

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Foundation

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*The Galleries of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Connecticut, illuminated by energy-efficient LED lighting in partnership with the Avangrid Foundation.*



## AVANGRID FOUNDATION IN 2018

# Powering Momentum Through Partnerships

The work of the Avangrid Foundation over the last decade and a half is a testament to the lasting partnerships we have built over time and to our focus on adapting, building, innovating and investing to create an equitable and sustainable future in local communities across the United States. These partnerships power our momentum to make a difference in local communities.

In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation invested more than \$2.5 million in grants, scholarships and matching gift programs to over 325 organizations, impacting more than 200,000 people directly and many more tens of thousands indirectly.

As the primary philanthropic arm of AVANGRID, Inc., a diversified sustainable energy company headquartered in Orange, Conn., the Avangrid Foundation is a mission-driven, independent 501(c)(3) organization that provides funding to registered charities and other nonprofit organizations; academic institutions; local, state and federal government entities and federally designated Native American tribes for the advancement of public good.

With a particular focus on the environment, preserving cultural and artistic heritage, advancing education and improving the lives of people in the 24 states where AVANGRID does business, including Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Maine and Oregon,\* the Avangrid Foundation is driven by AVANGRID's purpose of working together to deliver a more accessible clean energy model that promotes healthier, more sustainable communities every day.



*James P. Torgerson*  
President, Avangrid Foundation



*Nicole Licata Grant*  
Executive Director, Avangrid Foundation

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*Top left: Founded by United Illuminating almost two decades ago, Team 558, Elm City Robo Squad, a competitive high school robotics team drawing from public-schools from all over Greater New Haven, Conn., have dominated in a national program called FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology – which strives to expose students to technology from an early age.*

*Top right: The Avangrid Foundation is dedicated to preserving and protecting and creating green space, especially in urban communities, as part of our commitment to vibrant and sustainable communities.*



Since AVANGRID, Inc. was formed in late 2015 through a merger of Maine-based Iberdrola USA and Connecticut-based UIL Holdings Corporation, the Avangrid Foundation has been reshaping its philanthropic efforts around key strategic priorities and deeper, lasting partnerships with special focus in the communities where AVANGRID and its operating companies have a presence. The legacy of the Avangrid Foundation dates back more than 16 years, previously known by other names that include the Energy East Foundation and the Iberdrola USA Foundation, and we have donated more than \$21M to community partners and national organizations since 2002.

In 2018, we made a concerted effort to streamline much of our giving to core areas where we can make a measurable difference for individuals, such as providing for basic needs like food and housing, expanding our focus on youth and



The work at the Foundation is driven by a commitment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a common language and set of priorities for addressing the most critical issues of our day, like the environmental, social and economic challenges we face. They are our guides and benchmarks. As you read this report you will learn more about the priority areas from No Poverty (1) to Partnership for the Goals (17).

investing in programs dedicated to well-being. We also worked to preserve, restore and provide access to arts, culture and green space for all. We strengthened key partnerships, working globally as well as locally.

*The Foundation focuses on the environment, preserving cultural and artistic heritage, advancing education and improving the lives of people.*

We have forged sustained partnerships with schools, community-based organizations and cultural institutions that understand the needs of their communities. We also work alongside national and global organizations that know how to drive change broadly, like the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity International and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

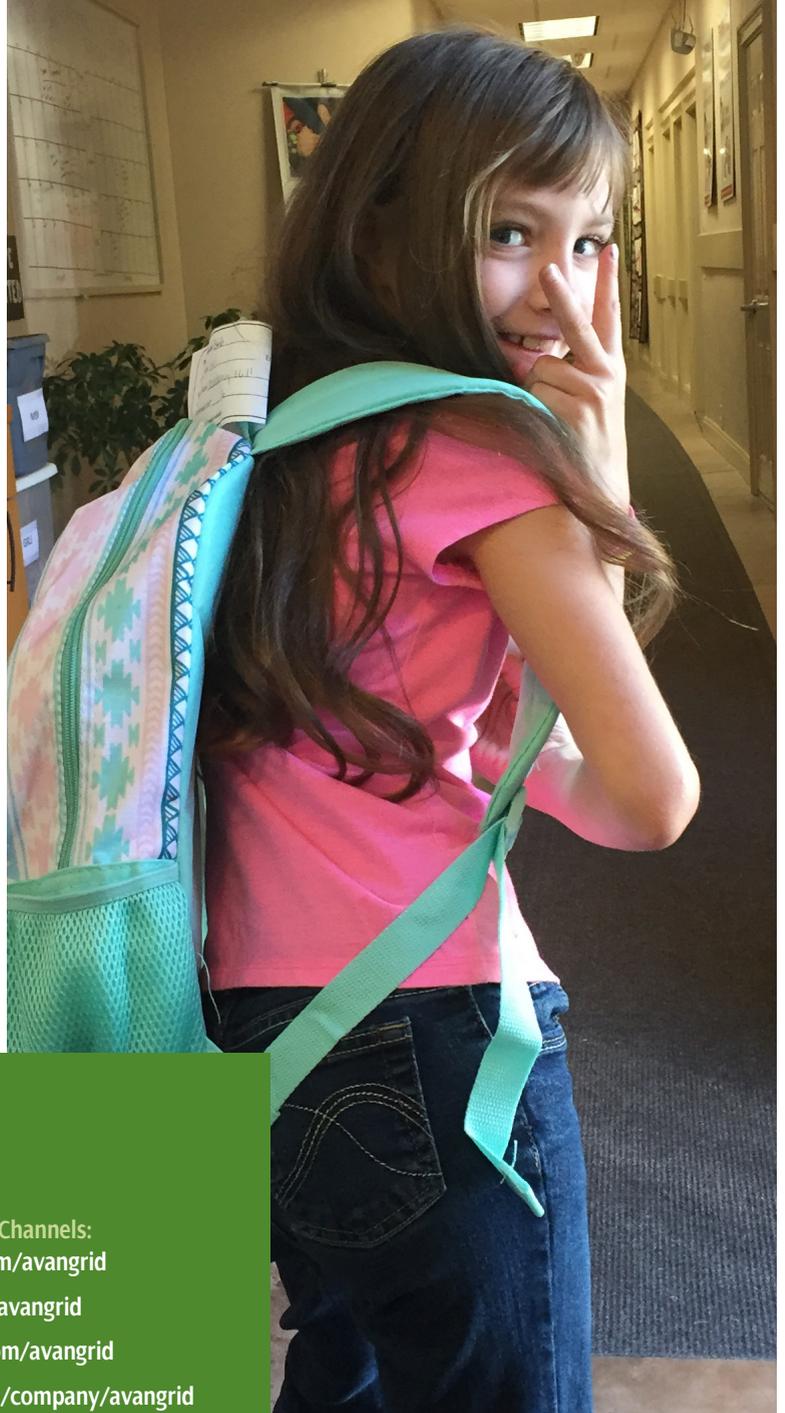
The pages of this annual report illustrate the work we are doing to make a difference in the communities we serve through these lasting partnerships. We hope you are inspired by these stories.



