2026 R2 Grant Recipients

The United Way Coastal and Western Connecticut is distributing **$7,815,000** in grant awards over the next three years to **38 non-profit organizations** – 8 in Danbury, 14 in Norwalk, and 16 in Stamford. Awards range from $75,000 to $300,000 over three years.

Danbury

Economic Development		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut	Diversity on Main: Danbury	$300,000

Reentry Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut	Building Resilience, Independence, Development for Growth and Employment (BRIDGE)	$300,000

Youth Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Danbury Grassroots Academy	General Operating	$217,500
Danbury Schools & Business Collaborative	Power of Connection Initiative – Expanding One-on-One School-Based Mentoring	$217,500
Saint Joseph Parenting Center	Community Based Child Abuse Prevention & Parent Education	$217,500
Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield	Danbury Clubhouse	$150,000
Danbury Youth Services	Teaching & Reaching Gaining Excellence Together (TARGET)	$150,000
Kind Works	Support-a-School Kindness Initiative	$75,000

Norwalk

Economic Development		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
The Carver	Carver Workforce Readiness & Economic Mobility Initiative	$300,000
The Open Door Shelter	Economic Opportunity Hub: Job Training, Employment Access & Food Security for Norwalk's DIA Communities	$300,000
Norwalk ACTS	Norwalk Youth Employment Collaborative	$300,000
The WorkPlace	Empower to Grow	$300,000

Reentry Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Person to Person	Reentry Aligned Emergency Assistance & Stabilization Program	$300,000

Youth Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Family & Children's Agency	Youth Development	$217,500
Human Services Council	Dr. Robert E. Appleby School-Based Health Centers	$217,500
Norwalk/Stamford Grassroots Tennis & Education	Pathways Program	$217,500
Alliance for Community Empowerment	Norwalk Youth Financial Wellness Program	$217,500
The Rowan Center	Integrated Youth Empowerment, Prevention & Mental Wellness Initiative	$217,500
Youth Business Initiative	Youth Advancement & Workforce Development Programs	$217,500
Stepping Stones Museum for Children	Open Arms Neighbors Memberships	$150,000
Serving All Vessels Equally (SAVE)	Pen or Pencil (POP)	$150,000
Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers	School-Based Mental Health Matters: A Comprehensive Approach for Youth Well-Being	$75,000

Stamford

Economic Development		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Building One Community	Workforce Development	$300,000
Family Centers	Reaching Independence Through Employment (RITE) Program	$202,500

Inspirica	EEFE [Employment, Education & Financial Empowerment] Program	$202,500
Person to Person	Financial Opportunity Center Expansion	$202,500
The WorkPlace	Empower to Grow	$105,000

Reentry Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Liberation Programs	Re-Entry Counselor for Stamford Residents	$300,000
DOPE	Breaking Chains Project: Civic Leadership & Justice Prevention Initiative	$217,500

Youth Initiatives		
Agency Name	**Project/Program Name**	**Amount Awarded**
Intempo	Intempo Music School	$217,500
My Architecture Workshops	Workforce Development	$217,500
Stamford Public Education Foundation	Expanding 1:1 Middle School Mentoring & Launching the 8th-Grade High School Continuum of Care	$217,500
Boys & Girls Club of Stamford	FutureForward: College & Career Readiness for the AI Age	$150,000
The Rowan Center	Integrated Youth Empowerment, Prevention & Mental Wellness Initiative	$150,000
Future 5	After School Enrichment	$150,000
Jewish Family Services of Greenwich	Building Resilient Futures: A School-Based SPARCS Initiative for Stamford Youth	$150,000
Saint Joseph's Parenting Center	Community Based Child Abuse Prevention & Parent Education	$150,000
ROSSCO School Community Organization	Summer Enrichment Camp Expansion	$75,000

About United Way Coastal and Western Connecticut

At United Way Coastal and Western Connecticut, we envision a community where every person is healthy, safe and economically secure. In partnership with community, we address critical needs and advance equitable pathways to well-being and financial security for everyone. We serve more than 25 percent of the state's population across 27 communities within Fairfield and Southern Litchfield Counties, including the Cities of Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk, and Stamford, and the Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Kent, Monroe, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman, Stratford, Trumbull, Warren, Washington, Westport, Wilton, and Weston, Connecticut.