

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance Grant Rubric

The Hartford Foundation Basic Human Needs Emergency Assistance Grant was created to support nonprofits as they increase access to emergency services and assistance for the most basic of human needs for vulnerable residents in Greater Hartford. This rubric will be used to help the Foundation discuss applications and make funding decisions. We will be accepting applications twice a year with grants being given (approximately) in July and November.

	Yes	No	N/A
Both the organization and program have been in existence for one year or more. <i>Note: Answering “no” to this question will disqualify the application.</i>			
Is this request for a collaborative effort (more than one agency) or a program that will take place at multiple sites? <i>Note: If so, this request is eligible for up to \$20,000.</i>			
The organization seeking support is led by a racially/ethnically under-represented nonprofit leader (Executive Director, CEO or President). <i>Note: This question is not relevant for requests from faith-based institutions.</i>			

	0 (Lowest Score)	1	2	3 (Most favorable)
Will a minimum of 75% of the grant be spent on food? OR will the request primarily increase food security? <i>Double Weighted</i>	No	N/A	N/A	Yes
Does this request primarily focus on emergency aid directly distributed to clients <u>other than food or increasing food security</u> (e.g. rent/mortgage assistance, transportation assistance, personal care items, medical	This request does not primarily focus on emergency aid directly distributed to clients.	N/A	N/A	This request primarily focuses on emergency aid directly distributed to clients (other than food or increasing food security).

aid/expense assistance)?				
<p>The proposed program makes a concerted effort to lower barriers for various populations of clients. For example, client centered approach and customer services, multilingual staff, translation services, flexible service hours during non-peak hours, easy bus access or bus passes.</p>	<p>Little or no effort is being made to lower barriers for various client populations to be served.</p>	<p>Some effort is being made to lower barriers for various client populations to be served.</p>	<p>Adequate effort is being made to lower barriers for various client populations to be served.</p>	<p>Significant effort is being made to lower barriers for various client populations to be served.</p>
<p>What ALICE/Federal Poverty Level Tier is the town in where most of the items will be distributed and/or services will be provided? <i>(see addendum)</i></p>	<p>The town is in Tier IV.</p>	<p>The town is in Tier III.</p>	<p>The town is in Tier II.</p>	<p>The town is in Tier I.</p>
<p>The organization does not have a current active open multiyear grant from the Foundation.</p>	<p>The entity has at least one open, active multiyear grant from the Foundation.</p>	<p>The entity has at least one open grant awarded through another Foundation opportunity such as another RFP or DAF.</p>	<p>The entity does not currently have any open, active grant from the Foundation.</p>	<p>The entity has never received a grant from the Foundation.</p>