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# 2018 Avangrid Foundation Summary of Accounts

## OVERVIEW

Since 2002, the Avangrid Foundation and its predecessor organizations have invested more than \$21M in philanthropic giving. Since AVANGRID was established in 2015, the company and its subsidiaries have contributed more than \$9.6M to the Avangrid Foundation.\*

## ACCOUNTING POLICY

In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation shifted from preparing its financial statements on a cash basis to an accrual basis in accordance with GAAP principles. Revenues and expenses are thus recorded when they are incurred, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

As a result, the financial statements reflect a different form of accounting in comparison to prior-year financials. Most notably, program expenses including grants and contributions reflect both agreements and payments made in 2018 and that which has been pledged for upcoming years.

## FINANCIAL OUTCOMES FOR 2018

The Avangrid Foundation's income in 2018 was \$3,176,811.

The Foundation had \$3,558,281 in program expenses; of this \$2,521,437 were grants and contributions, while the balance includes other financial

adjustments and future program liabilities. Details of the grants and contributions can be found in the Avangrid Foundation's 2018 PF990, linked on the Foundation website. Additionally, there were management expenses of \$299,400 for total expenses of \$3,857,681. The net decrease in assets was \$680,870.

Unrestricted net assets at the end of the period were \$5,241,639, including \$1,671,900 in committed and designated grants and contributions to be paid after 2018.

## charitable contributions in 2018\*\*



Total Grants **\$2,521,437**



Education, Training & Research  
**\$436,770**



Environment, Biodiversity & Climate Action  
**\$332,500**



Art & Culture  
**\$279,000**



Community Partnerships  
**\$1,473,167**

\*Additional resources were incorporated from the former Iberdrola USA Foundation and the former UIL Foundation.

\*\*Grants and contributions paid in 2018 only

### FUNDING SOURCES

The primary contributors to the Foundation in 2018 were AVANGRID, Inc. and its operating companies with further funding approved for 2019. In addition, the Foundation earns revenue through rental and investment income that is used in grant-making.

### REAL ESTATE POLICY

The Foundation owns limited real estate and manages the portfolio to offset the expenses and to increase the amount of unrestricted funds to be used in grant-making each year. The Foundation may rent or sell real estate assets as part of the overall financial strategy of the organization. These properties were received via donation to predecessor entities and were transferred to the Avangrid Foundation.

### INVESTMENT POLICY

Aside from retaining a reasonable amount in reserves each period, most of the Foundation's funds are to be spent in the short term. The Avangrid Foundation is not an endowment. Rather, it spends what it has on programs. Therefore, there are few funds for longer-term investment.

### RESERVES POLICY

Reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the Foundation during a period of growth and development, and the Board of Directors remains confident that the current level of reserves is sufficient to allow for continued activities of the Foundation through 2019.

*In 2018, the Foundation made 106 grants that ranged from \$1,000 to \$400,000, totaling over \$2.5 million.*

We put our energy and financial support into what really matters.

### REVENUES

Contributions	\$ 2,612,294
Rental Income	\$ 469,522
Interest & Dividend Income	\$ 81,886
Gain on Sale of Property	\$ 13,109

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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,176,811</b>
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### EXPENSES

Programs	\$ 3,558,281
Rental Expenses	\$ 277,099
Administrative Expenses	\$ 22,301

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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,857,681</b>
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### BALANCE SHEET

*as of December 31, 2018*

Cash (Current Assets)	\$ 4,237,586
Property	\$ 2,675,953
Liabilities	\$ 1,671,900

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<b>Total Net Assets (unrestricted)</b>	<b>\$ 5,241,639</b>
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# Mission. Vision. Values.

The Avangrid Foundation is one of five global charities operating under the umbrella of the Iberdrola Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AVANGRID's majority shareholder, Spain-based Iberdrola.

## GLOBAL MISSION

To contribute to improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable people and to push for sustainable development.

## VISION

To contribute to the creation of social value in a sustainable way for the most vulnerable people in the communities where we carry out activities, taking as a reference the ethical principles, good governance, transparency, quality, innovation, care for the environment, equality of opportunities and the scope of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## VALUES

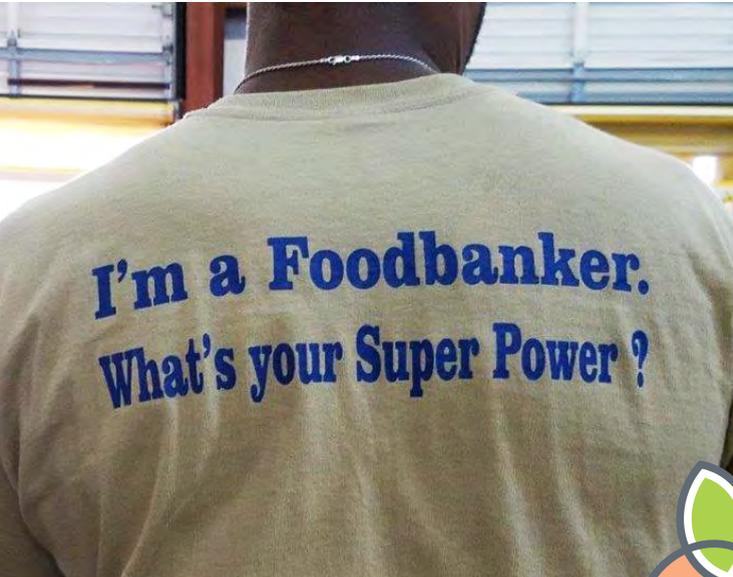
Our foundation of success is built on four main values centered on our social commitment to a healthy and sustainable future.

**Sustainability:** To significantly push for the 2030 Agenda to contribute to the achievement of the specific goals of the SDGs. To take on the approach of sustainable human development with the aim of promoting positive changes for people and the planet.

**Social commitment:** To seek synergies and mobilize the company's technical, institutional and financial capabilities, providing specialization and added value to the Foundation's actions, working with a firm social commitment to the territories where the company is present.

**Rigor and excellence:** To deepen the quality of our programs, pushing for the continuous improvement of processes to be more efficient and ensure greater impact. To establish alliances with social entities and prestigious institutions that attest to our experience, expertise, viability and solvency.

**Transparency:** To develop annual action plans and steer activities toward outcomes, deepening the mechanisms of evaluation and accountability. Promote the Foundation's work among employees, shareholders, the third sector and society in general.





