



Community Match Fund

Our Impact





Sustainable CT Community Match Fund



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Funding & support for anyone in a registered Sustainable CT town with a great idea for a

community sustainability project

How the funding works

- Dollar-for-dollar matching funds up to \$15,000 per project
- 50% of costs covered by Sustainable CT, with the other 50% raised through online **crowdfunding**
 - We match what you raise as you raise it, immediately doubling local investment
- Our crowdfunding partner, ioby, provides fundraising coaching & support



Current Projects

- 59 projects approved since program launch
 - 25 fundraising campaigns completed
 - 22 projects actively fundraising
 - 12 projects preparing to launch fundraising campaigns
 - More than \$500,000 raised
 - All 8 counties represented:
 - 34 towns represented: Bethany, Bridgeport (2), Bristol, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, East Haven, Enfield, Essex,
 - Greenwich (3), Groton, Hamden, Hartford (7), Litchfield, Manchester, Middletown (2), Portland, New Britain,
 - New Haven (9), New London (2), New Milford, Newtown (3), Norwalk, Ridgefield, Simsbury, Stamford,
 - Thomaston, Thompson, Waterbury, West Hartford (5), West Haven, Weston, Westport, Woodbridge



Projects & Donors

- More than 1000 donors
- Median donation of \$50







325 Trees - Remove and Replace

We are working to replace urban trees in Willimantic, Ct. lost to age or storms. Street sides, parks, playgrounds, school yards all need new trees to provide beauty and cooler, cleaner habitat for all living things.



This project is eligible for match funding through the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund. Give today to have your donation doubled!

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project leader

Faith K

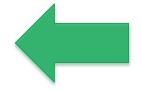
location

Windham Rd (Willimantic city limits)

latest update 📉

Prefer to make a check donation? Follow these steps and your donation will be matched!

PROJECT DEADLINE: December 1, 2019



TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$27,652

\$27,652

\$0

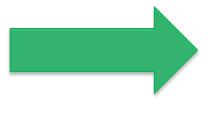




How the fundraising and matching works:

All donations will be matched by Sustainable CT

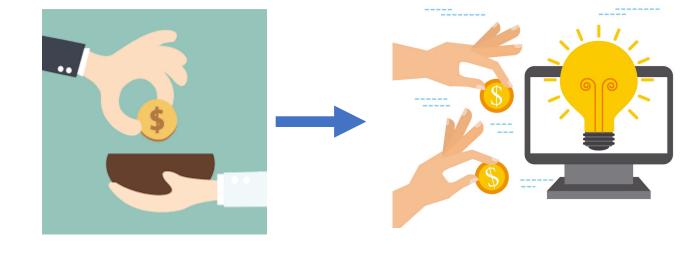
 To be matched, they must be passed through to your ioby crowdfunding page





Crowdfunding – what is it?

- Crowdfunding is a new iteration of the old fundraising strategy of passing the plate.
 Crowdfunding is just the online manifestation of that giving.
- New tool for an old strategy
- Predominantly Online
- Supports a single, well-defined project
- Emphasizes small donations from individuals



Crowdfunding – why should you try it?

- It's a fast, flexible way to raise money
- Doubles as community engagement
- Demonstrates public support & serves as a testing ground
- Gives the community a sense of ownership
- Diversifies and strengthens your donor base

"To me the greatest value from the ioby campaign was the public awareness building and support, which will pay longer term dividends beyond the money that we raised."

"It was the fundraising campaign that began the community engagement."



The Hampline

Go Hampline! We reached our goal but every dollar more still goes directly to The Hampline. We're grateful for you to keep giving!

SHARE THIS PROJECT | F 💆 🔤 🛨

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$77,285

OVERVIEW

YOU MADE IT HAPPEN

Help us exceed our goal!

BUDGET UPDATES

DONORS

project leader

overtonbroad

location

175 Tillman (Binghampton)

latest update 📉 Thank you!

\$78,631 RAISED SO FAR

NEARBY PROJECTS

STILL NEEDED

the project

Help us exceed our goal by \$3500 and bring this to The Hampline!



goal reached!

This project met its goal, but will still gladly accept donations.

