

2017 Norwich Youth Grants

Organization Name	Name of Program	Purpose	Awarded
Children's Museum of SECT	Force in Motion/STARLAB	To provide top quality, standards-aligned STEM curriculum enrichment to NPS fourth (Force and Motion program) and fifth grade classes (STARLAB program focusing on stars and constellations).	\$13,981
City of Norwich, Recreation Department	Summer Camp	To provide scholarships to Norwich children from low-income families, giving them the opportunity to grow and have fun doing educational science, sports/health, and arts programs.	\$10,000
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	Connecticut Organisms	To partner with NPS 2nd grade classrooms to provide hands-on learning opportunities, both in school and at the Nature Center, around exploring the natural world, organisms, adaptations, and habitats, and therefore increase overall science literacy.	\$14,380
Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra	ECSO YPCs - 2017	To provide in-school presentations to prepare students and deepen educational impact, and then offer 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders the unique experience of attending a live symphonic concert.	\$6,000
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	Horse Sense	To support the involvement of up to 10 school-aged Norwich youth in a year-round multi-faceted equine-assisted learning program that helps participants develop communication and leadership skills.	\$5,000
Madonna Place, Inc.	Summer Connections Program	For the "Summer Connections Program" for children ages 5-12 years old, to help strengthen their math, science/nutrition, reading, community service awareness, wellness and cultural skills during the summer months.	\$8,000
New England Science & Sailing Foundation	Environmental Explorer Program with NESS	To provide engaging, hands-on, ocean adventure STEM education programs to 4th graders at Huntington Elementary School and 5th graders at Moriarty Magnet Elementary School.	\$10,000
Norwich Public Schools	Norwich Public Schools Extended Learning Summer Program	To offer a seven-week summer program for school-aged children to engage in academic and enrichment activities related to this year's theme of Biomes, held in collaboration with the district's Summer School program.	\$10,000
Norwich Youth and Family Services	Summer Jam and Learn	To provide a safe, culturally diverse and positive atmosphere for identified at risk youth, preparing them for more positive school and community interactions in the fall and diverting their involvement in the juvenile justice system.	\$8,856

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Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters, Inc.	The Community-Based Mentoring Program in Norwich	To match up to 20 Norwich children/youth who are growing up with significant difficulties with trained volunteer mentors who provide nurturing support.	\$7,500
Ocean Community YMCA	Summer Camperships 2017 Season	For summer day camp for disadvantaged Norwich youth to participate in swim lessons, archery, boating, arts and crafts, team sports and other camp-themed activities, helping them develop independence and self-empowerment.	\$15,000
Project Oceanology	Ocean Camp 2017	To provide financial assistance for disadvantaged Norwich high school (NFA) students to attend a residential Ocean Camp at Project Oceanology that offers experiential learning to improve ocean literacy, inspire interest in all sciences, and increase student achievement in school.	\$3,100
Safe Futures Inc.	Healthy Relationships Programming at Norwich Public Schools-Kelly Middle School and Sixth Grade Academy	To provide 7th and 8th graders at Kelly Middle School and 6th graders at Teachers' Memorial Middle School with programming in pro-social skills around preventing bullying, building healthy friendships and dating relationships, respecting boundaries; and promoting a culture that does not tolerate violence.	\$10,000
Salt Marsh Opera Company, Inc.	Kids Love Opera! Gianni Schicchi in 2017	To present Kids Love Opera! – 2017 to Norwich 5th and 6th graders to break barriers, connect across cultural differences and spark student imagination.	\$3,000
Sankofa Education and Leadership, Inc.	Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones Debate for Area High Schools Norwich Youth	For the Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones Debate Program, providing 30 economically, socially disadvantaged, marginalized and underserved high school students with the opportunity to experience, develop and master the life skills of leadership, public speaking, research, team work and critical thinking.	\$2,500
Sea Research Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Mystic Aquarium	Afterschool STEM Enrichment for Norwich Youth	Building on a successful five-year partnership with Norwich Public School's Extended Learning Program, Mystic Aquarium's proposed "After-School STEM Enrichment" initiative will serve approximately 540 Norwich youth by offering experiential learning opportunities for elementary school students during afterschool programming. (Two to three learning opportunities depending on grade level).	\$10,000

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Thames River Community Service, Inc.	Children's Activities/Day Camp Program	To offer age-appropriate activities for children to interact with peers as well as trained caregivers and improve their mental health and wellness.	\$9,500
Writer's Block Ink, Inc.	Extended Learning at Norwich Public Schools	To provide arts education to students with limited resources and support through the Norwich Public Schools' Extended Learning programming.	\$10,000
Total for 18 Grants			\$156,817