## Education, Training & Research

At the Avangrid Foundation, much of the work we do is driven by a commitment to increasing access, advancement and attainment of education, training, research and workforce development opportunities for all. We are particularly focused on helping students overcome barriers to completing technical and higher education, including STEM and literacy preparedness for youth and programs focused on reaching women and the underserved. In addition, a focus on research, specifically that which addresses energy and environmental sustainability as a public benefit, is a growing part of our work.

Partnerships with universities, science museums and independent workforce and community organizations are the backbone of these efforts. At the Avangrid Foundation we realize that the more energy we invest in advancing sound ideas, knowledge and learning, the better chance we have for a prosperous and sustainable future.



## JOBS FOR MAINE GRADUATES

# Raising the Bar for What Is Possible in Maine and Beyond



### Location: Maine

Building on Central Maine Power's legacy of investing in communities and a sustainable workforce, the relationship with Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) is one of the longest and most impactful in the company at large and for the Foundation. JMG connects public education and private businesses to help ensure all Maine students graduate, attain post-secondary credentials and pursue meaningful careers. With the help of partners like the Avangrid Foundation and Central Maine Power, JMG has expanded services to reach more than 50,000 students and counting (reaching some 7,000 each year additionally) over 25 years.

In 2018, funding specifically supported the development and implementation of the Career Mapping tool, a unique workforce development tool designed

to support students as they explore careers and pursue career pathways. The maps will include information regarding 16 industry career clusters in Maine, including Human Services, STEM and Business Administration. The maps will be organized on a statewide level, and will also be re-customized for each of Maine's 16 counties, including vital information about each cluster such as the careers associated, trends in hiring, median wages, and credentials and training required.



**\$350,000+**

since 2005 from Avangrid Foundation and CMP



*"Over the years, the Avangrid Foundation and CMP have impacted the lives of thousands of disadvantaged youth across the state of Maine. They are private partners that truly understand that while schools are committed to educating our youth and preparing them to be productive adults, they cannot do it alone. We are grateful for their support and their commitment to Maine students."*

**CRAIG LARRABEE**

JMG President and CEO

# Powering Our Future by Investing in the Electrical Lineworkers Technology Center



**\$250,000**

over 5 years plus annual scholarships



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## Location: Fairfield, Maine

The Avangrid Foundation invested \$250,000 over five years to support renovations for the Nutter Field House, home to the expanded Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) Electrical Lineworker Technology (ELT) program and training center in Fairfield, Maine, which reopened in September 2018. The KVCC-ELT program is the only dedicated program of its kind in Maine, and focuses on developing the next generation of expert lineworkers

while creating opportunities for economic advancement and diversity in the industry, graduating more than 25 qualified workers each year after nine months of study and training.

The Avangrid Foundation, in partnership with local subsidiary Central Maine Power (CMP), has also gifted more than \$60,000 in scholarship funding to support future lineworkers. This long-time local partnership is ongoing.

*"This is the only program of its kind in New England. It supports meaningful work for meaningful pay, providing a meaningful service to the state of Maine. And but for the generosity and the vision of the Avangrid Foundation and Central Maine Power, we would not be here today, and we would not be in the position to provide this service to the citizens of Maine."*

**DEREK LANGHAUSER**

Maine Community College President

*Lineworkers in training yard at KVCC.*





## MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE A “Single Stop” to Success

**Location: Rochester, New York**

In 2016, the Monroe Community College Foundation and the Avangrid Foundation teamed up to fund the creation of a “Single Stop” center at Monroe Community College (MCC) in Rochester, home to subsidiary Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E). The ‘Single Stop’ center at MCC – part of a national movement that grew out of a New York City-based initiative of the Robin Hood Foundation – focuses on student retention and overcoming barriers to completing education. With Single Stop co-located at the college, students and immediate family members are connected to free and low-cost community resources and services, including assistance with food benefits, transportation, child care, health care and tax preparation.

The center opened to immediate success, serving over 500 students in the first year of service, and in November of 2018, the Avangrid Foundation and RG&E were honored by the MCC Foundation for leadership in philanthropy. This program is one of more than 125 sites across the U.S. and is the first in upstate New York.



**\$250,000**  
over 5 years



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*“Creating change and providing access to an exceptional higher education takes focus and determination. MCC creates multiple pathways to student success by connecting our programs with the needs and expectations of employers in the region. Our innovative approach and our students’ success are inspired, in large part, by supporters like the Avangrid Foundation. We are forever appreciative of its commitment to our students and our community.”*

**GRETCHEN WOOD**

Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director,  
Monroe Community College Foundation



## PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AT YALE Where At-Risk Youth EVOLve Through Museum Learning



### Location: New Haven, Connecticut

The EVOLUTIONS (Evoking Learning and Understanding through Investigations of the Natural Science) or “EVO” program at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University is helping talented and underserved students in New Haven, Connecticut, live up to their potential through intensive STEM experiences and college-bound services. This after-school and weekend program is a free four-year science and college-focused program that provides academic support and science career exploration for 100 students each year from New Haven and West Haven public school districts – urban systems that serve primarily low-income and traditionally underserved communities.

The program focuses on supplementing the formal school experience and encourages students to see themselves as college-bound, scientifically literate citizens. Throughout all four years of high school, students participate in weekly after-school classes focused on science career exploration, transferable skill development and college preparation. Together they form a community of STEM-focused, academically driven youth leaders, and represent a key Peabody Museum initiative to promote interest in science and natural history to local communities.

And the impact is tremendous – EVO brings diverse students together, providing a space to think critically about the natural world and to be inspired to see all of the opportunities that the future holds at a world-class university and museum. The program boasts a near-perfect college acceptance and scholarship rate at top schools around the country. Many alumni are successful entrepreneurs, civil service professionals and leaders in their own right. The Avangrid Foundation became a supporter in 2018 and will help the proven-model program transition over the coming years to expand their role in the community and reach more students.



**\$37,000**

with additional monies pledged for 2019 –2021



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# BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY – THOMAS J. WATSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

## Training Future Engineers Through the Capstone Experience

### Location: Binghamton, New York

The Avangrid Foundation's continued investment in the Watson School senior capstone design experience at Binghamton University enables students to gain practical design and professional engineering experience by addressing complex challenges in energy and the environment. Capstone teams address cross-disciplinary challenges to bridge the gap between the traditional classroom and industry-based design processes, teamwork and the expectations of practicing engineers and computer scientists.

In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation grant provided project support for 11 teams made up of 56 undergraduate students from six disciplines, resulting in:

- a human-powered USB charging station for Kopernik Science Park
- an electric powertrain for the Formula E electric vehicle and an integrated chassis and body for the Supermileage vehicle for for Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) competitions in the U.S.
- components for the Mars Rover competition (IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)
- a “facial recognition” application to identify yellow-spotted salamanders
- an artificial waterfall for Binghamton's Nuthatch Hollow nature preserve
- a more effective human-powered vehicle (American Society of Mechanical Engineers – ASME) and UVA topographical mapping for agricultural settings

The reach of this program continues to expand and inspire. This grant has indirectly touched more than 20,000 individuals annually through competition, community engagement and implementation of ideas. The Avangrid Foundation is the most significant annual donor to the Watson Capstone Projects, which is contiguous to an operations center operated by NYSEG.



