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## GOVERNOR AWARDS \$471,832 TO DANBURY NONPROFITS

*Grants to be used to assist with capital improvement projects*

DANBURY— **State Representatives David Arconti and Bob Godfrey** are pleased to announce two Danbury-based nonprofits have received grant funding to assist with the completion of several capital improvement projects.

The Office of Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced Thursday that grants through the [Nonprofit Grant Program](#) would be awarded to Family & Children’s Aid and the Midwestern Connecticut Council of Alcoholism (MCCA), one of the state’s top-rated substance abuse treatment organizations.

“Funding for these projects will help alleviate the financial burden associated with capital improvements so nonprofits can continue focusing on providing excellent and critical services to those in need,” said **Rep. Godfrey**. “Connecticut’s nonprofit organizations fulfill an important role in serving the community and we need to continue to invest in them so they can continue offering those valuable services.”

[Family & Children’s Aid](#), based in Danbury, will receive \$280,600 to help construct a Playmaker’s Village in Waterbury, which will be a designated space to help children heal and cope with toxic stress. Currently the [organization has a center in Danbury](#), which features an open play area, breakout rooms for one-on-one therapy, a glow-in-the-dark basketball court, sensory room, and Lego play area.

“Research has demonstrated that play helps children heal. Children don’t always communicate what they need to best support them, but by building Playmaker’s Village, which is dedicated to play, we can meet them at their developmental level,” said Allison Carballo, director of development at Family & Children’s Aid. “We want to create a safe place for kids to heal when they experience toxic stress in a safe, loving, joyful and engaging environment. We are so excited about making a positive impact in the Waterbury community.”

Additionally, MCCA will receive \$191,232 from the program to assist with repairs to the Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning systems, and a roof renovation. The funds will also be allocated towards improvements to the well and water storage tank at MCCA’s Trinity Glen facility in Kent.

“Many of Connecticut and Danbury’s nonprofits are in need of general capital improvements and this grant makes those improvements more affordable to ensure these organizations don’t cut services,” said **Rep. Arconti**. “It is essential that we assist in these initiatives so that nonprofits can focus on improving the quality of care it delivers to clients.”

The Nonprofit Grant Program was established in 2013 in order assist with one-time infrastructure improvements to facilities, and has invested in a total of \$105 million in Connecticut’s nonprofit organizations.

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