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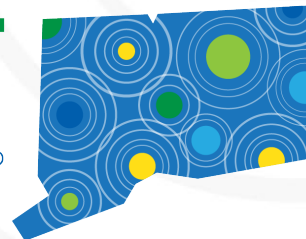
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# The Community Match Fund

has supported more than 275 projects throughout Connecticut resulting in an investment of over \$3.2 million in:

- Renewable and efficient energy
- Arts and culture
- Land and natural resource conservation
- Equity & inclusion
- Public transportation
- Healthy and sustainable food systems
- Composting & waste reduction
- And more!

## How it works

Funding is available on a rolling basis to all Sustainable CT-registered communities statewide. No deadlines, no long application, and no lengthy review period. To be eligible, projects must:



Be located in a Sustainable CT-registered town



Align with Sustainable CT's mission of creating equitable, sustainable communities



Be publicly accessible and have a clear public benefit



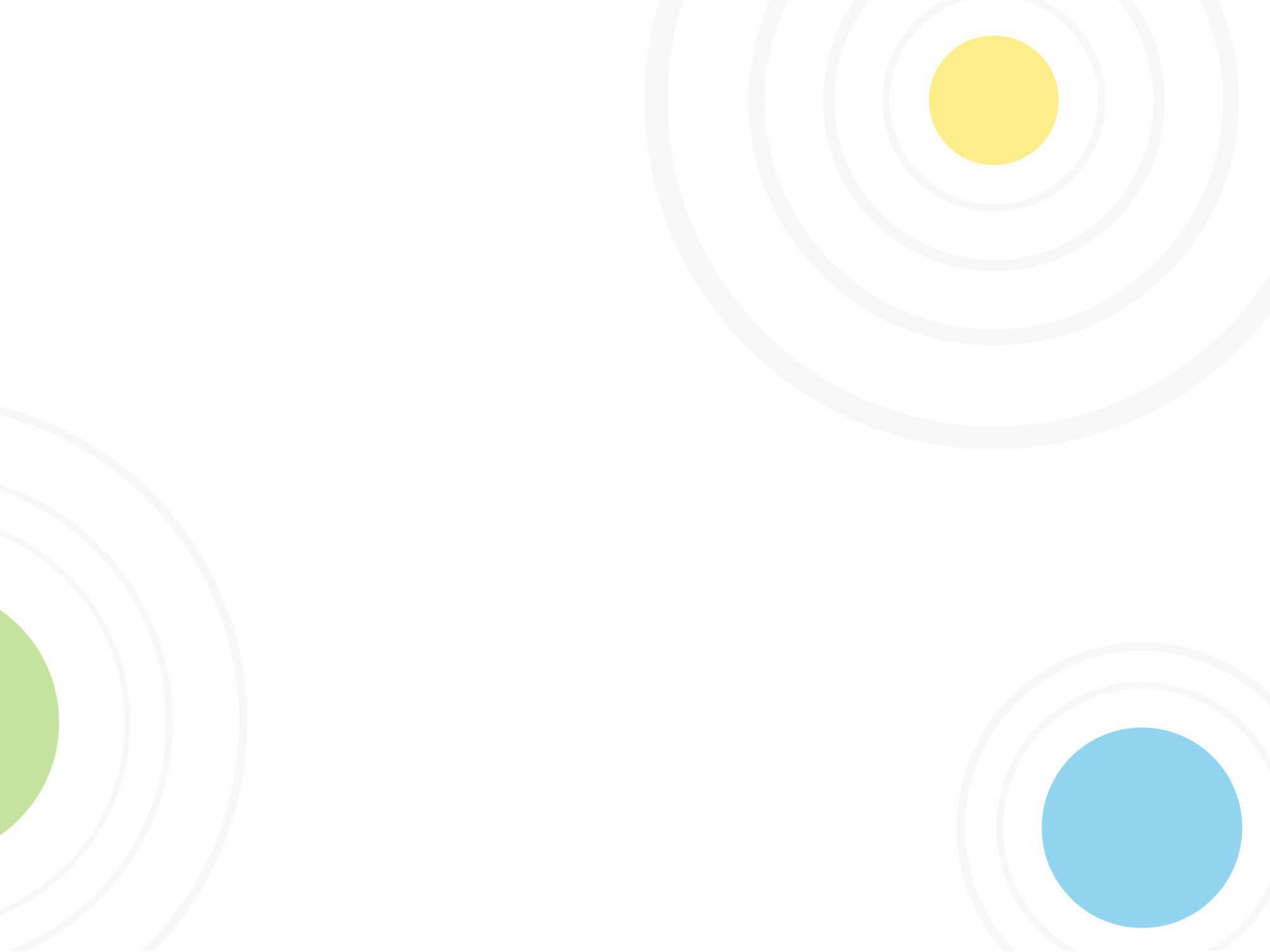
# Ready to get started? Here's how.

Contact Sustainable CT to discuss your project. You can reach **Joseph Dickerson**, Community Partnership Manager, at 860-259-4730 or [josephd@sustainablect.org](mailto:josephd@sustainablect.org).

We'll review your proposal and help you make sure it aligns with Sustainable CT's mission. 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](https://sustainablect.org/funding) for more information. And survey all of our CMF-supported projects at [patronicty.com](https://patronicty.com).