**\$250,000**

since 2012 with funding committed through 2023



*“Binghamton University is dedicated to providing high-impact learning experiences for our students. As an engineer – and someone deeply committed to building a green future – this program is phenomenal for its reach and impact. AVANGRID is opening doors for our students and our future. Bravo!”*

**HARVEY G. STENGER**

President, Binghamton University



## GLADYS ALLEN BRIGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

# Girls, Inc. Is Opening Doors for Young Women in STEM

### Location: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

With seed money and a multi-year commitment from the Avangrid Foundation, Girls, Inc. of the Berkshires launched the Eureka! Program in Pittsfield, Mass. Part of a national curriculum and supported by the Clinton Global Initiative, Eureka! reaches girls who may face challenges with staying in school. It enables them to access STEM-related career development activities and higher education. The program builds confidence and knowledge through STEM exploration and potential careers with hands-on, immersive experiences. Eureka! inspires girls to think about a future full of possibilities and includes a focus on life skills,

healthy behaviors and peer development. The Pittsfield-based chapter is the 18th in the nation to launch Eureka! due in part to the Avangrid Foundation.



**\$75,000**

pledged through 2019



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## Environment, Biodiversity & Climate Action

Driven by a commitment to address climate change, this year the Avangrid Foundation helped connect people to the outdoors, preserve and protect green space, invest in biodiversity and enhance climate-action education. The Foundation worked with partners to improve urban greening, as well as terrestrial, marine and coastal habitat restoration. We realized results from investments in prior years, including with raptor rehabilitators in communities impacted by energy infrastructure. We also supported solutions and research dedicated to building healthy, sustainable and resilient communities, joining with partners that ranged from large universities to grassroots groups. This portfolio grew the most year-over-year and as a percentage of overall work.





## TRAIL BLAZERS FOUNDATION

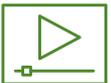
# Where Living Green Is a Slam Dunk

### Location: Portland, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest

The Avangrid Foundation, in partnership with Avangrid Renewables, teamed up with the Trail Blazers Foundation, the charitable foundation of the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, to support youth from underserved communities throughout the region. The Avangrid Foundation is the sponsor of the Live Greener grants, a partnership that connects youth and the environment through education, preservation and employment. In 2018, the three-year partnership provided \$70,000 to nine organizations operating across the Pacific Northwest, benefiting hundreds of at-risk youth and families, and it marked the first time that the Avangrid Foundation and Avangrid Renewables participated in the Live, Learn & Play grant program. The Foundation was on hand in November to give grants to these partners at a Trail Blazers game!



**\$150,000**  
commitment from 2018-2021



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### 2018 LIVE GREENER GRANT RECIPIENTS

Mount St. Helens Institute  
Lomakatsi Restoration Project  
Camp ELSO Incorporated  
Lake County Resources Initiative  
Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors  
Growing Gardens  
Soul River, Inc.  
White Oak Farm and Education Center



## TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

# A Park Grows in Bridgeport

### Location: Bridgeport, Connecticut

Bridgeport, Connecticut's largest city, has long been known as America's Park City due to historic leadership in preserving urban green space. In recent years, some of these neighborhood gems have been in need of revitalization. As part of the Trust for Public Land's national Parks for People Program, Bridgeport and the Avangrid Foundation helped transform Johnson Oak Park in one of the city's most underserved neighborhoods.

The Avangrid Foundation, in partnership with United Illuminating and Southern Connecticut Gas, invested in lighting and security so that more than 3,400 residents could have year-round access to the new urban oasis. The park, which also serves as a playground space for the Jettie S. Tisdale School, will serve the residents of a historically African-American neighborhood and approximately 700 students of the K-8 school. The park includes features like bioswales, a playground, a community garden, an outdoor nature classroom, a pavilion, meadows for bird habitat, a splash pad, track and basketball court.

The Avangrid Foundation was on hand in December to celebrate the park's opening. In 2019, the Foundation will continue to partner with the Trust for Public Land on additional green space projects in Bridgeport.



**\$50,000**



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*Photo courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*



Photo courtesy of the Trust for Public Land

*“The revitalization of Johnson Oak Park has been meaningful for the students and residents who will enjoy this inspirational place and for building the relationships and trust in Bridgeport that are now enabling the Trust for Public Land to significantly expand our scope of work.”*

**WALKER HOLMES**

Connecticut State Director, Trust for Public Land



## NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION Flying High with Bats for the Future

### Location: Nationwide

In 2018, Avangrid Foundation became a founding funder in the Bats for the Future Fund, a public-private partnership that in the same year announced \$1.1 million in grants to combat white-nose syndrome (WNS), a fungal illness that is devastating bat populations across the United States.

Participants in the initiative include the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), which announced the grants in October, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, Southern Company and the Avangrid Foundation.

White-nose syndrome has been blamed for the deaths of more than six million bats nationwide in the last decade. It is caused by a fungus that attacks bats as they hibernate during the winter, with mortality approaching 100 percent at some sites. According to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, without a solution, several bat species are thought to be under threat of extinction.

### NFWF DESCRIBES: BATS FOR THE FUTURE FUND

Bats play critical roles in the U.S., controlling agricultural, forest and human pests. Recent studies estimate that the pesticide services of bats are worth

*Top: Bats play critical roles in the U.S., controlling agricultural, forest and human pests.*

*Bottom: Bats for the Future Fund was launched to provide grant funding to advance field treatments and management of white-nose syndrome.*



more than \$1 billion annually to the U.S. corn industry alone and more than \$3 billion annually to all agricultural production.

Unfortunately, more than 6 million bats have died over the past decade from the white-nose syndrome disease (WNS) spread. In some sites where WNS has been detected, up to 100 percent of bats have disappeared. Since signs of the disease were first observed in New York in 2006, WNS has spread rapidly from the Northeast to the Midwest, Southeast and eastern Canada, and in the spring of 2016 was found in Washington state.

WNS is caused by a cold-loving fungus that attacks hibernating bats. More than half of the bat species in the United States and Canada hibernate to survive the winter and are potentially susceptible to this disease. Without a solution to this devastating problem, several bat species may be in danger of extinction.

The Bats for the Future Fund was launched in the fall of 2016 to provide grant funding in order to advance field treatments and management tools that provide the greatest potential to prevent exposure of bats to *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (Pd), the fungal pathogen that causes WNS, and improve survival from WNS; implement field treatments, management tools and conservation strategies that help WNS-affected bat populations recover and rebound from the impacts of WNS; and support innovative and collaborative research leading to development and deployment of treatments and management tools for WNS that will perpetuate viable populations of bats. Major funding for the Bats for the Future Fund is provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with additional funding from the U.S. Forest Service, Southern Company and the Avangrid Foundation.



