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### **CT REALTORS® Foundation Announces Connecticut Hometown Heroes Grants First grants in honor of Bristol officers**

The CT REALTORS® Foundation announces the launch of the **Connecticut REALTORS® Hometown Heroes** grant program. The goal of the annual grant program is to provide immediate mortgage, rent, property tax or other housing-related expense relief to individuals in Connecticut who exemplify service to their local communities.

“We are honored to award \$10,000 Connecticut Hometown Heroes housing relief grants to the families of slain Bristol Police Lt. Dustin Demonte and Sgt. Alex Hamzy, as well as to injured Officer Alec Iurato,” says Michael Barbaro, chair of the CT REALTORS® Foundation. “These men are the epitome of service and sacrifice. We hope these grants will ease some of the financial burden for their families during this unimaginable period in their lives.”

“Bristol is a special place. First responders and their families are part of the fabric of the community. They are true community heroes,” says Jim Heckman, CT REALTORS® General Counsel who grew up in Bristol.

“All of us in Bristol grieve with all of our hearts at the loss of Lt. Demonte and Sgt. Hamzy, and thank Officer Iurato for his bravery. Their dedication and heroic service is undeniable,” says State Senator Henri Martin of Bristol who is also a REALTOR®.

“Our Connecticut communities are where we as REALTORS® live and work,” says 2022 CT REALTORS® President Tammy Felenstein. “This new charitable grant program will provide recognition to the heart of our communities - those who dedicate themselves to serving and protecting all of us.”

The mission of the CT REALTORS® Foundation is to be good neighbors to our members, our communities and the world. To show that CT REALTORS® Care. The Foundation’s charitable efforts and grant programs include homeless prevention, transitional assistance from homeless shelters to housing, disaster relief, addressing aspects of opioid use disorder including removing the stigma, pet rescue and college scholarships.



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