

Bloomfield Community Fund
Request for Proposals
February 1, 2021

The Bloomfield Community Fund is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity offering a grant in the amount of up to \$10,000 for one or more nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of Bloomfield. All interested applicants must complete the application that can be downloaded here: www.hfpg.org/bloomfieldcf. Applications are due by **Friday, March 12, 2021**.

I. Background:

In 2019, the [Hartford Foundation for Public Giving](http://www.hartfordfoundation.org) established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, including the town of Bloomfield. The purpose of Bloomfield's Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. In 2020, Bloomfield's Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. The list of current members is available [here](#). This is the first call for proposals in Bloomfield.

II. Eligibility and Exclusions

Any nonprofit registered as a 501c3 organization that serves the residents of Bloomfield is eligible to apply. Groups of town residents may prepare an application in partnership with a registered nonprofit that has agreed to serve as a fiscal agent for the proposed project. Nonprofits do not need to be based in Bloomfield. The Town of Bloomfield may also serve as a fiscal agent for applicants. If a group of town residents has an idea for a project and needs help identifying a fiscal agent, please email the Advisory Committee at bloomfieldcommunityfund@gmail.com.

Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply. Civic organizations that do not have a 501c3 IRS designation are not eligible to apply unless partnered with a fiscal agent.

III. Proposal Requirements:

A grant from the Bloomfield Community Fund must benefit residents of Bloomfield. 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:

- **Why this project is needed.**

- **The expected benefit: Who will benefit and for how long?**
- **Why the applicant is well-suited to implement this project.**
- **The cost of the project.** [A budget template is provided with application.]

IV. Criteria for Consideration:

- The number of town residents to be impacted by the project
- The sustainability of the project (for how long will the project benefit/impact town residents?)
- Likelihood of success. Does the nonprofit or the individuals involved have a good plan for how to implement the project? Do they have experience or knowledge that makes success likely?
- Does the cost seem reasonable for the expected impact or benefit? *Grant requests cannot exceed the maximum amount available \$10,000 nor can they be for less than \$500.*

V. Additional Information

Questions can be directed to Meredith Johnson, Chairperson, or Kate Piotrowski, Senior Community Impact Associate at the Hartford Foundation, at **bloomfieldcommunityfund@gmail.com** at any time.

Proposals should complete all required questions of the application: Each applying organization may only submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **Friday, March 12, 2021.**

VI. Key Dates

Release of Request for Applications: **Monday, February 1, 2021**

Applications Due: **Friday, March 12, 2021**