be used in the community garden.



Crowdfunded: \$8,525

SCT Match: \$7,500

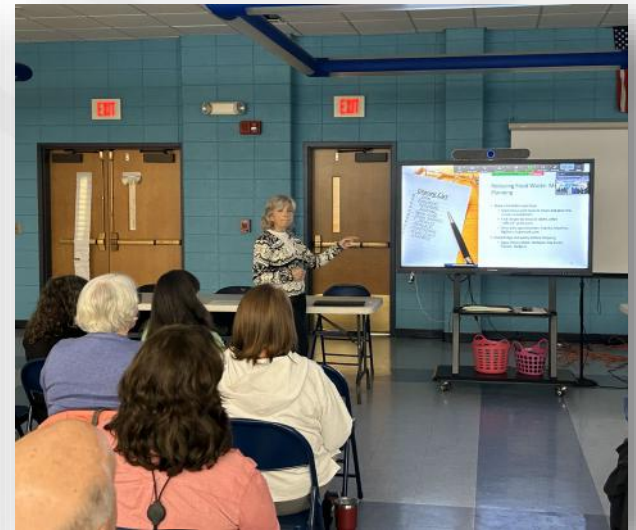
Total Raised: \$16,025

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Marlborough Food Scrap Collection

Marlborough

Encourage resident participation in Marlborough's new food scraps collection program by purchasing 100 at-home collection bins.

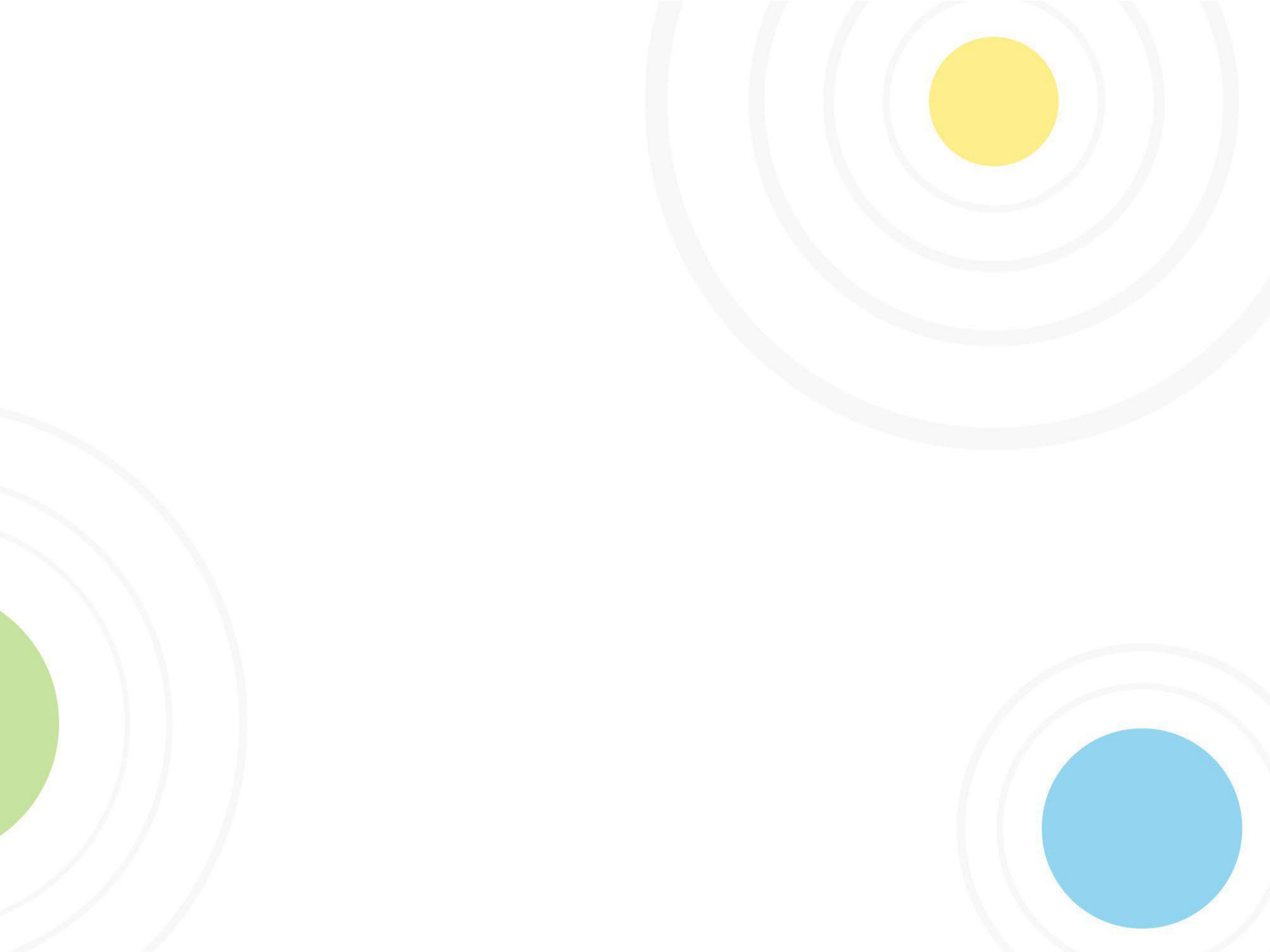


Crowdfunded: \$1,275

SCT Match: \$1,250

Total Raised: \$2,525

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Project





Social Change

*Projects led by Black, Latinx, multiracial,
Indigenous and other people of color (POC) community
organizers and organizations.*



2024 West Hartford CommUnity Juneteenth

West Hartford

Help to make the annual celebration of Juneteenth move forward as a vibrant showcase of culture, resilience, and unity.



