

Charter Oak Challenge Foundation Grants (as of December 2006)

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	GRANT PURPOSE	FUND DATE	AMOUNT
Reconnecting Youth (RY)	Prevents high-risk high school students from dropping out of school	RY leader at Harding High School	Dec-06	\$12,500
Housatonic Community College Foundation	Assists Housatonic Community College students from Bridgeport	Math/English instruction at Housatonic for high school seniors	Oct -06	\$10,000
Fairfield '08	Coalition of nonprofits formed to expand available supportive housing	Housing Development Specialist	Oct -06	\$20,000
Original Works	Bridgeport theater troupe that performs student-written material	Operations for three core programs	Oct -06	\$10,000
Bridgeport Public Education Fund	The advocate for public education in Bridgeport; also administers Charter Oak Scholarship program	Funding professional development, Mini Grants and technology	Oct -06	\$25,000
Bridgeport Regional Business Council	The mission of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council is to increase the economic opportunities for the people of the Bridgeport Region by acting to create an environment for business expansion, retention, and recruitment that will result in jobs and tax base growth.	Funding for consultants plan to segregate budgets between City and Board of Education in Bridgeport	Oct -06	\$25,000
Music and Arts Center for Humanity (MACH)	Community school for the arts (Year 2/2)	General operations	Aug -06	\$25,000
Charter Oak Scholarships	Four-year college scholarships, mentors and laptops for Bridgeport students	15 scholars receiving \$10,000 Grants and 15 laptops	Aug-06	\$150,000
Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC)	A group of 81 organizations committed to improving the well-being of Bridgeport's children through research, education and mobilization	Year Three of Violence Prevention Initiative – research and advocacy	Dec-05	\$25,000
Career Resources	Workforce development program	Adult education instructor	Nov-05	\$23,000
Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center	Breast cancer treatment and services	Breast cancer screening and diagnostic services for uninsured, underserved women	Nov-05	\$25,000
Original Works	Bridgeport theater troupe that performs student-written material	Operations for three core programs	Nov-05	\$10,000
Charter Oak Scholarships	Four-year college scholarships, mentors and laptops for Bridgeport students	15 laptops for freshmen and 58 scholarships	Aug-05	\$169,000
Bridgeport Public Education Fund	THE advocate for public education in Bridgeport; also administers Charter Oak Scholarship program	Funding for First Day, Mini Grants and MAACS	Aug-05	\$25,000
Burroughs Community Center	Community center/after-school programs and meeting space for other nonprofits	After-school program	Aug-05	\$15,000
Greater Bridgeport Adolescent Pregnancy Program (GBAPP)	Pregnancy prevention education and services for teenage parents and their peers	Teen Fathers Program, the only one of its kind in the state	Aug-05	\$23,159
Housatonic Community College Foundation	Assists Housatonic Community College students from Bridgeport	Math/English instruction at Housatonic for high school seniors	Aug-05	\$16,000
RYASAP	Attacks the root causes of substance abuse by involving children and teenagers in their communities	Youth As Resources (YAR), an after-school program	Aug-05	\$20,000
Reconnecting Youth (RY)	Prevents high-risk high school students from dropping out of school	RY leader at Harding High School	Aug-05	\$20,000
ReFocus Outreach Ministry	Group home for formerly addicted, homeless women	Case manager	Aug-05	\$9,750
Conn. Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities	Supports individuals, families and professionals by providing information, education and consulting related to learning disabilities and attention deficits	Educational materials for Bridgeport's School-Based Health Centers and Parent Centers	May-05	\$7,640
Fairfield '08	Coalition of nonprofits formed to expand available supportive housing	Housing Development Specialist	May-05	\$20,000
FSW	Assists residents with financial literacy and lending and other social services	Replenish loan pool for security deposits and eviction protection;	May-05	\$30,000

