



**United Way  
of Western Connecticut**

# 2012 City of Danbury Social Service Agencies Grant Review Funding Recommendations

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# Process Outline & Criteria

The United Way of Western CT (UWWC), managed the recruitment process; which included previous volunteers and new volunteers recruited through media outreach and City of Danbury (CoD) website.

Danbury-resident volunteers were required to have no conflict of interest with agencies being reviewed on their team.

Review process included volunteer training, volunteer/agency meeting scheduling, communication and process expertise.

Volunteers made all decisions on funding recommendations.

# Process Outline & Criteria - Continued

**Agency grants were evaluated using a scoring tool based on:**

- **Agency Description and Community Need**
- **Effectiveness/Outcomes Evaluation**
- **Organizational Capacity & Resources**
- **Financial Stability**

**Review procedure followed a four-part process:**

- **Volunteer trainings, Team grant reviews, Agency presentations and Scoring/Funding recommendation meetings**

**Decisions reflect volunteer's judgment on the organizations that best demonstrate the capacity to meet the needs of Danbury residents.**

# Summary

**23 Danbury residents volunteered to serve as participants in the grant review process; approximately 650 volunteer hours.**

**Volunteers were organized into three evaluation teams; one each in the areas of Education, Health, and Income.**

**The process began on April 3rd and ended with the completion of funding recommendation meetings on June 12th.**

**A total of 31 agencies applied for funding, of which 5 were new applicants. A total of 30 agencies out of 31 agencies were funded.**

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# Grant Pool Impact Area Allocations

Based on the total allocations provided by the City to the fund the three review teams, funds were distributed across the impact areas as follows:

<b>Impact Area</b>	<b>2012 Allocation Available</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$96,101</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>\$134,541</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$153,762</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$384,404</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Key Volunteer Evaluation Process Themes

The volunteers represented the diverse population served in Danbury. They were diligent, enthusiastic, dedicated, and thoughtful throughout the entire funding process.

## Key Conclusions About Grant Applicants:

Applicant agencies are all providing services in the areas of Education, Health and Income to Danbury residents with varying degrees of need.

The teams noted significant improvement overall with regard to the teams feedback suggestions from last year, with many agencies incorporating this feedback into strategies for improvement. Agencies that were able to effectively gather and report data on an outcomes measurement methodology were more successful at showing the volunteers that their programs are making a meaningful difference in the lives of their clients.

There were still some concerns about the financial stability of some agencies, however the volunteers were pleased to see mergers of several local agencies this year and commend those agencies that continue to work with and collaborate with each other.



# Education Impact Area - Agency Funding Recommendations

Team	Agency	2011-2012 Award	2012-2013 Request	2012-2013 Funding Recommended	% of Request Funded
Education	Danbury Grassroots Tennis	\$6,100	\$10,000	\$8,000	80%
Education	Danbury Regional Child Advocacy Center ( Family & Children's Aid)	\$26,191	\$30,000	\$20,000	67%
Education	WeCAHR	\$20,371	\$36,000	\$21,000	58%
Education	Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury (funded under Income last year)	\$9,719	\$7,500	\$4,000	53%
Education	Regional YMCA of Western CT- Escape to the Arts	\$7,760	\$20,000	\$10,000	50%
Education	Junior Achievement	New	\$10,000	\$4,500	45%
Education	Danbury Children First	\$11,640	\$20,000	\$9,000	45%
Education	Families Network of Western CT	\$16,491	\$22,500	\$10,000	44%
Education	Akoma Foundation	New	\$5,000	\$2,000	40%
Education	Danbury School's Family Literacy Center	\$12,610	\$26,993	\$7,601	28%
	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$110,882</b>	<b>\$187,993</b>	<b>\$96,101</b>	<b>51%</b>

**Amount Available:** \$96,101

**Recommendation versus Requested Funds:** 51%



# Health Impact Area - Agencies Funding Recommendations

Team	Agency	2011-2012 Award	2012-2013 Request	2012-2013 Funding Recommended	% of Request Funded
Health	NW Regional Mental Health Board	\$8,509	\$8,916	\$8,916	100%
Health	Community Health Center of Danbury	New	\$5,400	\$4,000	74%
Health	Interfaith Aids Ministry	\$18,431	\$30,000	\$21,400	71%
Health	MCCA	\$28,160	\$34,020	\$21,855	64%
Health	Regional Hospice of Western CT	\$8,730	\$30,000	\$19,000	63%
Health	Americares Free Clinics	\$19,402	\$25,000	\$15,000	60%
Health	New Opportunities	\$14,744	\$40,000	\$24,000	60%
Health	Hillside Food Pantry	New	\$18,645	\$7,500	40%
Health	Western CT Home Care (formerly Danbury VNA)	\$38,801	\$39,000	\$12,870	33%
Health	Child & Family Institute	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	0%
Health	Aids Project of Greater Danbury	\$4,850	\$0	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$141,627</b>	<b>\$250,981</b>	<b>\$134,541</b>	<b>54%</b>

**Amount Available:** \$134,541

**Recommendations versus Requested Funds:** 54%



# Income Impact Area - Agencies Funding Recommendations

Team	Agency	2011-2012 Award	2012-2013 Request	2012 -2013 Funding Recommended	% of Request Funded
Income	American Red Cross	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,090	91%
Income	Family & Children's Aid	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,540	91%
Income	TBICO	\$9,900	\$12,000	\$10,910	91%
Income	Literacy Volunteers	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$9,090	91%
Income	Association of Religious Communities	\$49,500	\$65,000	\$49,220	76%
Income	Catholic Charities	\$22,500	\$25,000	\$18,180	73%
Income	Interlude	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$13,640	68%
Income	Amos House	\$0	\$23,500	\$13,640	58%
Income	Housatonic Habitat for Humanity	\$0	\$10,000	\$4,540	45%
Income	Community Action Committee of Danbury	\$35,960	\$75,000	\$18,180	24%
Income	Danbury VITA	New	\$60,000	\$2,732	5%
	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$157,860</b>	<b>\$315,500</b>	<b>\$153,762</b>	<b>49%</b>

**Amount Available:** \$153,762

**Recommendations verses Requested Funds:** 49%