Crowdfunded: \$4,385

SCT Match: \$4,385

Total Raised: \$8,770

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Project





Red sin Fronteras to Support Survivors of Violence

New Haven

Help to support the creation of open healing spaces for survivors of violence in New Haven through art and strengthen a network of support for survivors through a series of workshops.



Crowdfunded: \$4,529

SCT Match: \$4,500

Total Raised: \$9,029

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Project



Planting Seeds: Community, Crops and Composting

Middletown

Support the Miller Bridge Community Farm and Lovie's Farm build the infrastructure for the community to practice composting, cultivating crops, and bringing innovative farming projects to life.



Crowdfunded: \$7,824

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,324

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Hamden Homicide Memorial Botanical Garden of Healing

Hamden

Support the creation of a healing garden made up of native plants in Eli Whitney Park, to serve as a sanctuary and respite for the community and those who have lost young people to homicide.

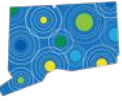


Crowdfunded: \$1,980

SCT Match: \$1,980

Total Raised: \$3,960

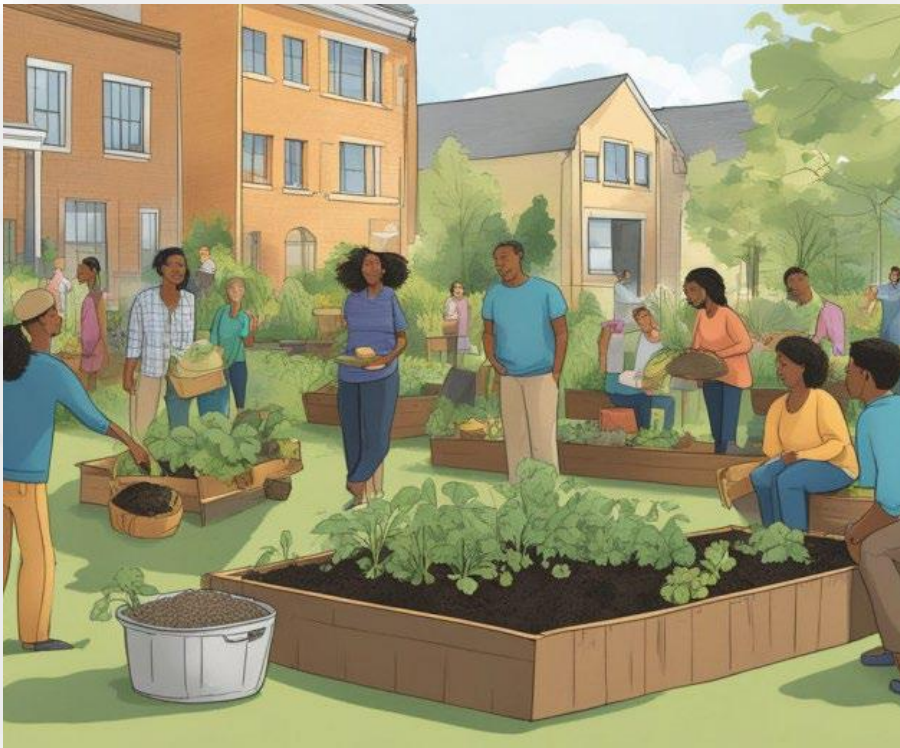
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Composting and More

Manchester

Help bring a community event to life that will educate the Manchester Community on the importance of composting, urban gardening, fishing, and the role of farm animals.



Crowdfunded: \$5,265

SCT Match: \$5,265

Total Raised: \$10,530

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Project



2024 Bridgeport Film Festival

Bridgeport

Help to bring the local Bridgeport community together and promote the humanities and arts through various film screenings, panel discussions, live music, a live art exhibit, workshops and much more.



Crowdfunded: \$7,933

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,433

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Project

Beyond Business as Usual 2024: Co-Ops and the Next Economy

Hartford

Bring together local and regional co-op members, developers, funders, investors, technical assistance providers, grassroots collectives, and coalitions to connect, learn, and strategize around an economy that prioritizes people and the planet over profit.

beyond business as usual 2024

CO-OPS & THE NEXT ECONOMY

a full day conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024. 10 AM – 5 PM.
224 FARMINGTON AVE, HARTFORD.
STREAMED LIVE. BILINGUAL ENGLISH & SPANISH.

