



Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation

GRANT GIVING HISTORY

Now in our 14th year of “granting adventures,”
CVEF has funded 123 grants, totaling \$175,000.

2022 GRANTS AWARDED

- 1. Sensory Walk Courtyard, Memorial School:** Students and staff will create outdoor sensory walk where learners can regulate emotions, get a mind-body break and release energy for optimal learning.
- 2. Benefits of Cooking, Levi Coe Library:** Patrons will be encouraged to discover new recipes and cook with their families through accessing the AtoZ Food America database. Projects such as creating recipe box included.
- 3. Personal Narrative to Poetry, Memorial School:** Expand 5th graders’ skills and interest in narrative and poetry writing through work with teaching artist. Create Japanese folding books of personal poetry. Share poetry at event.
- 4. No Bones About It!, CRHS:** Activity of Pre-Calculus/Robotics classes to expose learners to Science of Materials and Biomedical Engineering disciplines. Create open Design Studio to allow for independent work for other students.
- 5. STEM Camp, DMYFS/DMLWC:** Develop/run a summer STEM program that will include science, technology, engineering, art and math opportunities and activities for youth ages 7 - 13.
- 6. Dramatic Play Stations, Durham Library:** Provide young library patrons and families a series of rotating, dramatic play stations to develop language and literacy skills.
- 7. Fine Feathered Friends, Levi Coe Library:** Storytime at library and local preschools will teach about natural world and spark an interest in birds through purchase of birdfeeder and birdhouse cam.
- 8. Bringing Shakespeare into the 21st Century, Mid-Lea Garden Club:** Refurbish Shakespeare Garden at Levi Coe Library to raise interest in Shakespeare through related flowers and plants, with presentation to share garden process and Shakespeare.
- 9. CRHS Pollinator Habit, ECO Club:** High school students will learn about pollinator habitats and then revitalize an outdoor garden by adding native plants to attract pollinators.
- 10. Community Compost, Coginchaug Area Transition:** Continue with educating community about need to compost. To reduce cost of transporting collected compost, compost will be made/distributed at DMIAAB.
- 11. Coginchaug Valley Community Band, Timothy Fisher and Bruce Schmottlach:** The community band is back! Will include community and CRHS members who will perform two concerts annually.

2021 GRANTS AWARDED

- 1. Eagle Scout Project: Slavery in Our Community**
- 2. Strong School: Witness Stones Project**
- 3. Complete Streets Durham: Planned pedestrian loop**
- 4. Memorial School: Paper Prototypes**
- 5. CRHS: Statistical Evaluation of Employment Training**
- 6. Memorial School: Snowshoe Squad**
- 7. Coginchaug Area Transition (CAT): Durham-Middlefield Residential Composting Pilot**
- 8. Middlefield-Durham Racial Justice Team: Community Conversations About Race**
- 9. Durham Public Library: DIY Durham, DIY Take and Make arts and crafts projects**
- 10. Strong School: Open Mic Initiative**
- 11. Levi Coe Library: Stamping Kits**
- 12. Levi Coe Library: Kids Reading Kits**
- 13. Brewster School: Flexible Seating**
- 14. Brewster School: Goatscaping, clearing an area of invasive plants and poison ivy**
- 15. DMYFS: Creative Mindfulness Kits**
- 16. Distance Theater, Phase II: Second production of a live musical**

2020 GRANTS AWARDED

- 1. Levi Coe Library, Indoor Family Fun**
- 2. Janice Baker, Creative Community for Women, Expressive art**
- 3. Durham Public Library, Building Community Through Virtual Reality**
- 4. Durham Middlefield Early Childhood Council, DMYFS**
- 5. Kalmia Garden Chamber Music and Arts Foundation, Educational outreach**
- 6. Math Tutoring for 7th Graders, Math tutoring program**



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7. Giving Garden, Honeybee Project
8. Distance Theatre, Young adults create theatre throughout social distancing
9. Trail Revitalization Project, Eagle Scout to revitalize the George Washington Trail
10. Guided Recess at Memorial School, Using the natural surroundings for exploration and play
11. Renewing Native Ecosystems, Education about invasive species and native replacement plantings
2. Durham Public Library & PALs , Writers Workshop Series
3. Ellen Smith Ahearn, 3D Western Multimedia Project
4. Middlefield Housing Authority, Sugarloaf Knowledge Network
5. Memorial School, Save the Bats
6. Brewster and John Lyman schools, Building our Way to Creating & Learning
7. DART, Your Wild Neighborhood
8. Strong School, Makerspace Concepts
9. Durham Complete Streets Action Group, Bike/ Pedestrian Public Safety Education

2019 GRANTS AWARDED

1. Durham Senior Citizens Board, Health Seminars
2. Maria Richardson, Chunky Hand Knitting Blanket Class
3. Levi E. Coe Library, Outdoor Family Fun
4. Levi E. Coe Library, Discovering Familial Roots Using Ancestry.com
5. Lisa Larsen, Accidental Harmony Community Chorus
6. Annyta Vizard, Birding for Pleasure, Encourages bird watching
7. Heather Parente, Hand in Hand: A Communication Class
8. Coginchaug Area Transition, Giving Garden
9. Regional School District #13, Kindergarten Flexible Seating
10. Claudia and Gage Rovelli, Math Tutoring for 7th Graders
11. Take the Challenge with Odyssey of the Mind
12. Jenny Lussier (District 13 Educator), We Can Do the Cube

2018 GRANTS AWARDED

1. Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services (DMYFS), Adventures in Cardboard...Sharing the Sea
2. Levi E. Coe Library, Preserving Memories
3. Regional School District 13, Durham/Middlefield Wellness Coalition (DMYFS)and Independent Day School (IDS), Parent Education Series
4. Levi E Coe Library, Celebrating Levi E. Coe Library's 125th Anniversary
5. New Horizons Domestic Violence Services, Train the Trainer: Be an Advocate
6. Durham Public Library, Arts Workshop Series
7. Amy Schaefer and Tina Hurlburt - (District 13 educators), Take a Hike
8. Complete Streets Durham CT, Walk Our Town
9. Middlefield Senior Center, Music in Middlefield

2017 GRANTS AWARDED

1. Paperhouse Productions, Junior Production Team

2016 GRANTS AWARDED

1. DMYFS, Adventures in Cardboard (pirates, parrots and planks)
2. IDS and RSD 13, Discovery Fair and workshops to explore science
3. CRHS, Tim Fisher, Music Piece commissioned for CRHS band; debuted at community concert
4. Durham Senior Citizens Board, Soup, Salad & Learn lunch speaker program
5. Lisa Larsen, Adult Community Choir; community concert series
6. Robin Heath, Grave ID and Plotting, Old North Burying Grounds, Middlefield
7. Troop 270 & RSD 13, Bringing the Old Durham Cemetery to Life using QR coding
8. CRHS student Madison Terrill, Safe Rides Program (supervised by faculty)
9. Durham Public Library, Holistic Wellness Discovery Day Workshops
10. Lucy Meigs, Everyone Outside in Durham & Middlefield

2015 - 10 Grants awarded

2014 - 10 Grants awarded

2013 - 6 Grants awarded

2012 - 8 Grants awarded

2011 - 7 Grants awarded

2010 - 7 Grants awarded

2009 - 5 Grants awarded



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