		General operations		
Lawyers for Children America	Recruits and trains volunteer lawyers to provide pro bono legal representation on behalf of abused and neglected children	Legal services for abused and neglected Bridgeport children	May-05	\$15,000
Operation Hope	Works to end homelessness by providing shelters, transitional housing and related programs and services in Fairfield and Bridgeport	Development Director	May-05	\$30,000
Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)	Teaches parents leadership skills so they can help improve the health, safety and learning of children	General operations	May-05	\$10,000
Connecticut Legal Services	Civil law firm dedicated to helping low-income families and individuals obtain justice.	Legal representation for 33 families	March-05	\$24,000
Center for Women and Families	Domestic violence and sexual assault prevention	Educational outreach program in Bridgeport	March-05	\$25,000
Project Return	Family-like environment in Westport for up to seven teenage girls in crisis who cannot live with their families	Peripherals like tutoring and after-school activities	March-05	\$20,600
Music and Arts Center for Humanity (MACH)	Community school for the arts	General operations	March-05	\$25,000
Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC)	A group of 81 organizations committed to improving the well-being of Bridgeport's children through research, education and mobilization	Year Two of Violence Prevention Initiative – research and advocacy	Jan-05	\$25,000
Dress for Success Mid-Fairfield County	Helps low-income women in southwestern Connecticut transition into the workforce	Program to help high school students transition into workforce	Jan-05	\$14,000
Child FIRST	Early childhood system of care for underserved children (zero to five) and their families	Ongoing support for staffing, 2005-2008	Jan-05	\$60,000
International Institute of Connecticut	Social service agency that assists immigrants, refugees and their families	Program to educate immigrants and refugees	Nov-04	\$19,900
Connecticut Association for Human Services	Works to reduce poverty and strengthen families and communities through advocacy	Funding for volunteer income tax assistance sites	Nov-04	\$20,000
Career Resources	Workforce development program	Adult education instructor	Sep-04	\$23,000
Charter Oak Scholarships	Four-year college scholarships, mentors and laptops for Bridgeport students	15 laptops for freshmen and 46 scholarships	Aug-04	\$125,000
Burroughs Community Center	Community center/after-school programs and meeting space for other nonprofits	Grant writer	Jun-04	\$5,000
Family Re-Entry	Works with criminal offenders and their families	Case manager to help clients with basic, non-psychological needs	Jun-04	\$26,000
Greater Bridgeport Adolescent Pregnancy Program (GBAPP)	Pregnancy prevention education and services for teenage parents and their peers	Teen Fathers Program, the only one of its kind in the state	Jun-04	\$23,159
Original Works	Bridgeport theater troupe that performs student-written material	Operations for three core programs	Jun-04	\$10,000
ReFocus Outreach Ministry	Group home for formerly addicted, homeless women	Case manager	Jun-04	\$9,746
FSW	Assists residents with financial literacy and lending and other social services	General operations for financial literacy programs	Mar-04	\$5,000
Bridgeport Public Education Fund	THE advocate for public education in Bridgeport; also administers Charter Oak Scholarship program	Funding for First Day, Mini Grants and MAACS	Mar-04	\$25,000
Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center	Breast cancer treatment and services	Breast cancer screening and diagnostic services for at least 35 uninsured, underserved women	Mar-04	\$25,000
Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition (BCAC)	A group of 81 organizations committed to improving the well-being of Bridgeport's children through research, education and mobilization	Violence Prevention Initiative – research and advocacy	Jan-04	\$25,000
Project Return	Family-like environment in Westport for up to seven teenage girls in crisis who cannot live with their families	Peripherals like tutoring and after-school activities	Jan-04	\$24,480

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Operation Hope	Works to end homelessness by providing shelters, transitional housing and related programs and services in Fairfield and Bridgeport	Clinical case manager	Jan-04	\$40,000
Burroughs Community Center	Community center/after-school programs and meeting space for other nonprofits	General expenses	Nov-03	\$5,000
Caroline House	Teaches English and basic skills to about 100 women in Bridgeport and provides childcare for their preschool-age children	Building a third floor for classroom space	Nov-03	\$30,000
Center for Women and Families	Domestic violence and sexual assault prevention	Education program for middle-schoolers	Nov-03	\$28,000
Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)	Teaches parents leadership skills so they can help improve the health, safety and learning of children	Leadership training for children	Nov-03	\$10,000