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 **the N24 ECOSPACE**  **Sustainable CT**
Local Actions. Statewide Impact.

 **COOPERATIVE FUND OF THE NORTHEAST**  **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**
Foundation of Connecticut



Crowdfunded: \$11,085

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$18,585

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New Haven Peace Wall

New Haven

Help to support a community mural that is focused on highlighting youth collaboration and community art in New Haven, bringing the first 50 States of Peace initiative to CT.

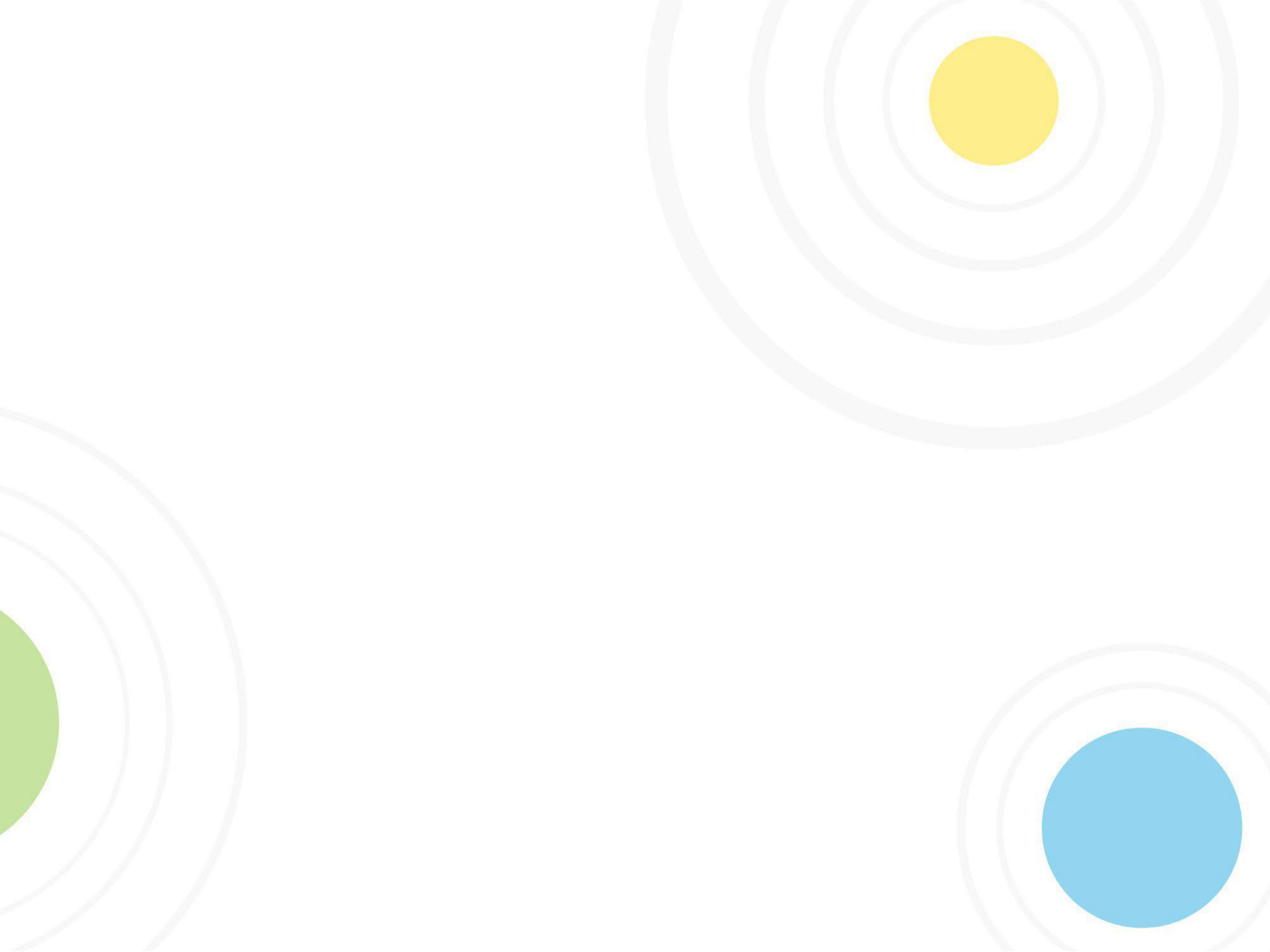


Crowdfunded: \$4,350

SCT Match: \$4,300

Total Raised: \$8,650

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General Sustainability

*Projects that align with the
Sustainable CT roadmap of actions that promote
healthy, resilient, and inclusive
neighborhoods and towns.*

The West Hartford Tree Project 2024

West Hartford

Preserving the West Hartford tree canopy through the distribution of young trees to residents for free.



Crowdfunded: \$8,241

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,741

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Project

Helping to Build a Healthy Community: Join our Mission!

Ellington

Support low-income seniors and WIC recipients to double their farmers market voucher at the Ellington Farmers Market all summer. Ensuring greater accessibility to fresh produce, eggs, honey and an array of locally sourced goods.