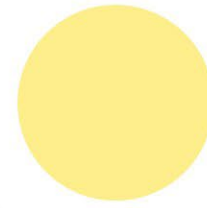


# Climate & Energy

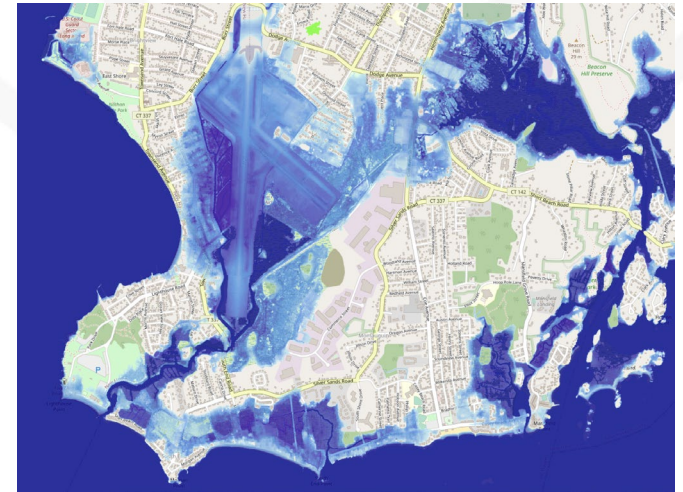
*A sampling of projects that promote, support,  
or target energy efficiency, renewable energy,  
and GHG reduction.*

# New Haven Climathon

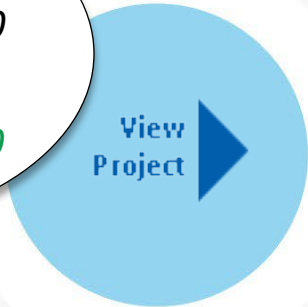
## New Haven



Funding the New Haven Climathon, a community gathering aimed at raising awareness about the local impacts of climate change and catalyze action.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$7,500**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,000**





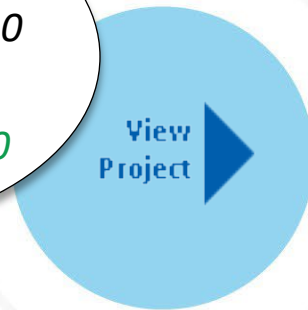
# The Rosette Neighborhood Village Energy Efficiency

## New Haven

Funding for solar panels and advanced insulation in the creation of community for unhoused neighbors in New Haven.



**Total Budget:** \$30,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$10,590  
**SCT Match:** \$15,000  
**Total Raised:** \$25,590



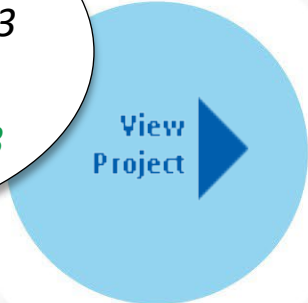
# Scholars to Workers: Building a Sustainable Future for Benincasa

## Guilford

Providing solar panels, heat pumps and green insulation for the sustainably built farm-classroom to educate all for a more life-giving and just way of eating.

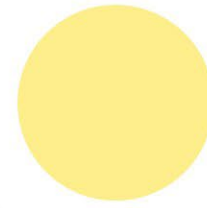


**Total Budget:** \$30,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$15,193  
**SCT Match:** \$15,000  
**Total Raised:** \$30,193



# Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Electric Car

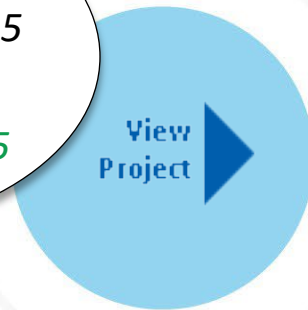
## Branford



As part of its net zero animal shelter project, Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter's goal is to obtain an electric vehicle.

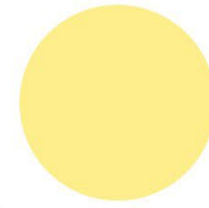


**Total Budget:** \$30,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$15,635  
**SCT Match:** \$15,000  
**Total Raised:** \$30,635



# Youth Lead on Climate Solutions Project

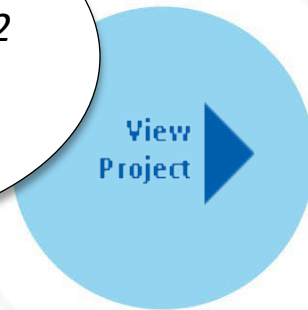
## *New Haven*



Raising funds to engage youth interns in climate solutions work with the Board of Education, and work with youth artists to do public climate education.



**Total Budget:** \$7,500  
**Crowdfunded:** \$4,042  
**SCT Match:** \$3,750  
**Total Raised:** \$7,792



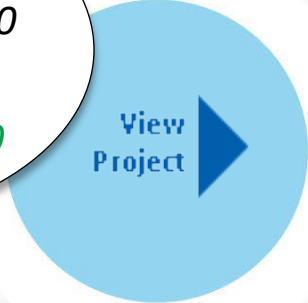
# West Hartford Youth Baseball Wolcott Park Lights Campaign

## *West Hartford*

Replacing the aging lights of West Hartford's local youth baseball field.