**\$100,000**  
committed through 2021



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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS: HAWKS ALOFT

# An Ongoing Partnership for Wildlife Conservation

In collaboration with Avangrid Renewables, the Avangrid Foundation provides opportunities for wildlife rehabilitators to apply for grants to support their operational capabilities and enhance outreach to communities in and around our service areas.

Hawks Aloft is just such a partner. Hawks Aloft works to conserve indigenous wild birds and their habitats through avian research, conservation education, raptor rescue and cooperation with other organizations. Located near the El Cabo Wind Farm in Torrance County, New Mexico, funding for Hawks Aloft came through a prior year competitive grant program for raptor rehabilitation and is continuing to have impact well into the current year.

*“Funding from the Avangrid Foundation has numerous positive impacts for our small nonprofit. We provide the full ‘Living with the Landscape’ programming to Route 66 Elementary School, where we expect to reach approximately 400 children and teachers. These young learners will enjoy a field trip in May 2019. A portion of funds from the Foundation will be used to support the program during the 2018–19 school year. We hosted the first New Mexico Wildlife Rehabilitators Alliance (NMWRA) Symposium. NMWRA furthers the goals of the Raptor Rescue Program and aims to strengthen cooperation across individuals and organizations working in this field. The symposium was held in April 2018 in Albuquerque, with 87 people in attendance for workshops directly related to habitat protection, wildlife law and conservation.”*

**MAGGIE GRIMASON**  
Senior Editor and Educator



## Art & Culture

Art and culture are at the heart of what makes communities sustainable, vital and vibrant. In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation focused Art & Culture investments in a few core areas, including removing barriers to access in the arts as well as protecting cultural diversity. The Foundation did this through conservation and restoration partnerships with leading institutions and by supporting festivals, exhibitions and programs that enable and extend broad access to the arts in the communities in which we operate. As an example, diversification efforts in Maine with the Portland Museum of Art (PMA) supported museum in reaching diverse and nontraditional patrons, while investments in southern New York with CANO brought programs for the underserved to a rural part of the state. We continued to invest in partnerships with world-class organizations like the Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, Mass., specifically to help young people facing trauma find their voice through the performing arts and with breakthrough music therapy programs at hospitals like St. Francis in Hartford, Conn. The arts can be a powerful voice in a community, and the Foundation was there to amplify that voice.



## ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

# Celebrating Uniquely American Music in Rochester



### Location: Rochester, New York

The Avangrid Foundation supports music education and the preservation of American arts by supporting the Rochester International Jazz Festival (RIJF) with the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the associated University of Rochester Eastman School of Music Jazz Scholarship Program (RIJF/ESM). The RIJF/ESM was created in 2002 and was the first jazz scholarship program at the renowned Eastman School at the University of Rochester. Twenty-eight students have received scholarships to attend the school since the festival began in 2002, and funding supports students who demonstrate need and exceptional talent. In June, RG&E hosts the festival at its East Avenue headquarters, which welcomes thousands of guests over two weeks of performances.



**\$60,000**

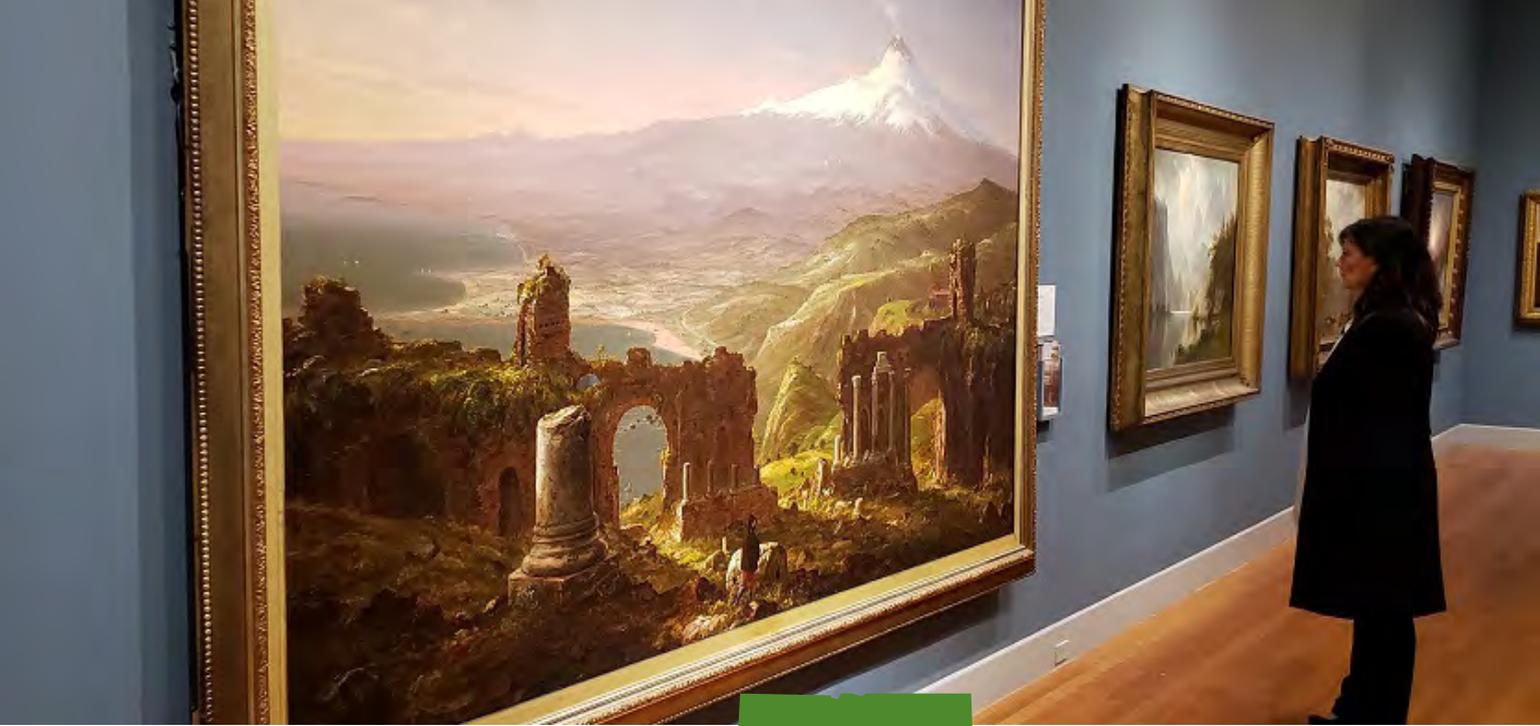
since 2016, with prior support from Rochester Gas & Electric

