



Twice a year, in the fall and spring, the Hartford Hospital Auxiliary grants funding to Hartford Hospital departments for projects that meet specific requirements reflecting the hospital's values of Caring, Equity, Excellence, Integrity, and Safety.

On October 12, the Auxiliary voted to approve 10 projects totaling \$148,580.

The following are the approved projects:

1. \$33,206 to the Department of Surgery for four ultra-portable ultrasound machines for the Transplant and Thoracic surgery teams and for new bedside procedure teams.
2. \$29,997 to the Outpatient Rehabilitation Department for two overhead harness systems, which help prevent falls and will keep the patient and therapist safe during therapy sessions.
3. \$20,098 to the Department of Dentistry for an electric surgical drill, the CUBE. This drill is used to facilitate surgical tooth extractions as atraumatically as possible. The high speed drill improves delivery of care with more power and better control for the operator.
4. \$14,014 to the Bliss 11 Step-Down Floor to purchase six free standing storage carts for each of the clustered step-down rooms. These locked storage cars will decrease supply waste and increase staff efficiency.
5. \$13,162 to Emergency Medicine for the purchase of manikins to assist in training providers in arterial line placement, femoral nerve blocks, intrascapular blocks and supraclavicular blocks. Having vital signs properly monitored allows for the delivery of safer, more calculated critical care interventions by our providers.
6. \$10,388 to the Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation for the purchase of a Geriatric Kit to help train providers to manage and treat specific ailments among the elderly population, and 10 ZOLL arrhythmia generators to be used with the ZOLL defibrillators to help improve patient safety by making the healthcare providers more comfortable with this lifesaving defibrillation machine.
7. \$9,328 to Adult Primary Care to purchase their own Laborie Portascan 3D Bladder Scanner for the Jefferson Street location.

8. \$7,680 to the Adult Primary Care Clinic to provide acupuncture to patients with acute and chronic pain syndromes in order to provide an alternative treatment modality for our clinic patients with acute and chronic pain syndroms.
9. \$5,462 to the Speech Pathology Department to purchase an Olympus Video Capture with a keyboard with recording capability in order to allow our most medically complex patients the opportunity to have diagnostic testing at the bedside and the ability for clinicians to show progress while patients are admitted to the hospital.
10. \$5,245 to the Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology to purchase a GE Healthcare Vscan wireless ultrasound unit to address the need for US-based thyroid imaging in cases of severe hypothyroidism, thyroid masses and suspicion of thyroid cancer.