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## For Immediate Release

### Hartford Public Library Receives Grant from Travelers Foundation

**Hartford, July 5, 2017** – Hartford Public Library has received a \$75,000 grant from the Travelers Foundation, the charitable arm of [Travelers](#). The grant will support the following Library initiatives:

**Hartford Public Library and Hartford Public Schools Boundless partnership.** Boundless is based on the core value of ensuring educational equity and greater access to opportunities and library services which will reduce academic and achievement gaps.

**Coding for Teens** teaches computational thinking, prepares youth for further training in engineering and computer-related fields, and teaches programming as a real-world problem-solving activity.

**STEM Lab on the Go** is a stand-alone transportable unit that includes the tools and materials needed to provide Next Generation Science Standard-aligned experiential learning opportunities in biological and applied sciences for middle school aged youth.

Corporate support is critical for Hartford Public Library to serve the Hartford community with impactful initiatives that promote literacy and educational learning opportunities for students and their families. This support will create opportunities for teens to develop critical thinking, social and digital citizenship skills with the goal of college-readiness and employment; engage youth who need a safe and stimulating environment and inspire them to explore science and technology as careers.

#### About Travelers

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### **About Hartford Public Library**

As a finalist for the 2013 and 2014 National Medal from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, Hartford Public Library has been recognized as national leader in redefining the urban public library in the 21st century as an innovative and stimulating place that provides free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. In 2015-16, the 10 locations of the Hartford Public Library counted 850,000 visits, circulated 408,972 items and had 71,059 registered borrowers. We serve adults, children and families seeking early literacy opportunities, work skills training, civic engagement, arts enrichment, and so much more. Please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