**Total Budget:** \$30,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$15,510  
**SCT Match:** \$15,000  
**Total Raised:** \$30,510



# Massaro Community Farm Learning Garden Solar Pavilion

## Woodbridge

Transforming the Massaro Community Farm Learning Garden to include a solar pavilion that will be central to youth education programs and community events.



**Total Budget: \$30,000**

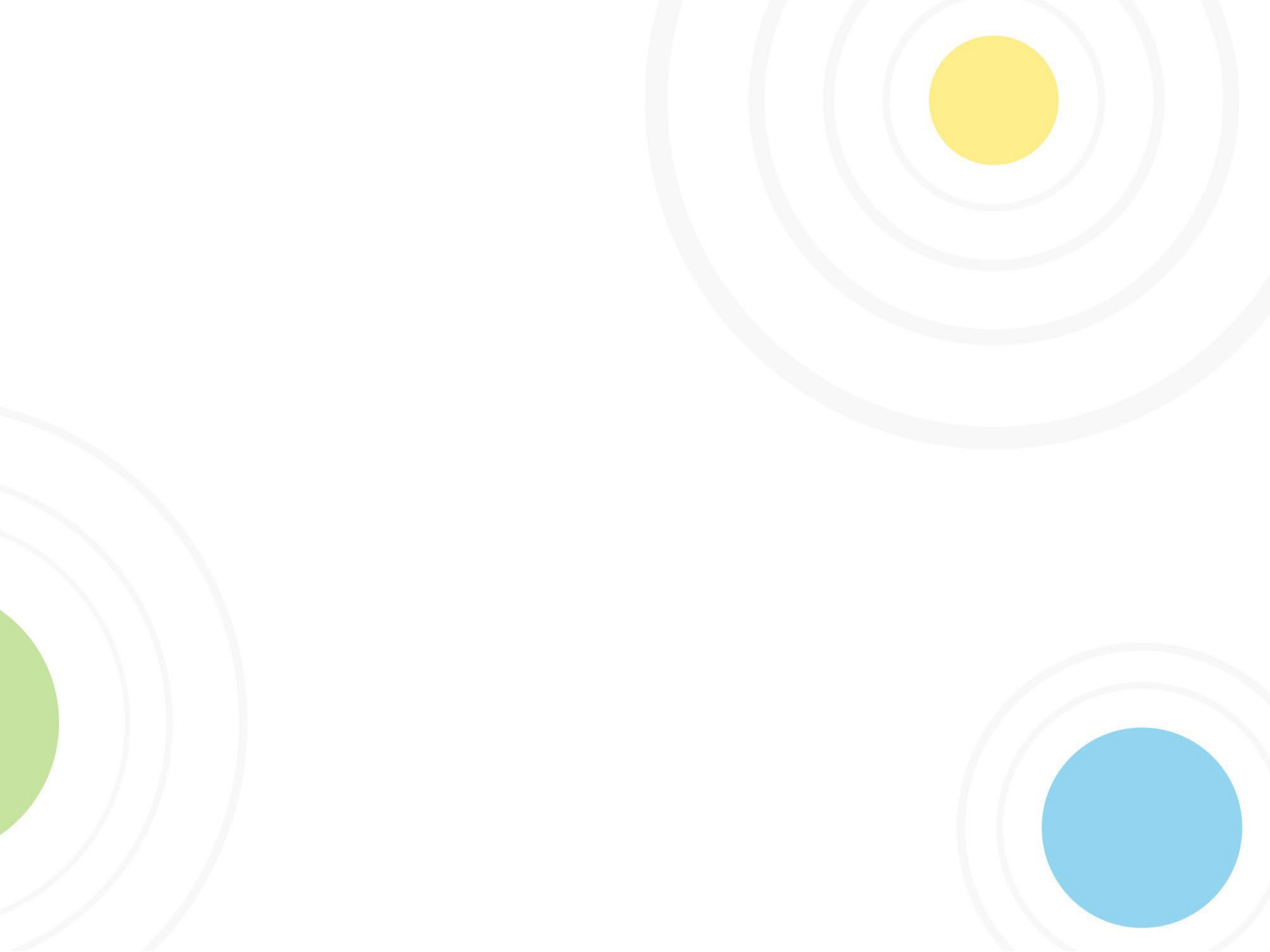
**Crowdfunded: \$0\***

**SCT Match: \$15,000**

**Total Raised: \$15,000**

\*NEW project

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# Food Waste & Composting

*A sampling of projects that promote food waste diversion and composting.*

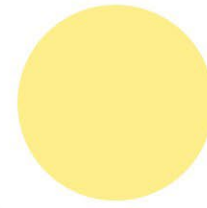
**NOTE:** For a limited time, **May 13 – August 13**, Sustainable CT is boosting its Community Match Fund grants **for all food waste diversion and composting projects**. For every dollar raised to promote composting, Sustainable CT will match it, not just dollar-for-dollar, but with a **dollar-and-a-half** – up to a total project budget of \$15,000. [Inquire about this special funding opportunity!](#)



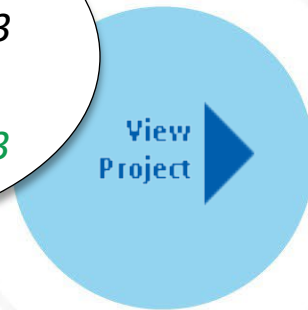
# Park City Compost - Get the Word Out!