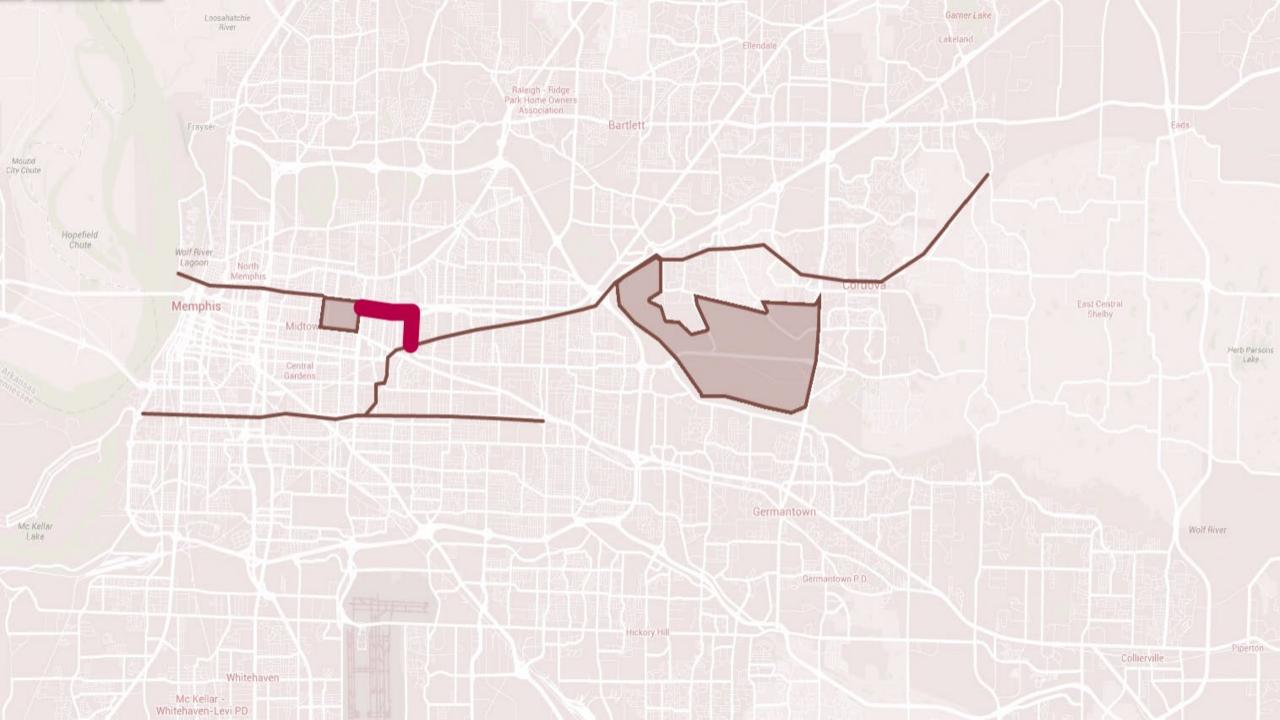


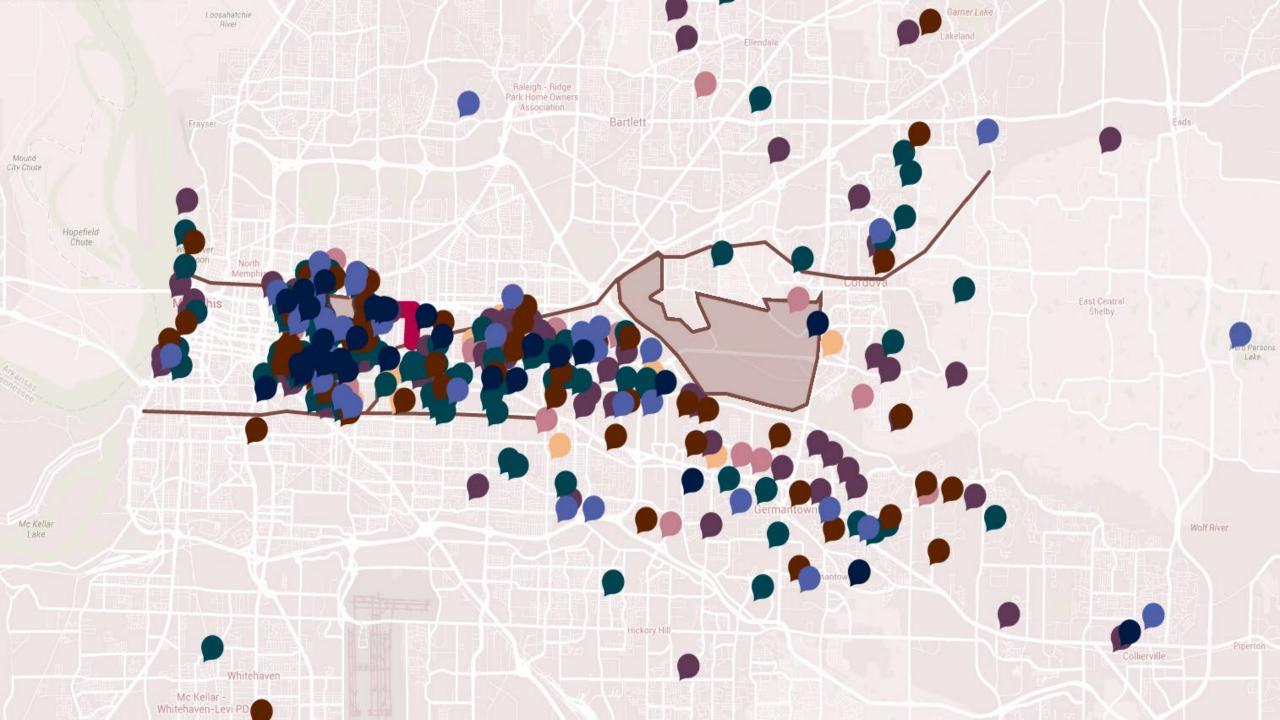
donate to this project

about the project leader

Livable Memphis, Broad Avenue Arts District & Binghampton Development Corp. See full profile »













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General Project Eligibility

- ✓ Located in a Sustainable CT registered town(s)
- ✓ Align broadly with Sustainable CT actions
- ✓ Have a public benefit and be inclusive of your community
- ✓ Receive at least 20 donations to your crowdfunding campaign



- Land & waterbody conservation
- Improving walkability
- Energy efficiency & renewables
- Food waste diversion
- Community gardens

- Green infrastructure
- Environmental justice
- Creating green spaces
- Composting & recycling
- Farmers Markets

- Improved public transportation
- Environmental & climate programs/education
- Activating public spaces
- Arts & culture
- Healthy & Sustainable food networks

20 donor requirement

These are meant to be community projects that involve and engage the community, and demonstrate broad public support.

That means...

Projects must receive a minimum of <u>20</u> individual donations to their fundraising campaign.

donors

Anonymous	Sheila B Amdur	Robert, Carol Leary
Duke York	Anonymous	GROW Windham
The	WVNA	Peik Larsen
Pernerewskis	Sandra Rosado	Jana Roberson
Dawn	Anonymous	Andrew Gutt
Willi Housing Authority	Willi Wildlife Habitat	Garden Club of Windham
Nancy Rucker	Tim, Roberta Dwyer	Judy Vertefeuille
