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Hartford Public Library Receives Grant from Travelers

HARTFORD – [Hartford Public Library](#) (HPL) received a \$100,000 grant from [Travelers](#) to support the Library’s educational and engagement initiative targeted for youths ages 13 to 21. Part of Travelers’ grant will contribute to “Beyond Words,” Hartford Public Library’s annual signature fundraising event supporting HPL’s diverse and transformative programs and services.

“We are committed to creating educational programs that focus on providing equitable, accessible, and relevant resources, programming, and services for Hartford students and families. Our goal is to support formal and informal learning and to create pathways for lifelong success. Travelers is an enthusiastic partner in this goal, and their support enables us to reach even more young people in our community,” said Bridget Quinn-Carey, president and CEO of Hartford Public Library.

Library programs the Travelers grant helps to support include:

- The “Linking, Learning, Belonging, and Community” project is an after-school program that offers a blended learning curriculum to help high risk immigrant teens have the opportunity for an equitable education. Currently, there are 50 students from 18 countries in the program.
- The Teen Media Literacy Project allows teens to engage in science experiments, take on engineering and math challenges and explore technology.
- The new YOUmedia Albany, a next-generation digital learning and creative space – the second of its kind in the system, offers a combination of professional tools and skilled mentors to help learners in an informal environment. Its partnerships with schools and businesses create pathways for students beyond library walls and beyond high school. The innovative space serves 100 teens daily.

Travelers is ensuring opportunity by contributing to efforts that create strong, vibrant communities and offer pathways to success. Through corporate funding and the Travelers Foundation, Travelers targets its giving to three key outcomes: [academic & career success](#), [thriving neighborhoods](#) and [culturally enriched communities](#). With the primary focus of

educating underrepresented students to lead tomorrow's workforce, Travelers also contributes to organizations that aid in developing communities through small business support and neighborhood revitalization, and enriching lives and learning through arts and culture.

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About Hartford Public Library

Now celebrating its 126th year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21st Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. www.hplct.org.