## Bridgeport

Developing a community-focused educational and active food scrap diversion and composting program to serve Bridgeport.



**Total Budget:** \$15,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$7,663  
**SCT Match:** \$7,500  
**Total Raised:** \$15,163



# Chester Fair - Our Path To Zero Waste

## Chester

Significantly reducing waste by implementing food scrap collection, enhanced recycling, and the installation of water bottle filling stations at the Chester Fair.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$7,500**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

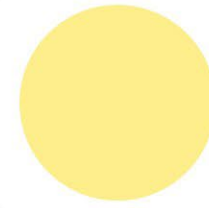
**Total Raised: \$15,000**

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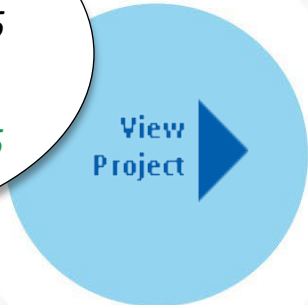
# Southbury Food Scraps Recycling

## Southbury

Creating a system to better manage organic waste in Southbury.

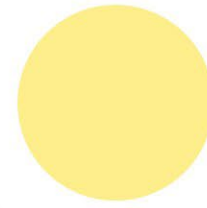


**Total Budget: \$12,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$6,785**  
**SCT Match: \$6,000**  
**Total Raised: \$12,785**



# Community Dining Room Composting

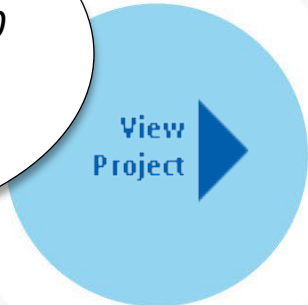
## Branford



Expanding the composting program at the Community Dining Room in Branford.



**Total Budget:** \$4,260  
**Crowdfunded:** \$2,190  
**SCT Match:** \$2,130  
**Total Raised:** \$4,320



## Food Recovery Waste Diversion

*Avon, Simsbury, Unionville, Hartford*

Diverting food from going to landfills and distributing it to shelters, pantries and soup kitchens.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$7,760**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,260**

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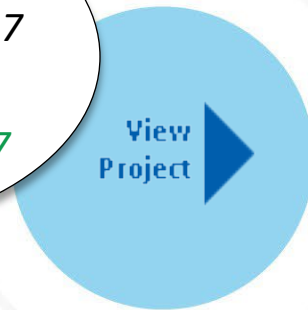
# Tri-Town Food Scrap Composting and Education Campaign