*"We started the first jazz festival scholarship at Eastman School of Music with the clear intent of helping gifted students offset tuition costs to study jazz at Eastman. We hope we will see the next great jazz artists bring their gift to the world. We hope the success of future Rochester International Jazz Festivals, along with funding provided by the Foundation, will increase the scholarship each year for deserving students."*

### MARC IACONA

Executive Director/Producer, Rochester International Jazz Festival

Photo courtesy of the Rochester International Jazz Festival



## WADSWORTH ATHENEUM MUSEUM OF ART

### Seeing Art in a New Light

**Location:** Hartford, Connecticut

The Avangrid Foundation and the Wadsworth Atheneum, the nation's oldest continuously operating public art museum, started a partnership in 2018 that provided for the installation of energy-efficient lighting in the premier Wadsworth, Morgan, Austin and Hilles galleries. The lighting upgrades helped the museum literally shine a new light on their world-class collections of classical paintings, contemporary works and objects, while saving money on energy costs that will be reinvested in programs like community engagement and education. The Wadsworth hosts more than 50,000 objects spanning 5,000 years and is located on a national historic site. The Wadsworth is an icon of the American museum world.



**\$100,000** investment



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### RESULTS

- Over 2,600 LED lamps installed
- Estimated Energy Savings:  
Approximately 259,410 kWh/year
- Estimated Cost Savings:  
Over \$155,000/year

### FACT

Not only do the new bulbs enhance how the art is preserved and displayed, but they also save manpower. Traditional incandescent bulbs have a high burnout rate, and changing them is no longer a daily challenge in the galleries that are two or three stories high!

## BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY

# Success Through the Playwright Mentoring Project

### Location: Pittsfield and North Adams, Massachusetts

The Avangrid Foundation has been a partner to the Barrington Stage Company Playwright Mentoring Project (PMP) since 2016, building on a relationship that began with the Berkshire Gas Company. PMP is a six-month, out-of-school theatrical arts program that provides at-risk teenagers with a safe place to talk about challenges in their lives and use their stories to create original plays. PMP uses storytelling, improvisation, trust exercises and role playing to help youth reflect upon their challenges and to learn conflict resolution techniques. Over the course of the program, the youth build trust, share their personal stories and ultimately create a much-needed community of support. PMP gives participants the space needed to be heard in a way that may not be available at home, at school or at work.

For example, in North Adams, a court-mandated group where participation is a condition of probation is overseen jointly by the Barrington Stage Company and the Juvenile Court of Berkshire County. This support enables the program to maintain a high staff-to-youth ratio, including artistic mentors, peer mentors, a professional playwright and a mental health counselor.



**\$47,000**

since 2016, with additional support from Berkshire Gas since 1998



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PMP measurement of impact from the Avangrid Foundation grant



**95.6%**

anticipate moving to the next grade and are on track to graduate high school



**90.2%**

believe that PMP had a positive impact on school performance during the past year



**95%**

feel more confident in their abilities when they are at PMP



*"PMP is a place to build character. It opens your eyes to problems others face. We're a diverse group of teens; tall, short, fat, skinny, white, black, whatever we are, we are all there together – working closely and being supportive. I love going to PMP. It's a great opportunity to listen and be heard."*

**ANONYMOUS STUDENT**

## PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AT YALE Conserving History for the Future

**Location: New Haven, Connecticut**

In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation, in partnership with the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, celebrated the restoration of three treasured North American dioramas: the Bison/Short Grass Plains, the Mule Deer and the Black Bear. The dioramas, created over a half century ago, are considered masterpieces in the museum world. They help visitors learn about conservation, preservation and the impacts of human development in the natural landscape through quiet contemplation. As the Peabody's dioramas aged, with some specimens over a century old, conservation and restoration work was imperative. Celebrated museum preparator and sculptor Michael Anderson worked to ensure another generation experiences these classic exhibits. The work recreated faded and damaged vegetation, and the taxidermy animals needed considerable repair and restoration. The restoration even included a nose job for the bison!

In concert with this partnership, the Avangrid Foundation also provided support for ¡Fiesta Latina!, an open-access community festival day in honor of Hispanic American Heritage Month.



**\$20,000**



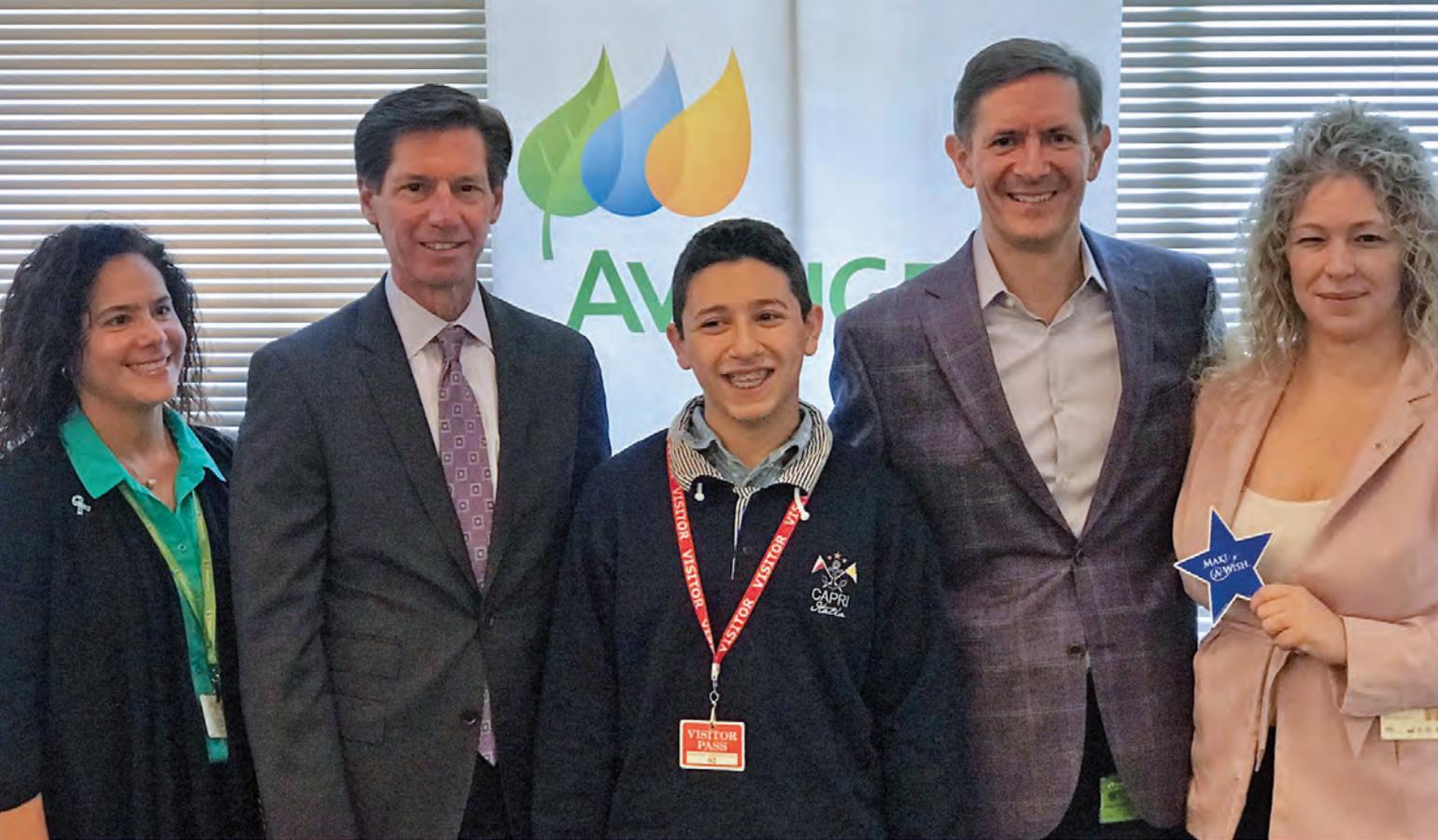
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*“The dioramas are a valuable way to teach people about nature and the environment and have people become engaged in a deep way.”*

