

Community Connections & Covid

Partnership with the Yellow Farmhouse Education Center

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's Small Improvement Program funding provides the Stonington Housing Authority the ability to purchase COVID-19 protective equipment and partner with the Yellow Farmhouse for fresh produce.

The Stonington Housing Authority (SHA) received \$1,800 in 2020 from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's Small Improvement Program. This funding was used to support the SHA's on-site pantry for the Edythe K. Richmond Homes.

Stonington Housing Authority was created in 1974 to provide affordable housing to the most vulnerable members of our community - low-income seniors and disabled adults of all ages. SHA owns and manages the Edythe K. Richmond Homes and we are committed to providing a safe and attractive community that promotes respect and dignity throughout the aging process.



We also used the funding to partner with Yellow Farmhouse Education Center to fund our weekly produce delivery program. Yellow Farmhouse Education Center is housed at Stone Acres Farm, a working farm in Stonington, CT. Yellow Farmhouse envisions a healthy, robust, and thriving local food system accessible and affordable to all. Yellow Farmhouse connects people to each other and to where their food comes from through culinary and farm-based education. With the help of Yellow Farmhouse, we can provide delicious fresh produce for our residents. Once a week a Yellow Farmhouse staff member delivers the produce to our community room. This program began in the Summer of 2020 and has been able to continue through funding acquired by the Yellow Farmhouse and generous donations from supporters of the Yellow Farmhouse.

Yellow Farmhouse provides our residents with a large variety of seasonal produce! In the summer they supplied us with an assortment of tomatoes, lettuces, herbs, eggplants, cucumbers, and fruit. In the fall and winter, we received salad greens, arugula, potatoes, squash, apples, and carrots. Some of the fresh produce varieties were new to our residents and they were unsure of how to best prepare them. Thoughtfully, Yellow Farmhouse provided recipe cards to give them suggestions and ideas on how to better prepare the vegetables. Our residents are continuously thankful for the weekly produce deliveries!



Pantry Supplies

Our Pantry funding is for the special circumstances caused by COVID-19. We used a portion of the funding received to purchase personal protective equipment to help in the fight against COVID-19. All our residents have access to the pantry. The safety equipment includes latex gloves, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and disinfectant.

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