

In June of 2023, the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut was awarded a \$1 million grant for distribution to non-profit organizations which operate in areas where the impact of failed drug policies has been most apparent. The foundation's share of the funding package, derived from taxes on adult-use cannabis sales in the state, is to be dispersed to approved non-profits in New London, Norwich, and Windham. Funding is meant to be used to develop, expand and support programming designed to aid local communities disproportionately affected by so-called "war on drugs."

Perception Programs submitted a proposal to the Foundation in August and we were pleased to learn of our selection as an award recipient this month. Funding will be utilized to implement the Recovery Housing Transition Program (RHTP) which will provide comprehensive case management and recovery housing to those entering the community from incarceration. The program will connect individuals to housing, employment, recovery and behavioral health services. The program will employ a Transitional Case Manager (TCM), who will be a person in recovery, who will work with recipients of services both individually and in groups to help guide them through the re-entry process.

Perception Programs was founded in 1970 and currently operates an array of programs addressing the behavioral health care, medication assisted therapy, residential housing, recovery, risk reduction and case management needs of those in Windham and Tolland County. PPI operates three recovery houses totaling thirty-two beds and are in the process of developing more. To learn more about this innovative program visit the Recovery Housing section of our website at <https://www.perceptionprograms.org/recovery-housing/>. Referrals and/or inquiries regarding services can also be made by calling (860) 450-0151.