**MICHAEL ANDERSON**  
Preparator and Sculptor  
Peabody Museum at Yale





## Community Partnerships

The Avangrid Foundation is always on the move! In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation invested in deep partnerships with many organizations working locally, regionally and nationally to help our customers and communities thrive. The organizations that serve the needs of the people in places where we work are at the heart of what it means to be a community, and investing in communities is at the heart of what the Avangrid Foundation does. The Foundation focused these investments on accessing basic needs including shelter and housing, healthy and nutritious food, child and family wellness services and primary education as well as disaster preparedness and resiliency.



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## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF CONNECTICUT The House That Love Built

### Location: New Haven, Connecticut

Ronald McDonald Houses are a free-of-cost “home away from home” for hundreds of children and their families who are being treated at hospitals and healthcare facilities around the world. The Avangrid Foundation has been a committed partner of the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut since 2016, first helping to build the new expanded house across the street from Yale-New Haven Hospital that opened in 2017. In 2018, the Foundation then deepened that partnership, providing seed funding to support a new “Pantry Pals” program that ensures families have basic provisions during

their stay, free of charge. The Pantry Pals program was recognized for its innovation and received private funding to allow it to scale up and operate for several years to come.



**\$90,000**  
since 2016



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*“Thanks to the very generous grant from the Avangrid Foundation, the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut has been able to create a pantry filled with nutritional food and snacks. The AVANGRID Pantry Pals initiative enables families facing the challenge of having a sick child, as well as caring for the entire family away from home, some sense of normalcy. We are honored to partner with the Avangrid Foundation on this most important program to serve the children and families in our local communities, nation and around the globe.”*

### MICHELLE D'AMORE

Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts



## AMERICAN RED CROSS

# A National Disaster Responder Partner

### Location: Nationwide

In many ways, AVANGRID is a company of first responders. In time of emergency, our engineers, lineworkers and support teams are at the scene, working to get people back to normal as soon as possible.

In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation became one of a handful of New England-based Disaster Responder National Partners with the American Red Cross. Often working alongside the Red Cross in times of crisis, this investment demonstrates a commitment to support disaster relief and strengthen community preparedness. This support also allows Red Cross responders, including tens of thousands of volunteers, to remain on hand

to assist people as they recover and to help them prepare for the next disaster. The partnership supports other mission-critical work of the Red Cross — which includes many AVANGRID volunteers — like the Home Fire Campaign, installing smoke detectors in at-risk communities, and blood drives throughout our service territory and beyond.



**\$250,000**

yearly starting in 2018 as a Disaster Responder National Partner



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*“Our partnership with the Avangrid Foundation demonstrates the true power of cross-sector collaboration, working together toward the betterment of society. Ultimately, this gift will allow the Red Cross to continue to deliver vital services, including disaster response, sheltering and other essential assistance.”*

**MARIO BRUNO**

CEO, American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island Region

# Addressing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity Through the Power of Warmth in Augusta, Maine



In Maine, Avangrid Foundation's local operating partners, Central Maine Power (CMP) and Maine Natural Gas (MNG), have a long and storied history of philanthropic activity and community engagement in the state.

In partnership with the United Way of Kennebec Valley, the Avangrid Foundation honored the generosity of Maine-based colleagues who donated over \$60,000 to the organization with an additional \$50,000 in grants to two partner organizations: Bread of Life, a homeless shelter and services organization, and Bridging the Gap (BTG), a ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran

Episcopal Church, which operates the Augusta Community Warming Center. In addition to the Warming Center, BTG operates Addie's Attic Clothing Bank, Everyday Basic Essentials Hygiene Pantry and the No Person Left Behind Volunteer Program.

Because keeping homes and families powered is central to the work AVANGRID does in Maine, the Foundation focused on helping people facing housing and personal instability and homelessness. These grants helped Bread of Life expand the number of beds offered by 50 percent, including those designated for at-risk

persons, including veterans. The Warming Center was able to extend services by more than a month, and the organization permanently grew its program management capacity through these investments. Over 5,000 individuals will be reached on a permanent basis.

Because our colleagues care so much, they also turned up in force for days of volunteering at Bridging the Gap in the fall, helping them prepare for this opening by cleaning, sorting and setting up their new space and making donations of time, talent and treasure.



*"We are sincerely grateful for the Avangrid Foundation's support, as it was instrumental in helping us pursue this strategic priority that will have a major impact on hunger in Maine. Once completed, this new distribution center will enable Good Shepherd to distribute an additional 11 million meals annually to those in need, including about 3.5 million pounds of produce, protein and other perishable goods."*

**KRISTIN MIALE**

President Good Shepherd Food Bank

## FOOD & FOOD INSECURITY

# Fueling Our Communities and Insulating Neighbors Against Hunger

The Avangrid Foundation realizes that when people are hungry, they have a hard time doing anything else. We also realize that food is often an expense that is considered after housing, utilities and other costs of living. Food banks and pantries are critical to ensuring that thousands of people in our communities, including children, elderly and other-abled individuals, have access to healthy, fresh and nutritious food. Food banks are also critical to managing food waste, food recycling and sustainable consumption in the United States. While every community is different, we know that hunger is a pervasive crisis in every community in this country and is a significant barrier to living the full, productive life that we want for all of our customers and communities. The Avangrid Foundation continues to expand and deepen partnerships with food banks throughout the United States to ensure that none of our neighbors go hungry.