Crowdfunded: \$7,935

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,935

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Project



Weston High School Pollinator Courtyard

Weston

Support the Weston High School's Sustainable Living class to originate a pollinator garden in one of their courtyards to create an interactive ecosystem where students can get hands-on experience with wildlife problem-solving, and support pollinators.



Crowdfunded: \$4,160

SCT Match: \$4,000

Total Raised: \$8,160

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Project



Send a Kid to Farm & Forest Camp this Summer!

Portland

Make the Farm and Forest Camp open to all by only charging participants what they can afford. Giving 30 children each week a chance to spend time outside all day learning through hands-on agricultural activities with farm staff.

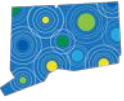


Crowdfunded: \$7,524

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,024

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Little River Nature Preserve- Footbridge Installation

Oxford

Support the installation of a footbridge over Little River within the Little River Nature Preserve to enable access to hiking trails on the west side of the river.



Crowdfunded: \$12,041

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$19,541

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Project





SOS Trees Old Saybrook

Old Saybrook

Support SOS Trees, the community group organized to address tree canopy loss by promoting the planting of trees by giving away 41 trees away for free to the community.



Crowdfunded: \$5,334

SCT Match: \$4,000

Total Raised: \$9,334

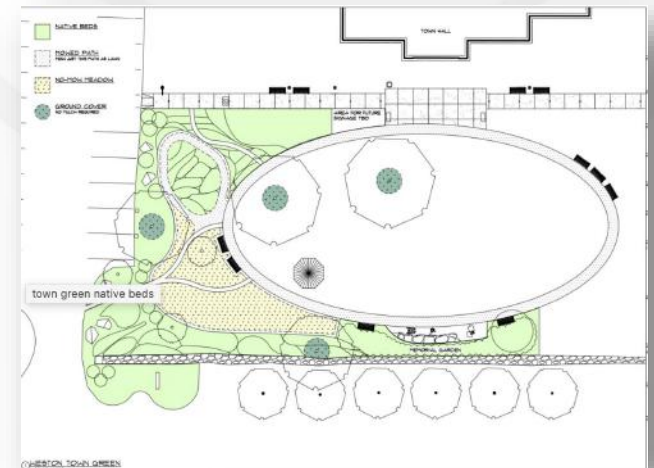
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Weston Town Green Native Garden

Weston

Support the installation of a native garden at the Weston town green to serve as an educational landscape of native plants, shrubs, and trees to educate and beautify the area.



Crowdfunded: \$4,705

SCT Match: \$4,200

Total Raised: \$8,905

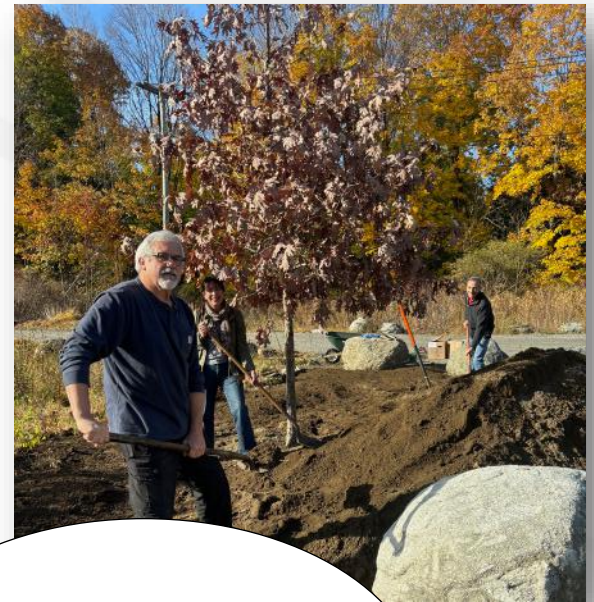
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Litchfield Land Trust's "The Station" Beautification & Access

Litchfield

Beautifying and transforming a historic site to create a safe space that serves as a gateway to local businesses and different natural spaces surrounding the Litchfield Community Greenway.



Crowdfunded: \$8,160

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,660

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Project



Indaba Action Team presents "Death By A Thousand Cuts"

Clinton

Promote understanding and awareness through the telling of the struggle, pain, and experiences of four Black men growing up in America in the critically acclaimed one act play "Death By A Thousand Cuts: A Requiem for Black and Brown Men".

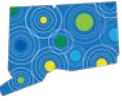


Crowdfunded: \$7,730

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,230

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Debris Couture: A Sustainable Trashion Project

Middletown

Help to spread awareness around the environmental effects of different waste streams through an engaging community process of turning trash into a collection of “haute couture” for a repurposed fashion show.