George Hopfer	Judy Kolesinsky	Mike/Glenna Adams
Liz Kenton	Willibrew	Willimantic L.

Who Can Participate?

ANYONE

- Community Match Fund projects can be led by anyone in a registered municipality
 - Municipal staff and officials
 - Schools
 - Nonprofits
 - Community groups
 - Individual residents

How to "apply": This is NOT a grant program



"Do you have to take sick leave? We have a grant deadline."



"Is it just me or are these review panels getting a lot tougher?"

Fast, flexible, easy funding





No application deadlines

No formal, standardized proposal

No lengthy review process

No staggered funds disbursement

No one-size-fits-all post-award reporting requirements

Applying for & starting up a project

Contact Abe to discuss Submit brief project Sustainable CT reviews project description, timeline & budget for eligibility (5 days)

If determined eligible:

- Connect with (other) municipal staff to introduce project and receive support
- Complete pre-fundraising survey with project timeline
- Build your project: begin working with ioby to create fundraising page
- Fundraise (1-3 months)
- Implement project



Let's look at some potential projects



LOCAL BUYING GUIDE:

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\$28,052

RAISED SO FAR

\$0





Groton Senior Center Community Gardens

Groton Senior volunteers building community in a garden at the Senior Center in partnership with Eastern Connecticut Community Gardens Association and the town of Groton to increase agriculture.

