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## **The Town of Waterford Supports The Arc Eastern Connecticut with Yearly Contribution**

The Town of Waterford approved The Arc Eastern Connecticut's request of \$1,800 at its Board of Finance budget meeting on March 3, 2021. The annual allocation helps support the Community Life & Advocacy (CL&A) program, which offers recreation, socialization, self-advocacy, job preparedness and civic engagement programs to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout eastern Connecticut. It's the only program of its kind in the region, and receives no state or federal support.

"Municipal partners like the Town of Waterford are what keep programs like CL&A going," noted Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc ECT. "We are very grateful to all of the towns that support us, and Waterford stands out through the years. Thanks to Waterford's example, more and more towns are stepping forward in this way, and it is a huge help to this critical program and the people it serves."

To learn more about The Arc Eastern Connecticut and its programs throughout the region, and for weekly agency updates and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [TheArcECT.org](http://TheArcECT.org) or contact Denise Tift at (860) 889-4435, ext. 116.

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