CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM

2026 GRANTEE PARTNERS

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

Foundation for Community Health awarded $195,189 to eight non-profit organizations in 2026, through our Capacity Building Grant Program. Decisions were made based on each organization's organizational health goals, strength of ties to FCH's community, as well as the alignment of each organization's mission and activities with the foundation's funding interests.

The purpose of FCH's Capacity Building Grant Program is to increase the stability, effectiveness, and resilience of nonprofits, ultimately supporting their ability to meet mission and community need. Established in 2021, FCH's Capacity Building Grant Program has awarded $914,259 to thirty organizations to date.

SKY HIGH FARM — PINE PLAINS, NY

$30,000

Continuing their strategic planning process from early 2025, Sky High Farm is laying the foundation for a programmatic framework and entering the early stages of master planning around the physical farm, supporting their organizational growth as they transition to a new property. Since 2011, the farm has prioritized collaboration and dialogue with community partners, restorative practices, and public programs to address long-range issues in our local food system.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT — TORRINGTON, CT

$25,000

Susan B. Anthony Project (SBAP) is investing in the internal development of staff and leadership by providing professional development and training opportunities to strengthen its ability to deliver attentive, high-quality service to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. With a dual focus on strategy and resiliency through work with a consultant, SBAP is actively restructuring in response to significant federal funding cuts, fortifying their long-term organizational health and maintaining essential programs to best serve their clients.

GOSHEN COMMUNITY CARE — GOSHEN, CT

$7,500

A new grantee of FCH, Goshen Community Care plays a critical role in providing a variety of services to residents of a town with no social services department in place. Having just completed their first strategic plan, the organization is in a period of growth and is engaging in board development work to balance the workload among the governing body and strengthen financial oversight.

FOUNDATION FOR NORFOLK LIVING — NORFOLK, CT

$30,000

The Foundation for Norfolk Living has worked to expand affordable housing options in Norfolk since 2005, including the development of 12 rental units in the historic town center and Haystack Woods, a 10-home community of super-energy efficient single family houses for first-time homebuyers of modest means. The volunteer-led nonprofit will use

a multi-pronged approach to strengthen its organizational infrastructure, develop a rubric for assessing potential future projects, and identify how best to ensure the long-term health of its real estate portfolio.

HOUSATONIC YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU — FALLS VILLAGE, CT

$30,000

Rooted in empowering and supporting youth in Connecticut's Region 1 School District, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau is focusing on internal system development during a period of programmatic and funding growth. Implementing a new HR platform and modernizing financial tracking will increase operational efficiency and reduce long-term administrative costs, leaving the organization in a strong position to continue serving Litchfield County youth.

CHORE SERVICE — SALISBURY, CT

$30,000

Building on 34 years of leadership in providing non-medical home services to older adults and people with disabilities across northwest Connecticut, Chore Service is strengthening its infrastructure to meet the increased demand for services. By establishing consistent fundraising practices and procedures, the organization will be able to responsibly support additional development capacity through formalized, sustainable processes.

ROCK STEADY FARM — MILLERTON, NY

$30,000

Rock Steady Farm is scaling their fundraising and development systems to support organizational maturation, beginning with infrastructure construction and leading to expansion of programming. Heading into its 11th growing season, the farm is investing in systems and staff growth to continue their commitment to supporting QTBIPOC farmers and increase access to fresh produce.

Rock Steady Farm is a fiscally sponsored project of Good Work Institute.

NAMI MID-HUDSON — POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

$12,689

NAMI Mid-Hudson is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals living with mental health conditions and their families through recovery-focused education, support and advocacy. The organization is embarking on a comprehensive organizational capacity assessment to facilitate a strategic planning process to keep pace with swift program growth in Northeast Dutchess County.