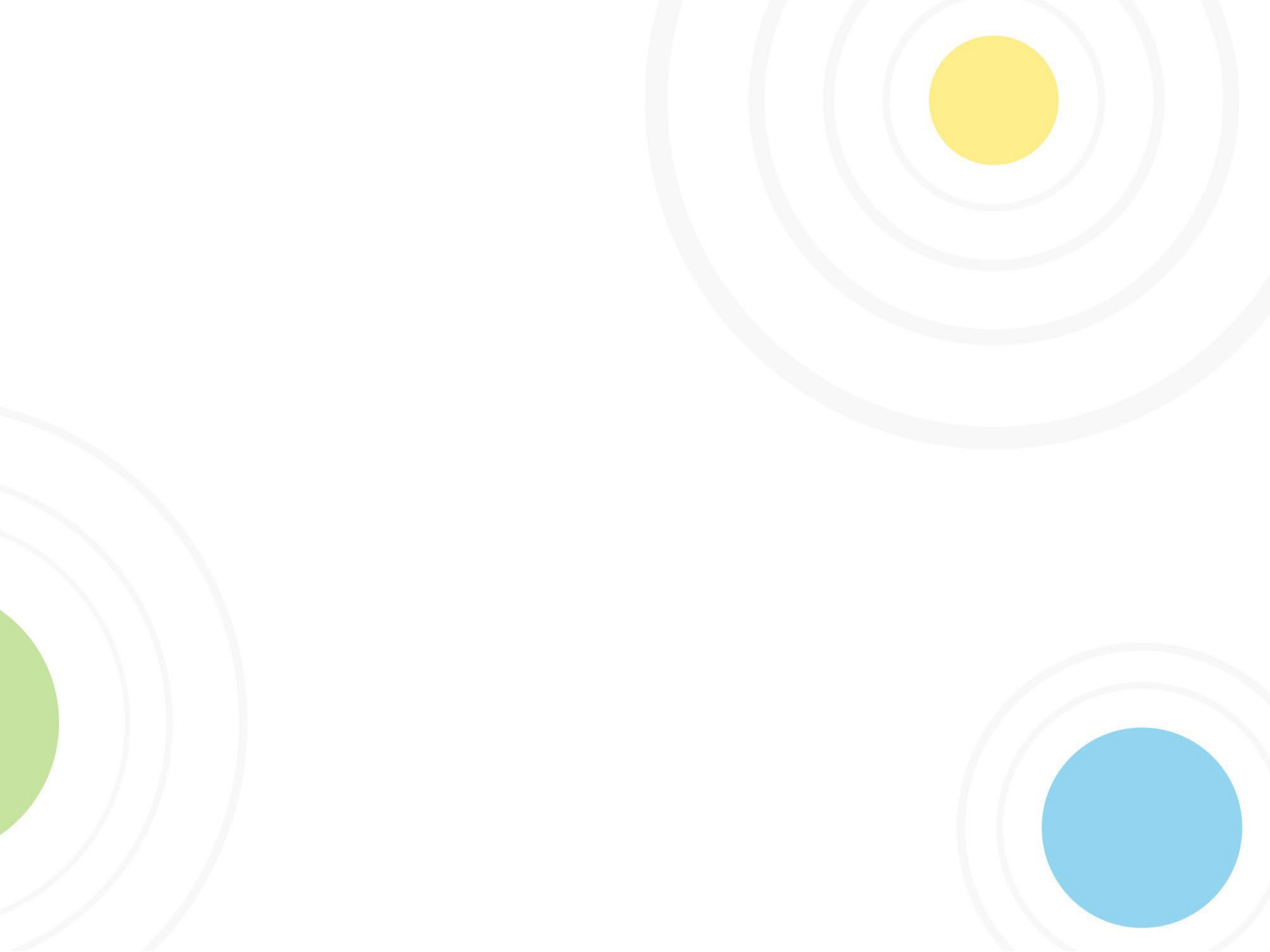
## Essex, Deep River and Chester

Building a community that works in harmony with nature by educating our children on the importance and impacts of composting and recycling in all of Region 4 schools.

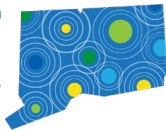


**Total Budget:** \$30,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$12,247  
**SCT Match:** \$18,000  
**Total Raised:** \$30,247





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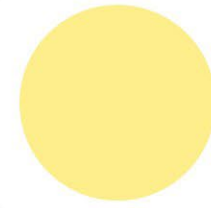
# **Social Change**

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



# Spring Free - Community Art Project

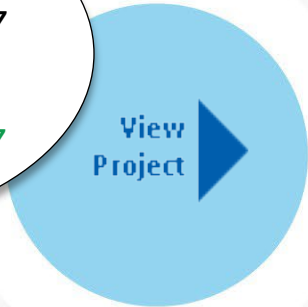
## Middletown



Helping Middletown children develop a sense of accomplishment and community pride as they create an archive of Local Legend stories and turn them into street art.



**Total Budget:** \$15,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$9,677  
**SCT Match:** \$7,500  
**Total Raised:** \$17,177



# Seaside Sounds for Environmental Justice

## Bridgeport

A community empowerment festival to raise awareness of intersectional environmental justice issues while spotlighting climate action in Bridgeport and Connecticut.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$7,500**

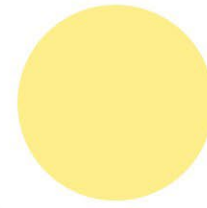
**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,000**

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# MLK Juneteenth Diversity Day Celebration

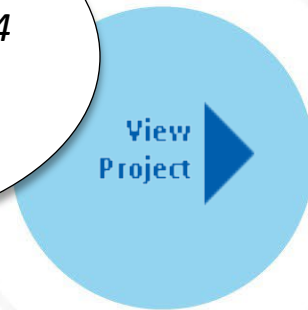
*Vernon*



Building and inspiring a culture of belonging to a Beloved Community, based on Martin Luther King Jr.'s belief that "our goal is to create a beloved community."

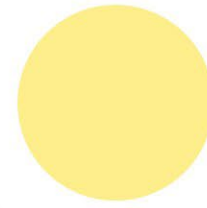


**Total Budget:** \$2,300  
**Crowdfunded:** \$1,154  
**SCT Match:** \$1,150  
**Total Raised:** \$2,304



# The 2022 Bridgeport Film Fest

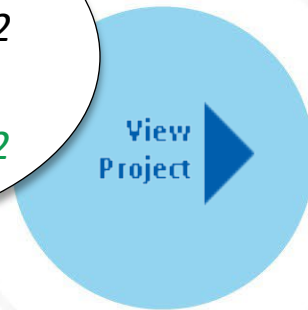
## Bridgeport



Bringing the local Bridgeport community together to promote the humanities and arts through film screenings, workshops, panel discussions, live music, art and screenplays.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$9,102**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$16,602**

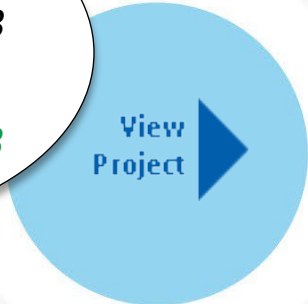


# Honoring Indigenous Forest Management at Greenwich Audubon *Greenwich*

Capturing indigenous history and inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards while improving habitat for birds and other wildlife.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$8,433**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,933**



# EggUcation Series: Cultivating BIPOC Farmers

## Middletown

Helping 15 individuals who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of color, female, and low-income become Connecticut farmers.



