



## Contact Person

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## General Overview

### Approach

- Workforce and Education

### Target Age Groups

- 14-18 years old
- 18-24 years old

### Target Populations

- Opportunity youth (young people, typically aged 16 to 24, who are not engaged in school or employment)

### Geographic Focus

- **Fairfield County, Connecticut**

## Financial Well-Being Investment/Interest Areas

### Direct Services

#### Educational Programs

Investing in financial education, financial capability, job readiness, or mentorship programs that benefit youth

#### Employment and Training

Supporting workforce development programs, internships, apprenticeships, and labor market onramps that offer skill-building and employment opportunities

#### Mental Health and Support Services

Funding mental health services; support services for young parents; education, career, financial and benefits system advising and navigation supports

#### Housing and Basic Needs

Providing support for housing, food security, and other basic needs for youth

### Research and Pilots

#### Program Evaluation

Funding evaluations of existing programs to measure impact and identify best practices

#### Needs Assessments

Supporting research to understand the specific needs and challenges of youth populations in various communities

#### Data Collection and Analysis

Investing in studies that gather data on youth outcomes and financial well-being

#### New Initiatives

Funding pilot programs or innovative approaches to addressing youth financial well-being, such as new technologies, financial tools, or peer-led programs

## Policy and Advocacy

### Advocacy

Supporting efforts to inform local, state, or national policies that improve youth access to education, employment, and financial stability

### Awareness Campaigns

Funding campaigns that amplify youth voice, shift narratives, and raise awareness about the needs and opportunities for youth

### Systems Change

Investing in initiatives that seek to reform systems (education, criminal justice, child welfare) to create better opportunities for youth

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## Community Engagement

### Youth-Led Initiatives

Funding programs that empower youth to design and lead initiatives addressing issues that affect them directly

## Collaboration

### Partnerships

Funding collaborations between nonprofits, schools, businesses, and government agencies to maximize impact on youth development and financial well-being

### Peer Learning and Exchange

Supporting networks or platforms where youth-serving organizations can share knowledge, resources, and best practices

## Stage of Grantmaking

### Supporting and Sustaining (Growth Phase)

Providing support to nonprofit partners (e.g., technical assistance, communications, advocacy, policy work), and sustaining the work through peer learning, narrative change, and more

## Approximate Level of Investment in The Last 12 Months

**\$500,000-\$999,999**

