



East Hartford Works!

Engage ~ Educate ~ Employ
Now located in Raymond Library

FY 2023-2024

BUDGET PRESENTATION

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- **Mission** – work with regional stakeholders to provide workforce development opportunities including job training and matching, increase career and work place learning opportunities for students from East Hartford, and support community engagement through resident leadership and capacity building opportunities. All of our strategies incorporate a focus on reducing racial earning and achievement gaps.
- **Partners:** Liberty Bank, Adult Education, Boston Federal Reserve Bank and the CT Working Cities Challenge network, Raymond Library, Health and other town departments, Goodwin University, CT Center for Advanced Technology, EH Board of Education, CT Department of Labor, Capitol Workforce Partners, community leaders and local employers



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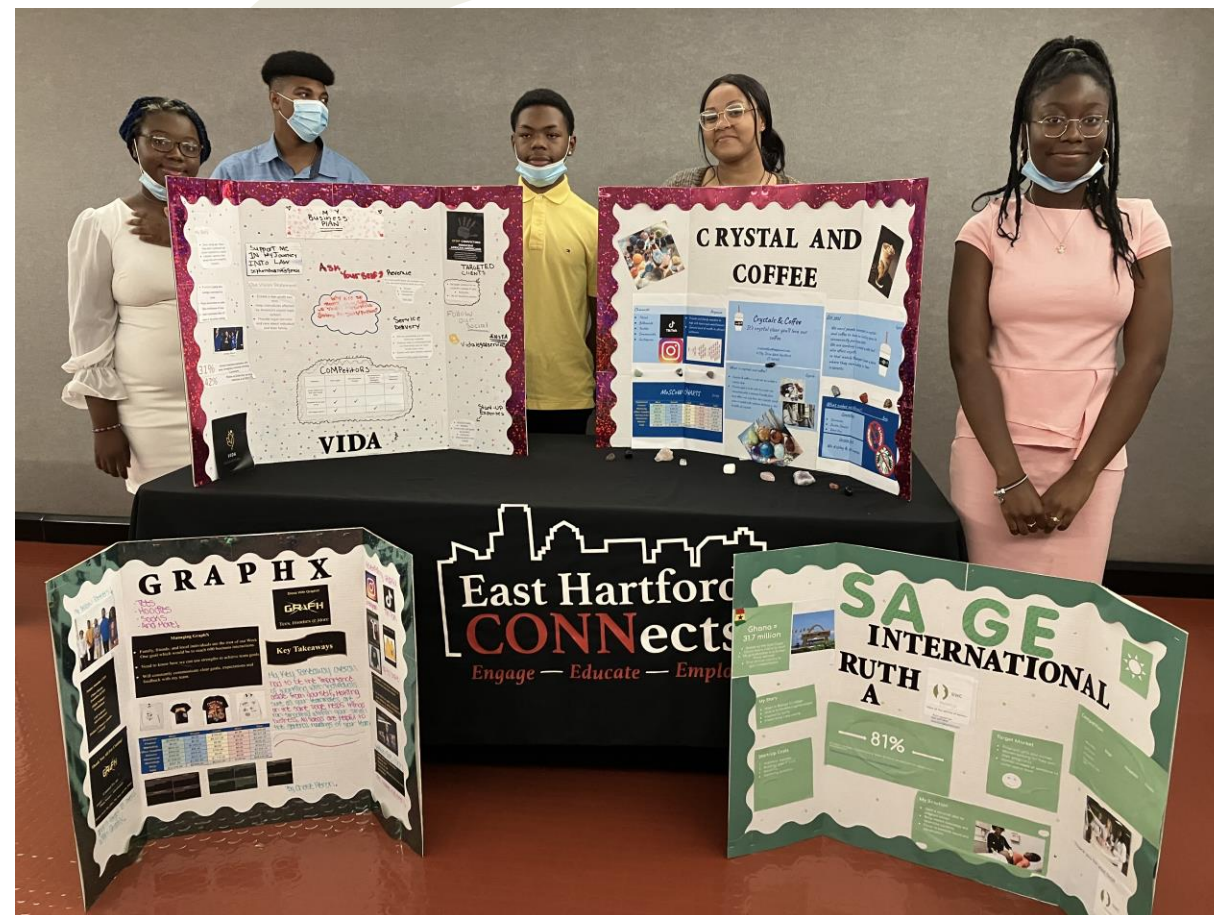


- 1:1 Career Coaching Services – 9 new residents engage a month
- Professional Skills Academy – 5-week part-time career readiness program in partnership with Goodwin University, offers industry recognized credentials
- Wrap Around Services – budget supports subsidies for transportation, childcare, food insecurity. FY 23-24 looking to offer additional support in partnership with Social Services
- Business engagement – new partnerships in the last year include: VRSim, Total Communications, Diligence Training, Atlantic Wealth Advisors, Downes Construction and the East Hartford Golf Club
- Weekly newsletter reaching hundreds



EDUCATE

- Support the town ARPA contract with Ready CT, developing career pathways, work-based learning opportunities and paid internships for East Hartford public school students. 3 Industry Concentrations: Public Service, Allied Health and Medical Sciences, Technology and Computer Sciences
 - Budget supports increased staffing, work attire
- Developing informal pathways based on local industry need and interest
 - Construction
 - Public Works
 - Automotive
- Summer Youth Employment – approximately 60 youth in paid internships
- Spring Break College and Career Readiness workshops
- Quarterly Youth Employment newsletter
- \$108,160 spent on wages to youth since June 2022



Summer Youth Employment interns present their work at the LOB, summer 2022

➤ ENGAGE



- Living Room Conversations – connecting people through guided conversations proven to build understanding. Youth groups, voting importance, Senior Center. Goal to assist with public outreach for grants and other development.
- Financial Literacy Workshops – annual fall series culminates in a first-time homebuyer workshop
- Statewide Two-Gen Advisory Board leadership – working with state leaders on policy and programmatic options that offer families greater economic mobility, and our state greater economic growth.

➤ BUDGET

Current Operating Grants

- Municipal ARPA approximately \$266,000 a year
- CDBG – approximately \$20,000

Expected Pending Grants

- Summer Youth Employment and Learning - approximately \$152,000
- State of CT ARPA approximately \$200,000



Mayor Walsh meets with Professional Skills Academy graduates at GU, 2022



THANK YOU!
