



Coginchaug Valley Education Foundation

GRANT GIVING HISTORY

Now in our 15th year of “granting adventures,”
CVEF has funded 150 grants, totaling more than \$188,000.

2023 GRANTS AWARDED

1. **Community Center Atrium Garden Restoration:** Durham Garden Club will renovate the garden with native pollinator plants and create a learning garden for the community.
2. **STEM Camp:** DMYFS and DMLWC will run 8 individual programs and 2 week-long summer STEM camps for ages 7-13.
3. **Teen Book Boxes:** Durham Public Library and CRHS, via a collaborative effort, will disseminate the DPL's individualized book box subscription program through CRHS.
4. **Community Recycling:** CRHS' ECO Club will establish additional recycling collection stations, as well as expand recycling options and educate citizens.
5. **Community Connections:** Strong School's Makerspace students will reach out to school/community groups to create products for them, while learning product development and marketing.
6. **Brewster Communication Board:** A Communication Board will be installed in the playground to enhance expressive skills for neurotypical and neurodiverse individuals.
7. **Fashion Design Sewing Club:** Three teachers at Memorial School will offer an after-school fashion design sewing club for students in grades 3-5.
8. **Who Gives A Hoot?:** Cub Scout Pack 33 Scouts will be educated regarding Connecticut owls and conservation efforts through activities and speakers.

2022 GRANTS AWARDED

1. Memorial School: Sensory Walk Courtyard
2. Levi Coe Library: Benefits of Cooking
3. Memorial School: Personal Narrative to Poetry
4. CRHS: No Bones About It!
5. DMYFS/DMLWC: STEM Camp.
6. Durham Library: Dramatic Play Stations
7. Levi Coe Library: Fine Feathered Friends
8. Mid-Lea Garden Club: Bringing Shakespeare into the 21st Century
9. ECO Club: CRHS Pollinator Habit
10. Coginchaug Area Transition: Community Compost
11. Timothy Fisher and Bruce Schmottlach: Coginchaug Valley Community Band

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

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5. Kalmia Garden Chamber Music and Arts Foundation, Educational outreach
6. Math Tutoring for 7th Graders, Math tutoring program
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

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
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
10. Lisa Larsen, Community Choir, Part Deux
11. Levi Coe Library, Borrow a Nature Pack
12. Everyone Outside, Everyone Outside in Durham & Middlefield
13. Strong School, Connections Through Puzzles

2016 - 10 Grants awarded

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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