Crowdfunded: \$7,535

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,035

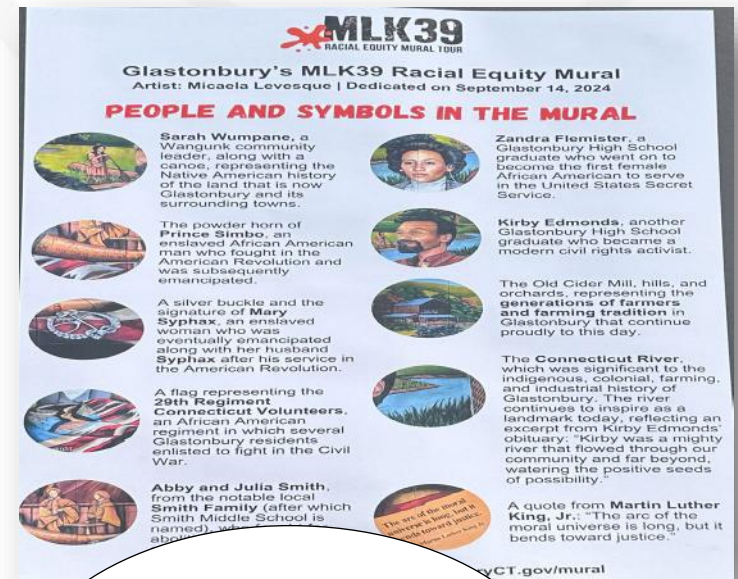
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Glastonbury Mural Project

Glastonbury

Honoring local history and promote diversity and inclusion through a public mural that features people and supporting images significant to Glastonbury's history, with a focus on those who furthered the cause of civil rights.



Crowdfunded: \$9,931

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$17,431

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Earth Day in Blue Back Square

West Hartford

Support the Blue Back Square Earth Day Celebration that fosters a sense of community engagement by providing a platform for families and individuals to connect with Mother Earth, learn about environmental issues, and embrace a sustainable lifestyle.

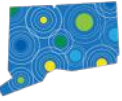


Crowdfunded: \$4,025

SCT Match: \$4,000

Total Raised: \$8,025

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Help Us Fund Winterfest Hartford!

Hartford

Supporting free ice skating, skate rentals, skating lessons, and other free programming at Winterfest Hartford in Bushnell Park to help make outdoor winter activities accessible for all.



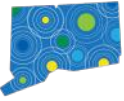
Crowdfunded: \$7,681

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,181

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Learning More About Beavers and Bears

Simsbury

Build public awareness, community connections, and practical knowledge to help everyone coexist peacefully with wildlife through a series of films, talks, and educational opportunities about beavers and black bears.



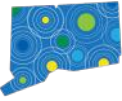
Crowdfunded: \$2,920

SCT Match: \$2,920

Total Raised: \$5,840

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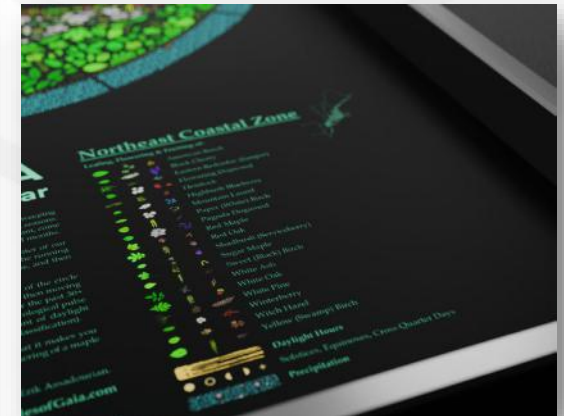
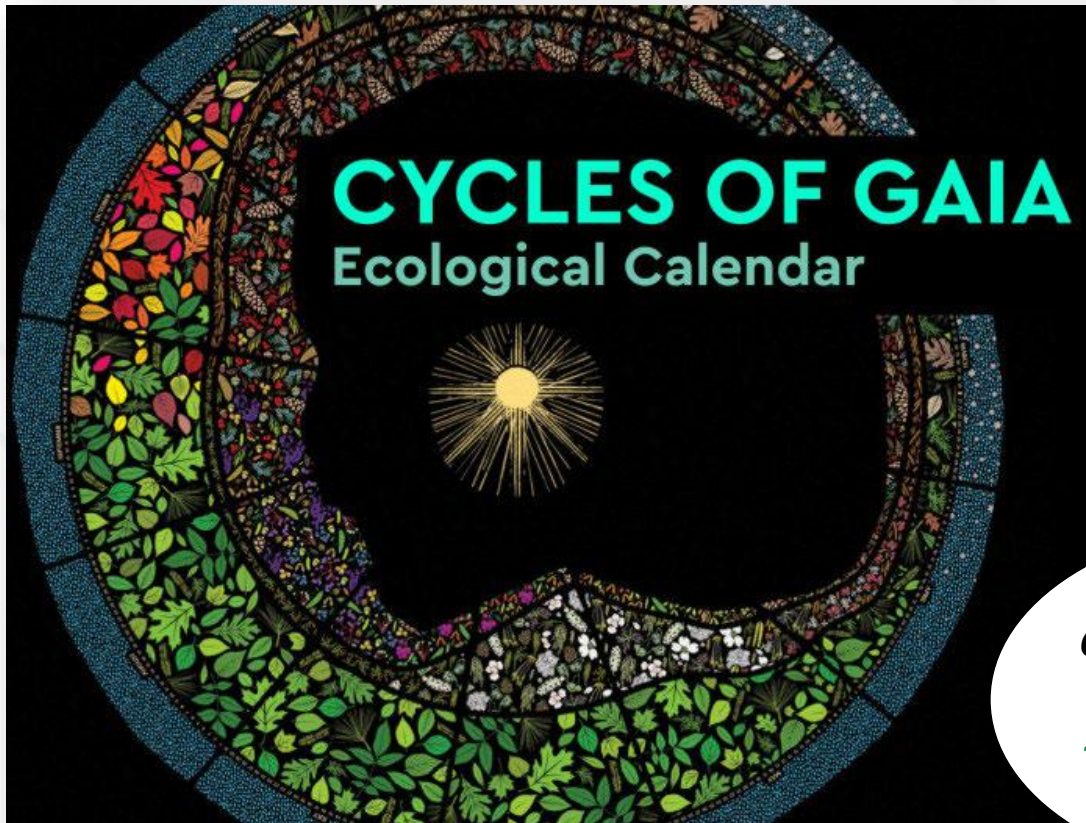




