

2016 Norwich Youth Grants

Organization Name	Name of Program	Purpose	Awarded
Childrens Museum of SECT	STARLAB/Enviroscape	To provide curriculum-linked STEM educational programs for all Norwich Public Schools 4th & 5th graders.	\$13,901
Connecticut Audubon Society	Science in Nature Education Program for Norwich Public Schools	To deliver the Science in Nature Education Program (a field-based, outdoor educational program aimed at strengthening science test scores for disadvantaged Connecticut youth, and increasing conservation awareness and action) to 225 students and 7 teachers at Moriarty Environmental Studies Magnet School & the Samuel Huntington Elementary School.	\$10,000
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	Organisms of Connecticut	To provide Organisms of Connecticut: Science Discoveries, an environmental science program, for all Norwich Public Schools 2nd graders both in the classroom and at the Nature Center's extensive outdoor classroom.	\$14,380
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra	ECSO Young People's Concerts (2) - 2016	To provide the unique experiential opportunity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to attend a live symphonic concert, along with in-school presentations to deepen educational impact.	\$5,000
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	Equine Assisted Learning Program for Norwich Youth	To provide a goal-oriented, physically and mentally challenging equine-assisted learning program for vulnerable, school-age Norwich youth to empower them and build better communication and leadership skills.	\$5,000
Madonna Place Inc.	Summer Connections	To provide the "Summer Connections Program", a 7-week program for children ages 5-12 that utilizes teen mentors designed to prevent summer learning loss by strengthening the children's math, science, technology, reading, health and cultural skills.	\$7,000
Mystic Aquarium/Sea Research Foundation, Inc.	"Afterschool STEM Enrichment" for Norwich Youth	For the "After-School STEM Enrichment" program for Norwich youth through two components: 1) science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum, activity kit and professional development for Norwich Extended Learning Program's staff (approx. 36 afterschool educators), and 2) outreach visits delivered by trained Aquarium educators for approximately 540 Norwich K-5 youth.	\$10,000
New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc.	Environmental Explorer Program with NESS	To provide engaging, hands-on STEAM ocean adventure education for 4th grades at Samuel Huntington Elementary School (pilot year) & 5th grader at Moriarty Magnet School (3rd year, through a combination of in-school science enrichment and a field trip to NESS.	\$10,000
Norwich Public Schools	Extended Learning Summer Program @ Norwich Public Schools	To provide scholarships for economically and socially disadvantaged Norwich youth to attend the Extended Learning Summer Program @ Norwich Public Schools, a 6-week full day summer program, that offers exposure to hands on science-based academic adventures, opportunities to practice reading and math skills, and club activities such as dance, media arts, sports, culture, gardening, and engineering.	\$10,000
City of Norwich- Recreation Department	Norwich Recreation Summer Camp	To provide scholarships for youth ages 5-14 to attend an eight-week, full day summer camp, including arts & crafts, games, sports, and field trips along with before and after care and meals.	\$7,500

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Norwich Youth and Family Services	Summer Jam and Learn Diversion Collaborative	To run a 6-week summer diversion program for youth who are "at risk" for involvement in the juvenile justice system, to develop responsible behavior, social skills, increased self-confidence and understanding of life choices, positive interaction with the larger community.	\$6,000
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc.	The Community-Based Mentoring Program in Norwich	To expand the Community-Based Mentoring Program -one-to-one mentoring between at-risk children/youth (Littles: ages 5 to 16 at intake) and inspirational volunteer mentors (Bigs) - to serve 15 Norwich children/youth.	\$5,000
Ocean Community YMCA	Mystic Day Camp	For scholarships and transportation for 45 children to attend a week of summer camp with a variety of outdoor experiences which promote physical activity, mental creativity and an environment to build life-long friendships, along with the opportunity to develop independence, resiliency and a sense of empowerment.	\$15,000
Project Oceanology	OceanCamp Summer Camp Program	To provide scholarships to NFA students to participate in a weeklong residential camp of hands-on, brains-on marine science education, including daily ship-board, field, and laboratory science learning alongside professional marine scientists.	\$3,000
Safe Futures Inc.	Kelly Middle School Healthy Relationships Programming	To provide Healthy Relationships programming to 7th and 8th grade students at Kelly Middle School, designed to empower them with the skills needed to break the cycle of violence, such as how to prevent bullying; have healthy friendships and dating relationships; respect boundaries; and promote a culture that does not tolerate violence.	\$10,000
Thames River Community Service, Inc. (TRCS)	Children's Activities/Day Camp Program	To provide an 8-week full day summer program for at risk, formerly homeless youth in transitional housing which offers age appropriate activities focused on social-emotional growth and aligned with existing programs designed to develop better communication between parent and child in order to help break the cycle of domestic violence and improve mental health and wellness.	\$9,500
Writer's Block Ink	Extended Learning at Norwich Public Schools	To continue and expand our partnership with Norwich Public Schools to offer after school arts enrichment programs at 4 schools, along with increasing access to arts and social change programs through scholarships and transportation for Norwich students to attend WBI in-house programs, partnerships, and events in New London.	\$10,000
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