

# NSP | Update

A bulletin for nonprofit leaders from the  
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

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## Resources and Tools for Navigating Uncertain Times

As your community foundation, the Hartford Foundation is closely monitoring developing federal policy changes and their impact on our region. We understand these developments, combined with the sunsetting of COVID response funding, are creating significant uncertainty for our nonprofit partners and the communities they serve.

We put together this list of **resources and tools** to help nonprofits during this challenging period. This list will be updated as needs arise, or as we find new resources. If you come across resources you think we should include, please email us at [mshulman@hfpg.org](mailto:mshulman@hfpg.org).

If the Nonprofit Support Program can help with your organizational capacity building needs, please reach out to us at [nsp@hfpg.org](mailto:nsp@hfpg.org).

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## Nonprofit Consultant In-Person Convening – Join Us!

NSP invites consultants that work with nonprofits to an in-person convening at which consultants will have the opportunity to engage in community building, and gain an understanding of individual consultant services in order to foster collaboration and build referral relationships. Consultants will be able to network with fellow consultants through community conversations, explore strategies for supporting nonprofits in these uncertain times, and share their service offerings to support collaborative projects and referrals.

This session will take place on Wednesday, May 14 from 8:15 a.m. to Noon at the Hartford Foundation, 10 Columbus Blvd., Hartford – **save the date!** Invitations will be sent 6-8 weeks in advance. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to attend, please email [mshulman@hfpg.org](mailto:mshulman@hfpg.org).



## SEAT Program Seeks Community Residents of Color to Serve on Nonprofit Boards

The **SEAT Program** helps to train and place community residents of color on nonprofit boards. Community residents interested in serving on boards receive training on nonprofit board service and have the opportunity to serve on the board of a Hartford-area nonprofit.

Email Meher Shulman, [mshulman@hfg.org](mailto:mshulman@hfg.org), to nominate a community resident, including yourself!



## Hire Skilled Professional Volunteers at No Cost to Your Nonprofit

The Hartford Foundation has partnered with **Catchafire** to match skilled professionals who wish to donate their time, with nonprofits who need their expert talent. Using a user-friendly online platform, nonprofits post projects, and select skilled, professional volunteers. Learn more about how Catchafire works by watching this **2 minute video**.

Catchafire volunteers have contributed over 12,000 volunteer hours and completed more than 750 projects with Hartford-area nonprofits in the areas of Communications (social media strategy, copy writing, graphic design), Technology (tech systems setup, google ad words setup, Salesforce customization), Organizational Strategy, Human Resources, Language Translation, Financial Management, Business Planning and much more.

If your nonprofit serves the Hartford region, and you are interested in learning more about a Foundation sponsored membership with Catchafire, please email Traci Resler at [tresler@hfg.org](mailto:tresler@hfg.org).



## Find Grants for Your Nonprofit Using Hartford Public Library's Candid Foundation Directory

If you're searching for grants, **Candid's Foundation Directory Online** is available at Hartford Public Library locations either on a library computer or using the library's wi-fi. This resource provides in-depth profiles of funders that provide grants to nonprofits – click **here** to learn more. For a brief introduction, **watch this video**.



## “Fab Four” Part of New Round of Social Enterprise Accelerator

The following four organizations have been accepted to participate in the upcoming cohort of the Social Enterprise Accelerator:

**Charter Oak Cultural Center**  
**Ebony Horsewomen**  
**Journey Home**  
**Our Piece of the Pie (OPP)**

Teams from each of these organizations recently participated in four workshop sessions and mini-consultations to help them explore possibilities to launch or grow an entrepreneurial revenue-generating venture aimed at boosting their income and mission impact.

They will now embark on a 30-month process to develop and implement business plans, with the guidance of **No Margin, No Mission**, a national consulting firm that helps nonprofits become stronger and more vibrant through earned income, social enterprise, and entrepreneurial practices.

Congratulations to the Fab Four!



Recent actions at the federal level have created uncertainty, anxiety and pressure on nonprofits and the people they serve. NFF’s 2025 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey – the 10th they’ve conducted – is an attempt to better assess, understand and share nonprofits’ collective challenges, successes, and the investments required to continue meeting community needs.

Click [here](#) participate in this important survey.

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