Cycles of Gaia

Middletown

Help to spread a locally produced ecological calendar and curriculum to elementary, middle, and high school classrooms at no cost to serve as a beautiful, and perpetual reminder of the non-human species experiencing time along with us.



Crowdfunded: \$7,509

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,009

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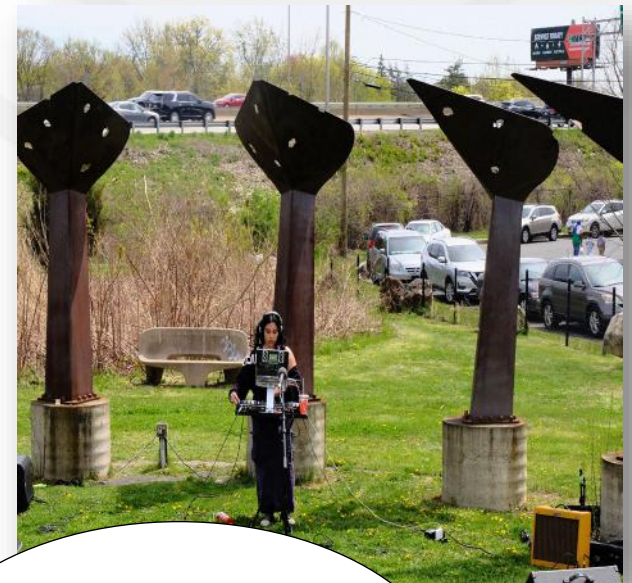




Support ON EARTH 2024!

Hartford

Help to uplift and broaden the tent for sustainability in the Hartford community by offering On Earth, a vibrant, fun, and rewarding experience for volunteerism.



Crowdfunded: \$8,997

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,497

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Native Plants on the Norwalk River Valley Trail

Norwalk

Help to build and facilitate regional connectivity and ecological restoration by removing invasive plants and planting natives to restore habitat and protect water quality of the Norwalk river.

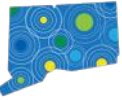


Crowdfunded: \$2,501

SCT Match: \$2,500

Total Raised: \$5,001

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Lyme Old Lyme Middle School Greenhouse Renovation

Old Lyme

Help to renovate and modernize the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School greenhouse and bring in hydroponic growing and worm composting bins for use by the Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden and Region 18 students.



Crowdfunded: \$7,740

SCT Match: \$4,000

Total Raised: \$11,740

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Project





Old Saybrook High School Greenhouse Revamp

Old Saybrook

Help the Old Saybrook ecology club revamp their greenhouse to grow fresh produce that can be utilized for life-skills, cooking classes, and other cross-disciplinary projects.



Crowdfunded: \$2,210

SCT Match: \$2,000

Total Raised: \$4,210

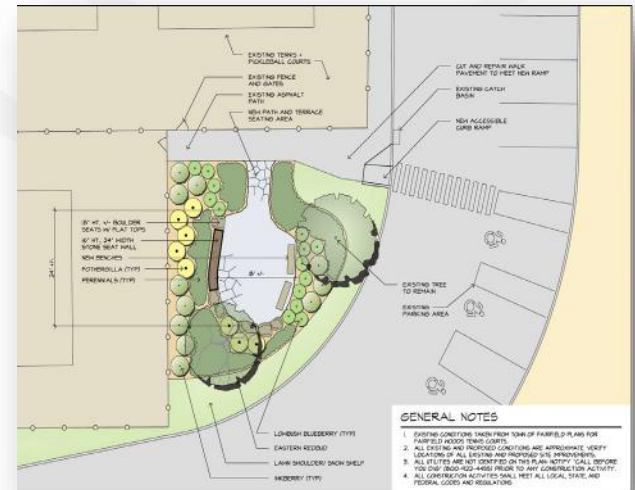
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Tucker Fund: Fairfield Woods Middle School Native Garden

Fairfield

Support the building of a pollinator garden and patio space at Fairfield Woods Middle School to support pollinators, encourage pollinator activity and act as an educational tool for students.