**Total Budget: \$12,000**

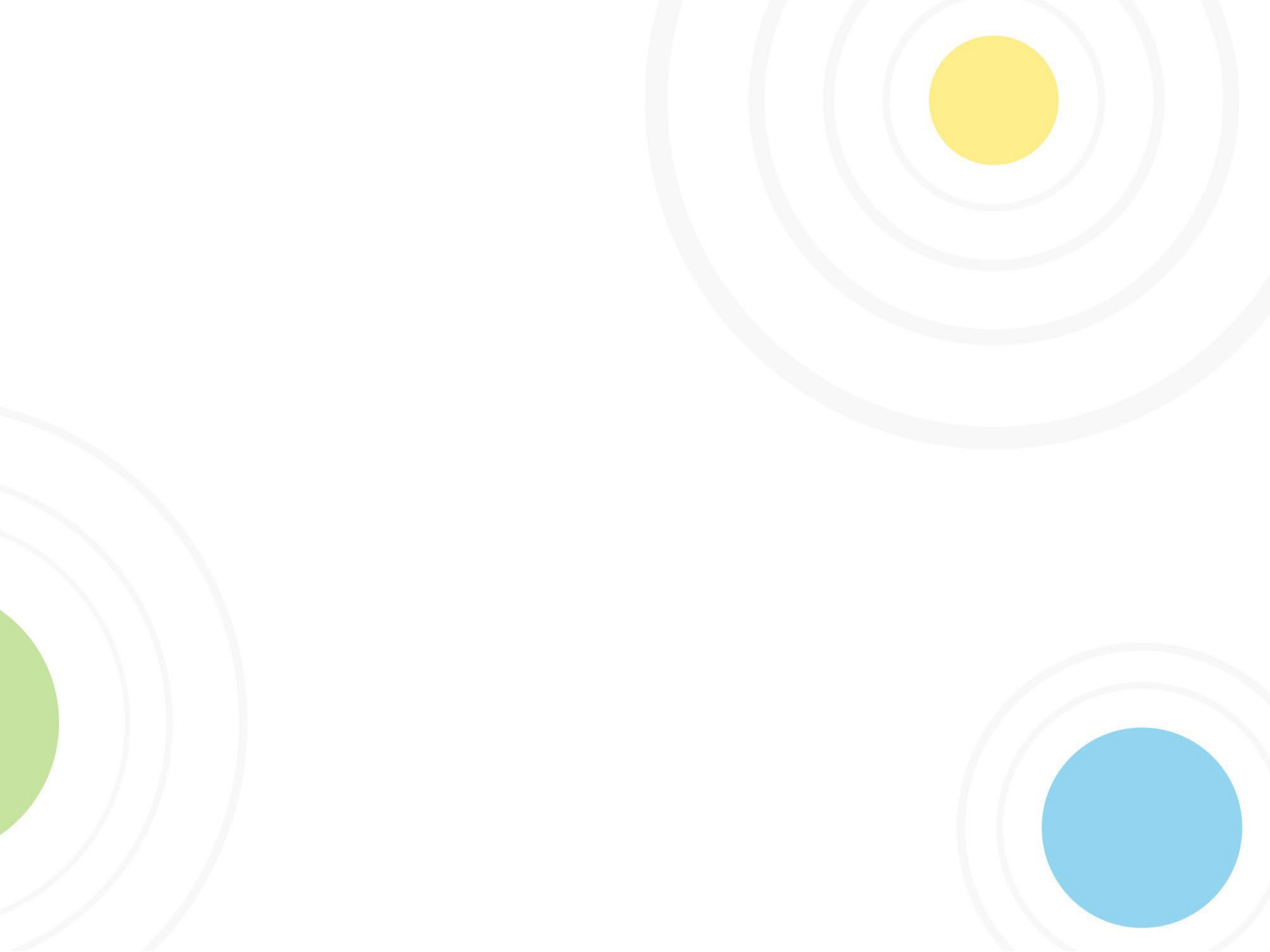
**Crowdfunded: \$3,440\***

**SCT Match: \$6,000**

**Total Raised: \$9,440**

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# Civic Pride and Engagement

*A sampling of projects that align with the Sustainable CT roadmap of actions that promote high-quality, healthy, and inclusive neighborhoods and towns.*



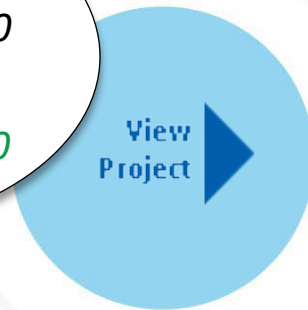
# Solar Youth Green Jobs Park Improvement Project

## New Haven

Improving public urban green spaces by engaging local teens in environmental stewardship.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$7,500**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,000**



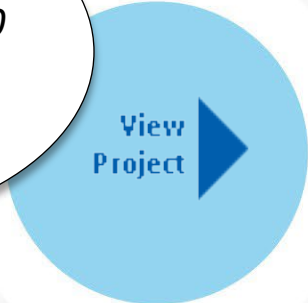
# Digital Environmental Awareness & Signage at Walnut Beach

## Milford

Educating residents and visitors of the fragility and wonder of the Walnut Community Beach environment via digital interaction, physical signage and artwork.