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This project was funded in part through matching funds from the Sustainable CT Community Match Fund

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project leader

Eastern Connecticut Community Gardens Association

location

Newtown Road (Groton Senior Center)

latest update 📉

No updates yet.

PROJECT DEADLINE: January 30, 2020

Day Left

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$3,589

\$3,890 RAISED SO FAR



Bristol Outdoor Classroom A Work of Heart

Help us bring 13 outdoor classrooms to the Bristol Public Schools Spring 2020!!!









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Nearby Projects

project leader

Lindsey R

location

111 North Main Street (In participating Bristol Public Schools)

latest update M

The Broad View Fund Donation

PROJECT DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Days Left

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$13,000

\$14,951



Save Columbia's Wells Woods!

We're working hard with the community to expand Mono Pond State Park by nearly 1,000 acres! We've secured most of the funding, and now we need your help to close the deal. Donate here today!









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Nearby Projects

project leader

Honor L

30

Days Left

location

Wells Woods Road (Island Woods, Columbia)

latest update 📉

Hooray!







TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$41,761



PROJECT DEADLINE:

February 28, 2020

\$32,001

Greenwich, CT Food Scrap Recycling Pilot Program

Be the solution. Help reduce waste, conserve resources, and save money in our community by recycling food scraps into valuable compost.



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Nearby Projects

project leader

Julie D

PROJECT DEADLINE: February 14, 2020

16

Days Left



Holly Hill Lane (Greenwich)

latest update 📉

No updates yet.







2020 BiCi Co. Do-It-Yourself Workshop and **Community Hours**

BiCi Co. wants to get as many up-cycled bicycles back out into the community as we can in 2020 in the Hartford region. We need your help to fund the Do-It-Yourself hours in both Hartford and W. Hartford.

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project leader

Anthony C

location

97 Park Street (Just South of Downtown Hartford in the South Green neighborhood)

latest update 📉

31% of the Goal on January 14th! Let's Roll to 100%!

PROJECT DEADLINE: February 28, 2019

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$20,145

\$7,700 RAISED SO FAR











Colorful Bridgeport - Color It In Murals

Downtown Bridgeport's humans, food, art, and business make it a place unlike any other. We invite you to Color It In and take action by adding to the vibrancy of the district.



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project leader

Lauren C

location

Main and Broad Streets (Downtown Bridgeport)

latest update 📉

No updates yet.

PROJECT DEADLINE: February 15, 2020

Days Left

TOTAL FUNDING NEEDED: \$5,112

RAISED SO FAR



TOWN OF COVENTRY

Sustainable CT Success Stories





NOTICE Smokers Will Be Fed To The Bears!!









TOWN OF COVENTRY

Sustainable CT Success Stories





NOTICE Smokers Will Be Fed To The Bears!!









TOWN OF HEBRON

Sustainable CT Success Stories





TOWN OF ROXBURY

Sustainable CT Success Stories





TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Sustainable CT Success Stories

