

Connecticut



2,302

NUMBER OF GIVING ACCOUNTS



28,413

NUMBER OF GRANTS



\$169.1M

TOTAL GRANT DOLLARS FROM REGION



\$5,951

AVERAGE GRANT AMOUNT



12.3

AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRANTS PER GIVING ACCOUNT®



26%

PERCENTAGE OF GRANT DOLLARS TO LOCAL CHARITIES

With 3.6 million total residents, Connecticut is one of the smallest states in the country. Despite its size, it is a hub for philanthropic activity, with Fidelity Charitable® donors here recommending \$169 million in grants to charity in 2018. Connecticut donors are most focused on education, human services and health, but their generosity spans all of the charitable sectors; Bridgeport ranks in the top 10 for giving to six of the eight sectors. It's safe to say that one of the smallest states in the nation is an outsized force in philanthropy.

MOST POPULAR CHARITABLE SECTORS



1 EDUCATION

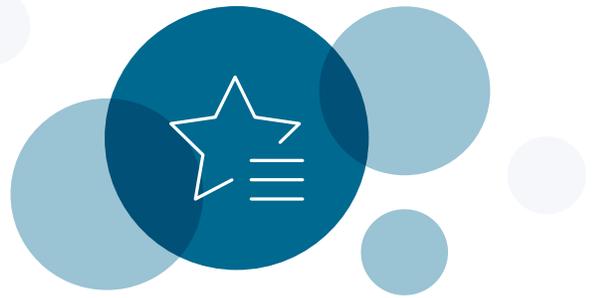
2 HUMAN SERVICES

3 HEALTH

MOST POPULAR NONPROFITS SUPPORTED BY FIDELITY CHARITABLE® DONORS IN THE REGION

1	Connecticut Public Broadcasting	^ 3
2	Foodshare	^ 1
3	Americares Foundation	v 2
4	Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport	v 2
5	Bridgeport Rescue Mission	^ 1
6	Brunswick School	^ 4
7	Save the Children	v 2
8	Connecticut Food Bank	^ 1
9	Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County	NEW
10	Greenwich Academy	NEW

Highlights in Connecticut giving



Generous grantmaking

Donors in Connecticut grant more to the causes they care about, with an average grant amount of \$5,951—45 percent higher than the national average of \$4,092. Connecticut donors are also more actively engaged in recommending grants. Averaging 12.3 grants per Giving Account® in 2018, they were more active than the national average of 10.4.

Beyond Connecticut's borders

More than \$43 million in grants supported in-state organizations in 2018, representing 26 percent of total giving. That percentage is lower than most other cities, but it tells an incomplete story: Connecticut's small size—both in area and population—and the fluidity of New England's borders mean many charities outside of Connecticut serve the entire multi-state region. Within Connecticut, though, donors are mindful of income disparities and focused on taking care of vulnerable populations in their own backyard. Human services organizations dominate the list of top local nonprofits—including three separate charities focused on food insecurity.

Bridgeport in the rankings

Connecticut may be one of the smallest states in the country, but its largest city has a strong presence on the charitable sector rankings. The Bridgeport metro area ranks in the top 10 for giving to six of the eight charitable giving sectors—including a first-place ranking for education. The area also shows strong support for health (ranked second), human services (third), society benefit (third), environment and animals (fifth) and arts and culture (eighth).

The data for this report was obtained from Fidelity Charitable's internal reporting database and looks at Fidelity Charitable activity in calendar year 2018. For additional detail on reporting methodology, visit [FidelityCharitable.org/geography-of-giving](https://www.FidelityCharitable.org/geography-of-giving).

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GIVING SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Education

Connecticut is not only one of the wealthiest states in the country; it is also one of the most educated—which is a key indicator of charitable support for the education sector. Sixty-seven percent of Giving Accounts here supported education, compared with 54 percent of all Fidelity Charitable donors. It's no surprise that Bridgeport repeated as the number one city for grantmaking to the sector in 2018. Connecticut residents support globally recognized universities like Harvard, Columbia and Yale, but also local institutions such as libraries and public schools.

Most popular educational organizations supported by Connecticut donors:

- Yale University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University