**Total Budget: \$3,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$1,830**  
**SCT Match: \$1,500**  
**Total Raised: \$3,330**



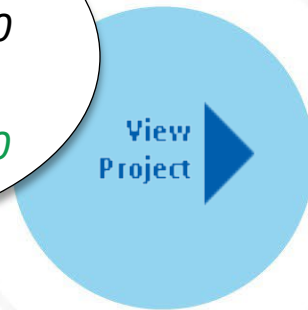
# Mill Hill Outdoor Ecological Learning Environment

## Fairfield

Creating an outdoor classroom that models sustainability and offers multifaceted learning opportunities for students.

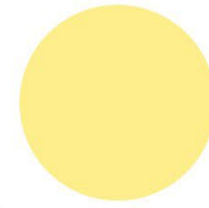


**Total Budget:** \$15,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$7,570  
**SCT Match:** \$7,500  
**Total Raised:** \$15,070



# Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County

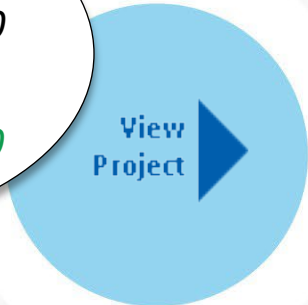
## Fairfield County



Bringing together the cultures and creativity throughout Fairfield County communities by helping to fund a team of “Culture Connectors.”

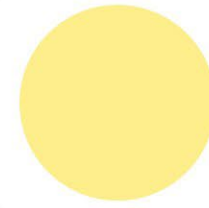


**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$7,720**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,220**



# Hartford Vertical Farming Training

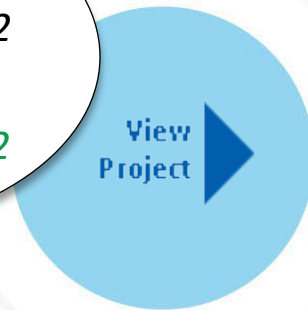
## Hartford



Empowering Hartford residents to own their economic and food security.



**Total Budget:** \$15,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$7,502  
**SCT Match:** \$7,500  
**Total Raised:** \$15,002



# Q Plus Summer Social Justice Education Summer Camp *Hartford*

Supporting LGBTQ+ and ally youth in attending a social justice focused summer program to develop tools and skills for creating change.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$9,643**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$17,143**

[View Project](#)

# Norwich Jubilee

## Norwich

The first phase of Jubilee Park features a landmark mural and an accompanying video that both tell the story of two notable black history Norwich figures.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$7,560**

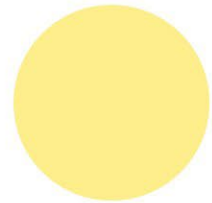
**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$15,060**

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# Real Food CT: Season Extension

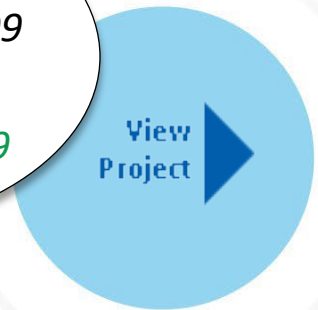
## Newtown



Equipment and infrastructure support to grow fresh food year-round for hunger relief.



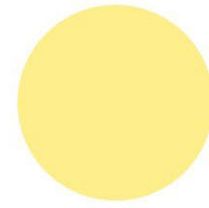
**Total Budget:** \$15,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$10,909  
**SCT Match:** \$7,500  
**Total Raised:** \$18,409





# The West Hartford Tree Project

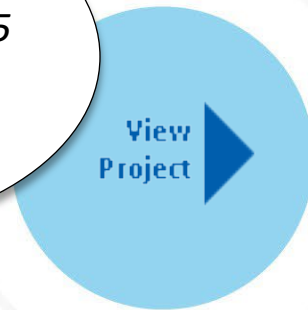
## West Hartford



Preserving the West Hartford tree canopy through the distribution of young trees.

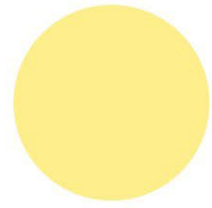


**Total Budget:** \$6,000  
**Crowdfunded:** \$3,915  
**SCT Match:** \$3,000  
**Total Raised:** \$6,915



# Manchester Cycling Without Age

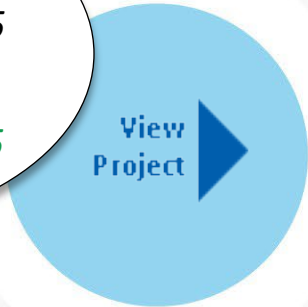
## Manchester



Raising funds to purchase a trishaw to establish and implement a Cycling Without Age chapter in Manchester.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$7,545**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,045**



# Safe Bike Riding for Mansfield 4th Graders

## Mansfield

Raising funds for the first year of the 4th grade Bicycle Education program at the Mansfield Elementary School.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**

**Crowdfunded: \$8,841**

**SCT Match: \$7,500**

**Total Raised: \$16,341**

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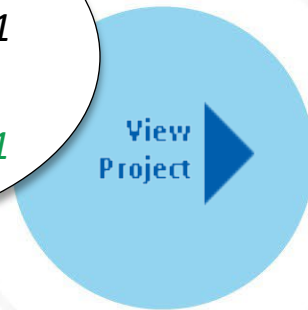
# Connect a Kid to Nature this Summer

## Portland

Raising scholarship funds to enable youth to engage in transformational outdoor experiences.