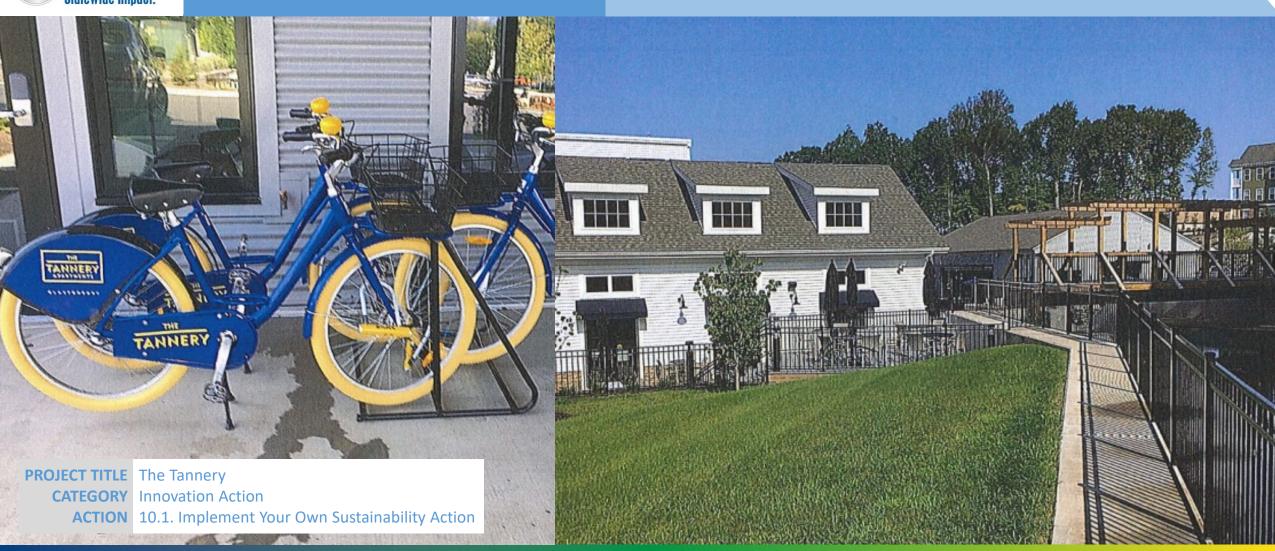


CATEGORY Innovation Action **ACTION** 10.1 Implement Your Own Sustainability Action



TOWN OF GLASTONBURY

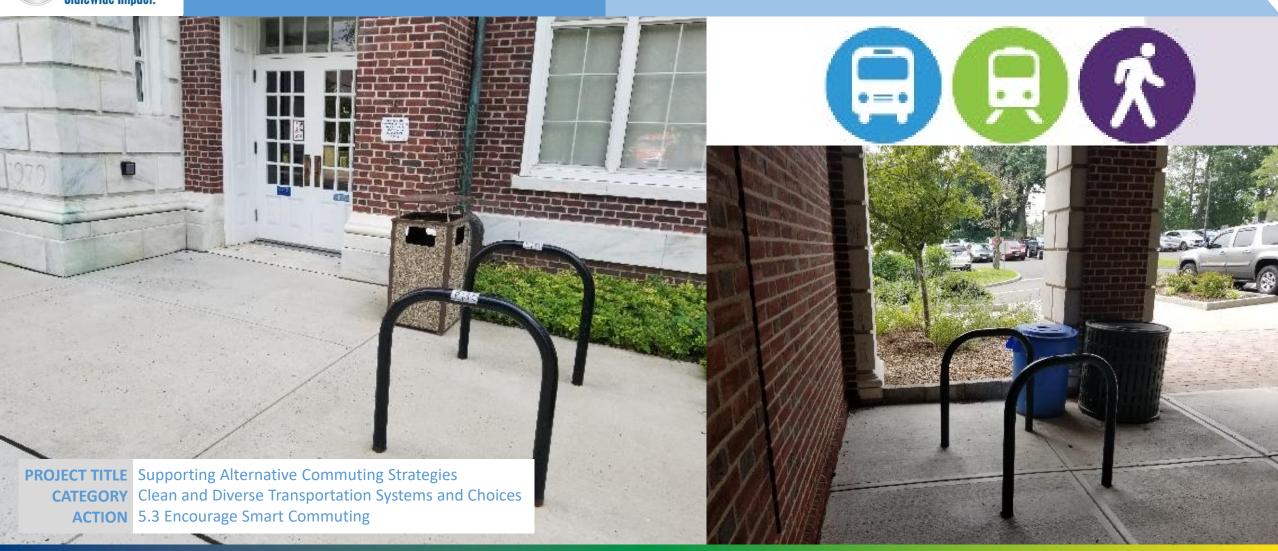
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TOWN OF GREENWICH

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CITY OF STAMFORD

Sustainable CT Success Stories

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TAKE A STROLL ALONG THE ARTWALK ROUTE







CATEGORY Vibrant and Creative Cultural Ecosystems **ACTION** 3.2 Support Arts and Creative Culture

TOWN OF NEW MILFORD

Sustainable CT Success Stories





TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD









Food Scraps & Recycling
West Hartford Public Schools

Introduction:

Teachers and

Lunchroom staff

 $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \& DONE!$











TOWN OF NEW HAVEN



Questions?

Interested in talking about a project? Get in touch!

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Phone: 860-249-6680

To see current projects and learn more:

www.sustainablect.org/funding

www.ioby.org/sustainablect