



OPEN CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST IN GRANTS FOR PROJECTS BENEFITING THE SIMSBURY, CT COMMUNITY

Deadline: June 30, 2021

The Simsbury Advisory Committee - Greater Together Community Fund is pleased to announce an open call for **Letters of Interest for projects directly benefiting the Simsbury community** for 2021.

About the Simsbury Greater Together Community Fund

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes the town of Simsbury. The purpose of the community funds is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town. In 2020, the Simsbury Advisory Committee was created to manage the selection process.

About the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding communities. Made possible by the gifts of generous individuals, families and organizations, the Foundation has awarded grants of more than \$795 million since its founding in 1925. For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit <https://www.hfpg.org> or call 860-548-1888.

Purpose of the Call

Through this call, we are inviting Letters of Interest (LOI) for funding available to programs that will improve or enhance the quality of life of Simsbury or otherwise contribute to solving a direct need of the Simsbury 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, senior services, education, and recreation/land conservation. The geographic area served is restricted to Simsbury, CT. Partnerships or collaborative efforts are encouraged.

Eligibility and Prerequisites

- Any nonprofit registered as a 501(c)3 organization that serves the residents of Simsbury is eligible to submit.

- Groups of town residents may prepare an application in partnership with a registered nonprofit that has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the proposed project. The Town of Simsbury may also serve as a fiscal agent.
- Nonprofits do not need to be headquartered or based in Simsbury.
- Individuals, private foundations, and for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply.
- The Simsbury Greater Together Community Fund cannot be used to fund programs of sectarian or religious purpose.

Letters of Interest must provide the opportunity for Simsbury residents to benefit without discrimination based on race, religion, or any other protected class. The proposed project does not necessarily need to benefit every town resident if the letter can demonstrate why it addresses the need for a portion of the town's population and does not discriminate among residents who share this need.

Potential Funding for each Grant

Funding for each grant will be based on the scope and focus of proposals. The minimum request for any proposal is \$2,000 and the maximum request shall not exceed \$25,000. However, additional funding for proposals can be sought from other sources for larger proposals.

Review and Selection Process

Letters of Interest will be reviewed on a competitive basis by the Simsbury Advisory Committee and will be evaluated according to the merit and relevance to the call.

Those Letters of Interest accepted will be notified and invited to participate in the next round by submitting a full proposal. This proposal will be a longer document that describes more completely your project, your budget, your goals and how you will measure them.

All grant awards are made at the sole discretion of the Simsbury Advisory Committee and upon approval by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

How to submit Letters of Interest?

The deadline for submission of Letters of Interest is June 30, 2021.

The application form can be accessed from www.hfpg.org/simsburycf

Email completed Letters of Interest to Simsburycommunityfund@gmail.com in a Word Document or PDF format.

Questions about the Call for Letters of Interest may be directed to Jocelyn Lovelace or Caroline Meckel at Simsburycommunityfund@gmail.com.