



Community Match Fund Corner January 2022

For most all of us, 2021 was a truly up-and-down year. Back and forth with Covid-19, increasing climate change crises, and discord across America. Despite those challenges, community leaders across CT stepped forward to implement projects they recognized would meet a gap of need in their neighborhood or town.

The Sustainable CT Community Match Fund exists to support great people in accomplishing great things at a grassroots level across the state. The CMF, however, would not be possible without the thousands of individuals choosing to make an investment in making their community a better place to live. On behalf of each project leader, neighborhood project, and Sustainable CT, we thank you for choosing to care.

In 2021, community leaders successfully crowdfunded 109 projects in 49 towns in almost every section of the state. These projects inspired 4844 individuals to make financial contributions of nearly \$565,000. With the Sustainable CT match, over \$1.2M was invested into projects and people with direct impacts on the quality of life and cohesion in those communities.

As the Community Match Fund proceeds into its third year, we're excited to see the organic awareness grow, as word of mouth spreads and more projects pop-up across the state.

Here are the projects that are currently in the crowdfunding campaign phase or will be soon. If the purpose, organization, community connect to values you want to see grow, consider making a donation on their page, sharing with friends and family, and/or reaching out to offer your time and skills.

Projects Currently Crowdfunding

[Build Thriving Communities with the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County](#)

- **Community Need:** Arts and culture should reflect the diversity and multiplicity of perspectives in our community. The arts and culture of Fairfield County has not fully reflected this mélange.
- **Action:** The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County will fund a team of "Culture Connectors," a regional network of listeners and learners who will help us deepen the Cultural Alliance's, and the region's, flourishing arts and cultural life.
- **Ask:** Help us get started, build the network, and provide stipends to the "Cultural Connector" team.
- **Campaign Ends:** 01/20/22
- **Percent Funded:** 65% Funded



Climate Education and Action Project

- **Community Need:** Climate change is an urgent challenge, and our experience shows that youth can play a critical role in creating a safe and healthy future.
- **Action:** New Haven Sister City Projects will fund youth climate internships, provide supplies, public climate education resources (website, newsletters) and pay for youth project coordinators to lead climate education programs.
- **Ask:**
 - \$30 provides supplies for a public educational event.
 - \$80 funds a stipend for one youth intern for one month.
 - \$200 supports a youth coordinator for two months working on teachers outreach and resources.
- **Campaign Ends:** 01/19/22
- **Percent Funded:** 37%



Projects On Deck

Hartford Vertical Farming Training Kickoff

- Launching: 01/10/22
- **Community Need:** Hartford ranks the worst among Connecticut's 169 municipalities for food insecurity. Hartford, nationally, ranks as one of the worst food deserts in the country.
- **Action:** Levo is building a network of micro-farmers in Hartford, and is launching a vertical farming training center.
- **Ask:** Help us train as many as 300 Hartford residents to directly impact the food system for themselves by donating here.



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