

2020 Norwich Youth Grants

Organization	Program Name/Description	Awarded
Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut	<i>STARLAB/Force in Motion/Meet the Animals</i> - standards based, hands on, inquiry-based learning for 1st graders (Meet the Animals), 4th graders (Force and Motion), and 5th graders (STARLAB).	\$ 10,000
City of Norwich	<i>Norwich Recreation Dept. Summer Day Camp</i> - To assist low income and socially disadvantaged Norwich families send their children to day camp.	\$ 25,000
Connecticut Audubon Society	<i>Science in Nature Education Program</i> - for all Norwich 3rd graders focusing on Bird Ecology and including an in-classroom lesson, a live birds of prey assembly and a field trip to our Center in Pomfret.	\$ 7,500
Connecticut Storytelling Center	<i>Littlest Listeners Literacy Residency</i> - Emergent literacy programming at Bishop and Case Street Preschools in Norwich.	\$ 3,000
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	<i>Connecticut Organisms</i> - For Norwich 2nd graders with two in-school visits and a field trip to DPNC for each classroom.	\$ 5,000
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	<i>Horse Sense</i> - For up to 15 school-aged Norwich youth to participate in a year-round, multi-faceted equine-assisted learning program to meet students' specific needs around improved communication and leadership skills.	\$ 5,000
Jewish Federation of Eastern CT	<i>Encountering Programs with NFA</i> - For NFA student participation in two existing programs that confront racial and religious intolerance in southeast Connecticut: Encountering Survivors and Encountering Differences.	\$ 5,000
Junior Achievement of Southwest New England	<i>Partnership for Economic Empowerment of Norwich Youth</i> - To provide financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship programming to 90 Norwich Technical High School students who are residents of Norwich.	\$ 1,745
LifeFAQs.org	<i>Coaching & Mentoring at Teachers' Memorial</i> - For coaching and mentoring support of at-risk students at Teachers' Memorial Magnet Global Studies Magnet Middle School through small-group "Ethical Fitness" coaching sessions and one-on-one goal-setting and mentoring.	\$ 5,000
Madonna Place	<i>Family Support Center - Family Connections Year-round Youth Enrichment and Exploration</i> - To increase caregiver involvement and decrease the achievement gap by providing fun and experiential learning support year-round for at-risk, economically disadvantaged Norwich youth preschool to age 12.	\$ 8,000
NAACP Robertsine Duncan Youth Council	<i>NAACP ACT-S O</i> - To assist 20 high school-age Norwich students develop the skills to establish goals and acquire the confidence and training to demonstrate academic, artistic, and scientific prowess and expertise.	\$ 1,500

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New England Science & Sailing Foundation	<i>Environmental Explorer Program</i> - To provide grade-level appropriate field and classroom expeditions for economically and socially disadvantaged NPS students, enriching and supporting the school curriculum with hands-on STEM activities.	\$ 7,500
Norwich Public Schools	<i>Global Studies Planetarium Project</i> - For software and user training for the planetarium at Global Studies Magnet School.	\$ 6,530
Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters	<i>Community-Based Mentoring & Foster Grandparent Programs</i> - To provide mentoring to Norwich children in need through Community-Based Mentoring and the Foster Grandparent Program.	\$ 5,000
Ocean Community YMCA	<i>Summer Camp for Norwich Youth</i> - To support Norwich youth attending two weeks of summer camp at YMCA Camp Cove in Mystic, CT, including transportation.	\$ 18,000
Project Oceanology	<i>Seventh Grade at Sea</i> - For hands-on, experientially focused STEM programming aboard our research vessel and in school classrooms to all 7th graders at Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School.	\$ 8,000
S.T.E.P.S.	<i>Girls Empowerment Program</i> - To continue the Girls Empowerment Program at Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year, giving adolescent girls a safe place for leadership training, skill building, mentoring and discussions.	\$ 5,000
Safe Futures	<i>Prevention Education Programming</i> - Using the Violence is Preventable and Healthy Relationships curricula for all students at Kelly and Teachers' Middle Schools during the 2020-2021 school year.	\$ 2,000
Salt Marsh Opera	<i>Kids Love Opera! 2021 Gianni Schicchi</i> - To present Puccini's Gianni Schicchi in English to Norwich 5th graders at The Garde Arts Center in April 2021, with a Study Guide sent to all participating schools in early 2021, followed by an in-school workshop in March to introduce the opera to the students.	\$ 3,000
Sankofa Education and Leadership	<i>Dr. Grace Sawyer Debate Program</i> - To provide 30 high school age Norwich students with the opportunity to experience, develop and master leadership, public speaking, research, team work and critical thinking skills.	\$ 2,000
Sea Research Foundation d/b/a Mystic Aquarium	<i>Afterschool STEM Enrichment for Norwich Youth</i> - To offer STEM enrichment to 550 kindergarten through 5th graders through NPS' Extended Learning Program in 2020-21.	\$ 2,000
Thames River Community Service	<i>Summer Program</i> - To help young parents strengthen their children's development, while strengthening their own parenting skills.	\$ 8,000
Total for 22 Grants		\$ 143,775