**Total Budget: \$15,000**  
**Crowdfunded: \$7,501**  
**SCT Match: \$7,500**  
**Total Raised: \$15,001**



## One Fish, Two Fish

*New Haven, Fair Haven*

Creating public art and eco-literacy to help reduce waste and water pollution with participants from New Haven schools and Fair Haven community members.



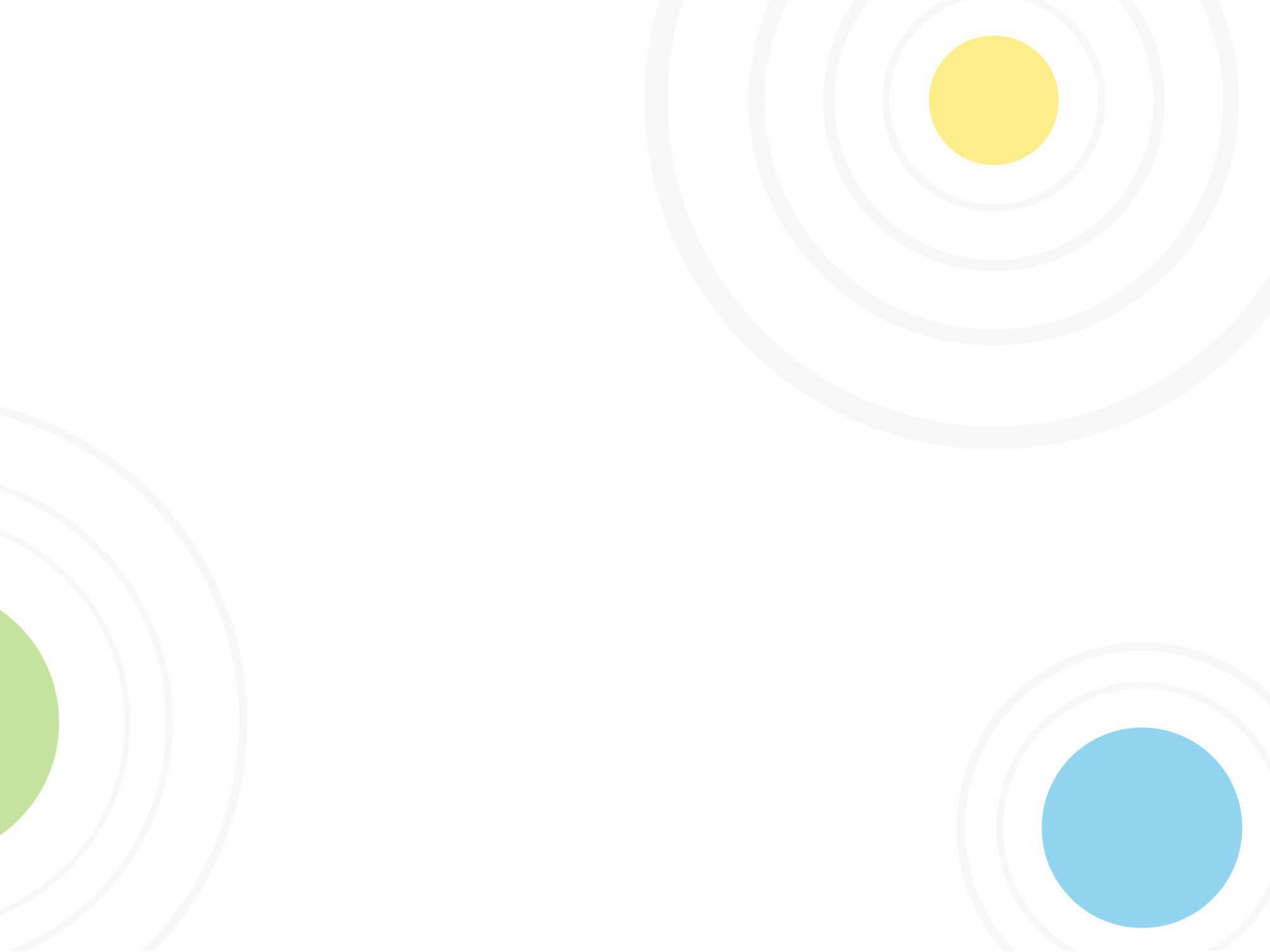
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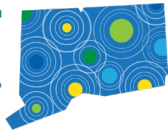
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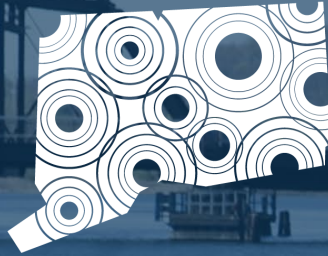


Solar Energy and Energy Efficiency

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