Crowdfunded: \$10,054

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$17,554

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Project**

Extending our Reach by Extending our Season

Guilford

Help to bring a high tunnel to Benincasa Farm to extend the growing season, increase vegetable distribution to area food pantries, and engage visitors year-round.



Crowdfunded: \$8,716

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,216

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Project

The Secrets of Brown & White Professional Staged Reading

Clinton

Help to bring a new play derived in Stonington CT to Clinton that dives deeply into notions and feelings about what it means to be white, black, and what it means to be family in ways that are heart-wrenching, hilarious, and illuminating.



Crowdfunded: \$3,950

SCT Match: \$3,700

Total Raised: \$7,650

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National Night Out

Vernon

Help to bring the annual National Night Out event to the Vernon Ladd & Hall Lot that will bring together residents, students and different community organizations to celebrate the start of the fall.



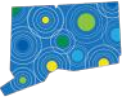
Crowdfunded: \$4,739

SCT Match: \$3,800

Total Raised: \$8,539

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Project





Time's Fool Company presents A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wethersfield

Support bringing free, professional theatre to Wethersfield and the Greater Hartford Area that helps build a sense of community, supports local businesses, and fosters empathy, equity, and inclusion.



Crowdfunded: \$7,694

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,194

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Project



RFCT Food Systems Engagement Campaign

Newtown

Help to support a trained team of Young Farmer interns, who work to distribute fresh, healthy food through collaborating with local farmers to supply community organizations and emergency food programs.



Crowdfunded: \$8,677

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,177

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Project

Cider Mill Goes Reusable!

Wilton

Support Cider Mill school advance their zero-waste goal by diverting nearly 50,000 disposable trays a year by bringing reusable dish trays and utensils to their cafeteria.



Crowdfunded: \$7,910

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,410

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Project

Pompey Hollow Senior Housing Native Garden

Ashford

Support residents of Pompey Hollow senior housing create more sustainable habits by implementing a composting program, a new pollinator garden and a rain barrel.



Crowdfunded: \$1,058

SCT Match: \$1,000

Total Raised: \$2,058

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Project

Cheshire

Support the Coalition for a Sustainable Cheshire create more awareness of the health of the local watershed with an interactive neighborhood and community storm drain decal project.



Crowdfunded: \$1,310

SCT Match: \$1,310

Total Raised: \$2,620

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Project

Town of Vernon Farmers' Market

Vernon

Support the return of the Vernon Farmers Market that will improve equitable access to fresh and nutritious food, promote healthy living, and create a sustainable food system that benefits people of all ages and socioeconomic status.



Crowdfunded: \$4,954

SCT Match: \$4,954

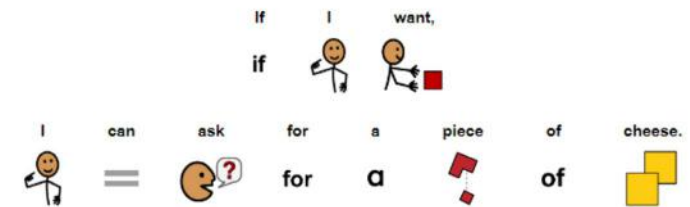
Total Raised: \$9,908

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Project

A Series of Accessible Events

Enfield

Help to respond to a community request of providing events that are accessible to children with special needs by collaborating with local businesses to bring a series of 12 different and free accessible events.



Crowdfunded: \$2,791

SCT Match: \$2,791

Total Raised: \$5,582

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Project

Trail Marking at Old Berry Farm

Waterford

Support the installation of trail markers, navigational signs, and an entrance sign at the Old Barry Farm trail system to help residents better navigate and access the trail.



Crowdfunded: \$725

SCT Match: \$550

Total Raised: \$1,275

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ArtsWestCT at Music Back Then Performance Theater

West Haven

Support the festive and memorable day of people celebrating their cultures and learning from their neighbors through an artistic lens that features multicultural, intergenerational, and artists of mixed abilities.

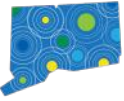


Crowdfunded: \$5,850

SCT Match: \$5,000

Total Raised: \$10,850

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Project



Source-to-Sea Clean Up Park River

Hartford

Support a guided walk of the Park River trail, followed up with a clean-up event and informational session on the importance of maintaining the health of this watershed.



Crowdfunded: \$1,530

SCT Match: \$1,500

Total Raised: \$3,030

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CT Clean Rivers Campaign: Testing Water for Lawn Chemicals

Easton, Fairfield, Wilton, Norwalk, Westport, Darien & New Canaan

Help extensive testing of eight rivers for neonicotinoid pesticides to inform the public about the impacts of neonics on human health and the environment.