**IN CONNECTICUT**, a multi-year investment with the Connecticut Food Bank means that more than 50,000 meals have been made available to local families annually since 2017. In March, AVANGRID employees inaugurated a branded mobile truck that reaches six Connecticut counties and loaded it with over 1,000 pounds of food that was donated to Christian Community Action, an organization that works to provide services to families in and at risk of homelessness in New Haven, Connecticut.



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**IN MAINE**, capital and program investments in 2017 and 2018 are helping the Good Shepherd Food Bank ensure that no Mainer goes hungry with the expansion of the distribution facility in Hamden, Maine, which is set to open in spring of 2019.



**IN OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON STATE**, support for the Oregon Food Bank addresses persistent statewide hunger and enables expanded and new activities in the Columbia Gorge, a remote part of Oregon that has seen food access decline and need exponentially increase since devastating fires in 2017. In the Columbia Gorge, the grant will help to open more than seven food distribution sites, expand training and assistance to partners, and support the implementation of a data collection system that provides real-time data across Food Bank partners.

**IN THE BERKSHIRES**, a partnership with the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is helping to meet the needs and bring hope to many, providing more than 20,000 meals to families in Berkshire, Franklin and Hampden counties. According to one client, The Brown Bag program has been a big help to me in more than one way. First of all, it stretches my



**More than \$100,000** annually in the fight against hunger

food dollar. I have been able to make meals and augment what I have to make those meals. It provides healthy snacks. The second way it has helped me is by giving me a chance to volunteer. I'm a widow who lives alone, and being able to socialize while we put the bags together is the highlight of my month."

**IN NEW YORK**, a new partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier expanded the truck fleet in order to fill a critical gap in food distribution in the vast region covering 4,000 square miles over six counties (Broome, Chemung, Schuylar, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins). The new truck will deliver food to support over 160 partner agencies, pick up food from over 50 donors, distribute fresh produce and food to 90 mobile food pantry sites, including 20 senior housing sites, and supply packs of kid-friendly, nutritious food to 41 school districts for the Backpack Program.





## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

# Building Neighborhoods One Family at a Time

### Location: Various Locations Including NY, CT, ME & Gulf Coast

Access to affordable and permanent housing is a key to helping families thrive. This, paired with homeownership, is the cornerstone of the Avangrid Foundation's commitment to neighborhood stabilization and renewal in the communities where we have an operating presence. In 2018, the Avangrid Foundation partnered with a number of Habitat for Humanity affiliates and realized successes from prior year investments in multiple states from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, in the mission to connect families to permanent housing through Habitat partnerships that included neighborhood revitalization, energy efficiency investments and adaptive home builds.

The Avangrid Foundation, in partnership with Avangrid Renewables and wind power producers around the country, continued to invest in Habitat Hammers Back, the ongoing effort to provide homes in the 2017 hurricane-ravaged U.S. Gulf Coast. The program is working to bring "long-term shelter and housing needs through the phases of recovery and reconstruction, long after emergency responders have moved on," while accelerating recovery and reducing disaster risk in hurricane-prone areas.

In New Haven, the Avangrid Foundation undertook its first Neighborhood Revitalization Partnership, investing in homes in the Fair Haven and Hill sections of the city. AVANGRID employees also lent their skills to several house builds in 2018 in New Haven and Bridgeport, and will help dedicate Habitat's historic renovation of a New Haven house on the Historic Preservation List in 2019.

In Maine, a 13-home neighborhood known as "Carpenter Court" in Scarborough will include the first "net zero" home, one that is energy neutral in terms of consumption and solar energy generation, thanks to multi-year Avangrid Foundation support.



**\$100,000**

in communities across the United States



# 2018 Avangrid Foundation Partners

This list includes the organizations that received direct grants and contributions from the Avangrid Foundation in 2018. It does not list organizations receiving matching grants through employee giving programs, nor does it reflect all active and ongoing partnerships funded in prior years.

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## **EDUCATION, TRAINING & RESEARCH**

Adirondack Research Consortium  
City of New Haven/Elm City Robotics  
District Innovation and Venture Center  
Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center  
I Have a Dream Foundation – Oregon  
Jobs for Maine's Graduates  
Kennebec Valley Community College Foundation  
Monroe Community College Foundation  
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rochester Museum & Science Center  
Sciencenter Discovery Museum  
Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute  
Seneca Park Zoo Society  
The Community Fund of Greater New Haven  
The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges  
The Foundation of the State University of New York  
at Binghamton  
The Reed Institute/Reed College  
University of Maine/Center for Research on Sustainable Forests  
University of Maine Foundation  
Villanova University  
Yale University

## **BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT**

Blue Mountain Wildlife  
Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy  
Corn Hill Waterfront & Navigation Foundation  
Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum  
Friends of the GardenAerial  
Liberty Wildlife  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
Riverkeeper  
Saving Our Avian Resources (SOAR)  
Trail Blazers Foundation  
Trust for Public Land – Connecticut  
Regents of the University of California at Davis  
Whispering Willow Wild Care  
Wildlife Works

## **ART & CULTURE**

Barrington Stage Company  
Binghamton Philharmonic  
Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO)  
Connecticut Association for the Performing Arts  
Geva Theatre Center  
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art Foundation  
New Haven Free Public Library Foundation  
New Haven International Festival of Arts and Ideas  
Portland Museum of Art  
Rochester Area Community Foundation  
University of Rochester – Eastman School of Music  
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Public Art

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

American Online Giving Foundation

American Red Cross

Berkshire United Way

Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake

Camp Ukandu

Catholic Charities – Archdiocese of Hartford

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester

Chelsea Hicks Foundation

City of Rochester

Connecticut Council for Philanthropy

Connecticut Food Bank

Flower City Habitat for Humanity

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Good Shepherd Food Bank

Green Chimneys Children's Services

Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County

Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland

HeartShare Human Services of New York, Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Brooklyn

Honor Flight Northeast Indiana

Ibero-American Action League

Kids First Center

Maine General Medical Center

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut

Morrison Child and Family Services

Operation Fuel

Oregon Children's Foundation

Oregon Food Bank

Perquimans County School Foundation

Pineland Farms/VAST

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Project Koru

Rochester Rotary Charitable Trust

Ronald McDonald Charities of Connecticut and Western  
Massachusetts

Save the Children Federation

Seneca Waterways Council, Boy Scouts of America

St. Francis Medical Center

Students Helping Children Across Borders

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

The Progress Center

United Way of Androscoggin County

United Way of Broome County

United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

United Way of Coastal Fairfield County

United Way of Franklin County

United Way of Greater New Haven

United Way of Greater Portland

United Way of Greater Rochester

United Way of Kennebec Valley

United Way of Mid Coast Maine

United Way of Mid-Maine

United Way of the Klamath Basin

United Way of the Tri-Valley Area

United Way of York County

United Way Worldwide

Urban League of Rochester, New York

Valley United Way

Yale-New Haven Hospital



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