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## Hartford Public Library Receives \$100,000 Grant from Travelers Foundation

**(HARTFORD, CT: July 9, 2019)** Hartford Public Library (HPL) has received a \$100,000 grant from the Travelers Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers. The grant will support HPL's educational initiatives, including major sponsorship of its 2019 Beyond Words fundraiser.

HPL is committed to providing equal access to a wide array of educational opportunities for all Hartford residents, especially its youth. The library's educational programs, resources, and services increase literacy, enhance job skills, build knowledge and promote a lifelong love of learning.

"We are so grateful to the Travelers Foundation for this generous grant," said HPL CEO Bridget Quinn-Carey. "In our knowledge-based society, education, in all its forms, is more vital than ever. It is the great equalizer and an intrinsic element of any just society. The library has always been ready to go beyond the traditional classroom setting in order to educate anyone, anywhere, whether it's to get a job, to advance their career, or simply to further their knowledge."

HPL's educational programs were designed:

- To provide city youth with real opportunities to engage in connected learning, identify their interests and develop their 21st century job skills
- To capitalize on the learning opportunities provided by technology in the digital era by providing children and teens with up-to-date hardware and software
- To ensure equal access to such opportunities for Hartford children, teens and adults from traditionally underserved neighborhoods and communities.

HPL is indispensable in developing Hartford's most valuable resource: its people. It is the go-to institution for teens exploring different career paths, for immigrants learning English, for small business owners looking to improve their digital skills, for families seeking cultural enrichment and countless others.

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.

#### **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Now celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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