**USGS Studies Show Neonics in
50% of US Streams**

They Are
Wiping Out
Aquatic
Insects
and the
Fish, Frogs
& Birds
that Eat
Them



Crowdfunded: \$7,640

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,140

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Project



Bantam Mural Project

Litchfield

Support the installation of a community painted mural on the tower of the Bantam Arts Factory to highlight community art and enhance collaboration between artists, the community, and the municipality.



Crowdfunded: \$7,850

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$15,350

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Project

Teaching 2nd Graders Bike Safety Skills in New Haven Schools

New Haven

Support a partnership that will bring a new program to New Haven Public School 2nd graders, teaching them how to safely ride bikes along with providing equipment for each student to use during and after the program.



Crowdfunded: \$9,318

SCT Match: \$7,500

Total Raised: \$16,818

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Project



Able Table & Mural at Warehouse Point Library

East Windsor

Support installation of a wheelchair accessible picnic table that will be decorated in a community paint day, and dinosaur and book themed mural to celebrate East Windsor being one of the first places in North America where dinosaur bones were discovered.



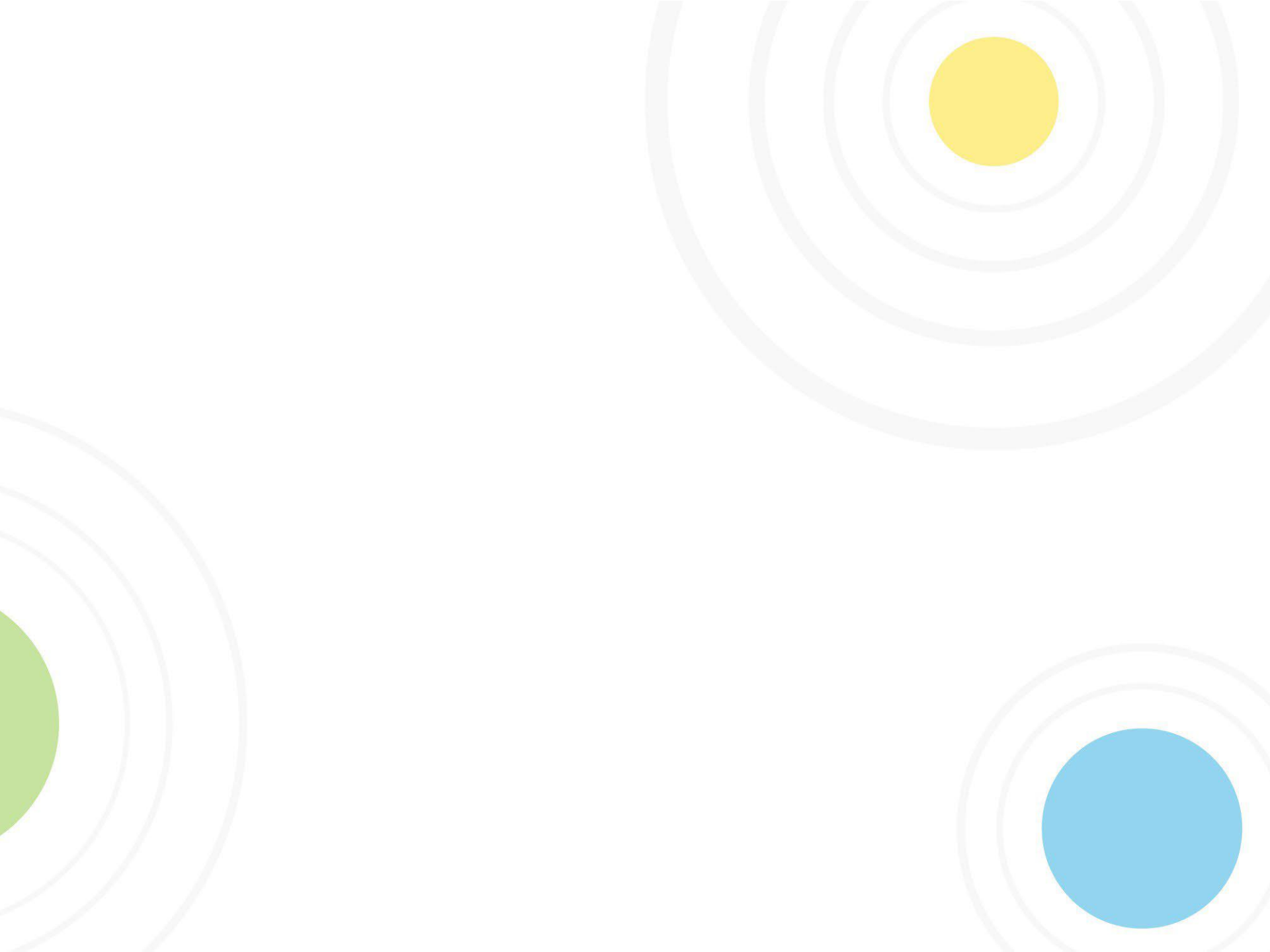
Crowdfunded: \$1,610

SCT Match: \$1,500

Total Raised: \$3,110

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