

East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund Second Round of Grant Funding

Request for Applications

August 1, 2022

The East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund invites organizations to submit an application for grants of up to \$10,000 max per project. Projects must directly benefit the East Windsor community. The East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund hopes to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement through this grant program. All interested applicants must complete the application, which can be found on our webpage: <https://www.hfpg.org/donors/ways-to-give/community-funds/east-windsor>. Applications are due by Thursday, September 15, 2022.

We will be awarding up to \$40,000 for this second round of grantmaking in 2022.

Eligibility and Exclusions

Any nonprofit registered as a 501(c)(3) organization that serves the residents of East Windsor is eligible to apply. Civic organizations that do not have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation are not eligible to apply, unless partnered with a fiscal agent/sponsor. Nonprofits do not need to be based in East Windsor. Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply.

We are seeking project proposal applications for funding available to programs that will improve or enhance the quality of life in East Windsor or otherwise contribute to solving a direct need of the East Windsor community. Funding may include efforts to improve access to current programs (especially for underserved populations); or innovative new initiatives; or enhancements of current programs. Funding may be used for solving basic human needs (food or shelter), health, human services, disability or mental health services (especially in veterans and youth), senior services, education, and recreation/land conservation.

Groups of town residents may prepare an application in partnership with a registered nonprofit that has agreed to serve as a fiscal agent/sponsor for the proposed project. A fiscal agent/sponsor is an organization that receives, disburses, and accounts for grant funds on behalf of another group. The Town of East Windsor may also serve as a fiscal agent/sponsor for applicants. If a group of town residents has an idea for a project and needs help identifying a fiscal agent/sponsor, please email the Advisory Committee at ewcommunityfund@gmail.com.

Proposal Requirements:

A grant from the East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund must benefit residents of East Windsor. Project proposals must demonstrate the opportunity for all town residents to benefit without discrimination based on race, religion, or any other protected class. Projects do not necessarily need to benefit every town resident if the proposal can demonstrate why it addresses a need for a portion of the town's population and does not discriminate among residents who share that need.

Applicants will be asked to:

- Describe the East Windsor community need(s) the project addresses.
- Describe both who will benefit from the project and for how long.
- Describe how the project encourages broad and inclusive civic engagement.
- Describe why their organization is well-suited to implement this project.
- Explain and justify the cost of the project. A budget template is provided with the application and is available on our [webpage](#) for download.
- Provide a copy of their organization's Form 990 or other financial statement to the Committee.
- If selected for a grant, applicants will be requested to submit a final report at the end of their funded project.

The size of the grant awards will be based on the scope and focus of proposals. There is no minimum award for any proposal and the maximum grant shall not exceed \$10,000.

Criteria for Consideration:

- How many town residents will be impacted by the project?
- What is the project duration?
- Does the project encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement?
- Does the organization involved have a good plan for how to implement the project?
- Does the organization have experience or knowledge that makes success likely?
- Does the cost seem reasonable for the expected impact or benefit?

Additional Information

Questions can be directed to the East Windsor Advisory Committee:
ewcommunityfund@gmail.com at any time.

Each applying organization may only submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is Thursday, September 15, 2022.

How to Submit: Please see detailed instructions on our [webpage](#).

The application form can be directly submitted via an email attachment to ewcommunityfund@gmail.com or hard copy dropped off or mailed to EW Community Fund Advisory Committee, c/o First Selectman's Office, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016.

Key Dates

Grant Applications Available: Monday, August 1, 2022

Applications Due: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Notification of Grant Awards: Approximately 4-6 weeks after application deadline