Greater Together Community Funds

Orientation

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Hartford Foundation Staff

**Community Funds Team** – Here to help you establish your Community Funds Advisory Committee and grantmaking program

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Welcome to the Hartford Foundation!

Introduction to the Community Funds Program

Starting Your Town’s Community Fund Program

Next Steps – What Can You Do?
The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

• Established in 1925 to serve as the community foundation for the Greater Hartford region

• Serving 29 towns, hundreds of nonprofits and more than 750,000 residents

• Endowed funds of over $933 Million allowed the Foundation to make grants of over $38 Million in 2018, and $758 Million since 1925
Together for Good…

We are the community foundation for the Capitol Region of Connecticut - your community foundation - committed to bringing together resources, both human and financial, to improve the lives of all residents.

Our work is only possible through the dedication of our partners: donors, nonprofit agencies, professional advisors and community and business leaders.

The Greater Together Community Funds are an important part of fulfilling this mission…
Greater Together Community Funds

hfpg.org/communityfunds

To support the community in taking ownership around the needs in their town, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town.
29 Community Funds

$100,000 per town
• $50,000 Endowed Funds
• $50,000 “Immediate Use” Funds

Opportunity for community fundraising and continued fund growth to support towns
Accessing Community Funds

• **Establish a Town Advisory Committee** – of town residents that is inclusive, representative and reflective of all town residents

• **Establish a Participatory Decision Making Process** – to decide how grant funds will be allocated to meet the needs of town residents
Advisory Committees

• Town resident, age 14 or over
• 5-15 members, reflective of town residents
• Cannot be an elected official
• Term limits; max of 6 consecutive years
• Conflict of interest policy
• Democratic and inclusive decision-making process
• Identify primary representative to work with Foundation
# Roles

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<td>• Identify community needs</td>
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<td>• Keep track of funds available for grantmaking</td>
<td>• Approve grants, disburse funds</td>
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<td>• Provide ongoing support as needed to assist each town</td>
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Getting to Grants - Action Steps

1. Hartford Foundation Establishes Funds
2. Selection Committees
   - Establish Advisory Committees
3. Advisory Committees
   - Establish Grantmaking Process
4. Advisory Committees
   - Implement Grantmaking Process
5. Advisory Committees
   - Recommend Grants

Town Residents Own the Process

Hartford Foundation Provides Guidelines/Support

Hartford Foundation Disburses Funds
Town Selection Committees

Who’s On Them?
• People that know the community
• May include non-residents that work in community
• Must include at least 51% residents
• Is anyone not here that should be?

What Do They Do?
• Establish and implement an inclusive process to select the Advisory Committee members
• Select the first Community Funds Advisory Committee
• Coordinate with the Hartford Foundation for support and assistance
• Provide the Advisory Committee roster to the Foundation
Forming an Advisory Committee that Reflects Your Whole Community

1. Identify who lives in your community
2. Get the word out broadly
3. Collect applications and member nominations
4. Review applications and select members
5. Share proposed advisory committee members with Foundation contact

Identify who lives in your community
Get the word out broadly
Collect applications and member nominations
Review applications and select members
Share proposed advisory committee members with your foundation contact
Think inclusively!

Who are the residents that make up your town?

Source: Johns Hopkins University, Diversity Leadership Council
http://web.jhu.edu/dlc/resources/diversity_wheel/index.html
What Happens at the Kick-Off Events?

Interested residents gather to:

• learn about the Community Funds Program and how to form town Advisory Committees
• begin thinking about their individual roles
• start thinking about who else should be involved
• start forming a town Selection Committee
• review Selection Committee Tool Kits
• plan first Selection Committee meeting
Kick-Off Events - Regions
Kick-Off Events - Schedule

Region 1 (South Windsor, East Windsor, Ellington, Tolland, Somers)  September 10
Region 2 (Hartford)  September 17
Region 3 (Canton, Simsbury, Avon, Farmington, West Hartford)  September 25
Region 4 (Bloomfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks)  October 2
Region 5 (Newington, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury)  October 15
Region 6 (Granby, East Granby, Suffield, Enfield)  October 29
Region 7 (Vernon, Manchester, East Hartford)  November 5
Region 8 (Bolton, Andover, Hebron, Marlborough)  November 12
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Looking Ahead…

What can I do?

• Keep the momentum going in your town!
• Reflect on your personal role in this process
  ▪ Support the process, stay informed
  ▪ Encourage other to participate
  ▪ Serve on the Selection Committee or Advisory Committee?
What should **we** do next?

- Contact your Community Funds Liaison
- Find out if there is a date/time for your town’s first Selection Committee meeting
- Include others who may not know about the fund but may be able to contribute
- Include your Liaison in your Selection Committee meetings
Hartford Foundation Support

- Community Funds Liaison
- Meeting Attendance and Facilitation
- Tool Kits
- Contact Information for Interested People in Your Town
- Community Funds Website and Town Landing Page
- Group Training on Inclusion, Participatory Processes, Meeting Facilitation, etc.
- On-going Support, Guidance and Assistance

We are here to help your town get off to a great start!
Thank You!