

Catalyst Endowment Fund
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Call for Letters of Intent
July 2021

The Catalyst Endowment Fund is pleased to announce a competitive funding opportunity offering a one-year grant ranging from approximately **\$10,000 to \$15,000 for individual organizations**, and grants **up to \$60,000 to support collaborative projects of two or more partnering organizations**. Grant awards will be based on the size of the project, funding needed, and quality of plans responding to the forthcoming RFP.

The Hartford Foundation's Catalyst Endowment Fund is a giving circle of generous, civic-minded donors from the Greater Hartford area. Each year, members select a focal topic, with the goal of making one or more grants that will be *catalytic* in the 29-town region served by the Hartford Foundation. This year's topic is ***Addressing Housing Inequities***. On October 29, 2021, a total of **\$60,000** will be awarded for qualifying projects to be completed within a year.

I. Topic:

In 2021, Catalyst members decided to focus their efforts on learning about the historical impact of housing inequities fueled by systemic racism and how these inequities have shaped the Greater Hartford region. Catalyst members want to fully understand how communities and residents plagued by inequitable access to housing can overcome the formidable obstacles they face; how can we help in addressing persistent racism and bias in access to housing.

II. Application components:

Applicants are requested to complete and submit a one to two-page Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving by **July 30, 2021**. The LOI requirements are listed below:

III. LOI Requirements:

The Catalyst Endowment Fund will rely on the expertise and experience of your agency or your proposed collaborative to identify and implement the most impactful strategy for addressing persistent housing inequities in our region. Successful LOIs should include discussion of **one or more** of the following:

IV. Criteria for LOI Consideration:

- Effectively working with community residents and community-based organizations in highlighting opportunities for empowerment
- Strategies for leveraging accessible public education and advocacy innovations for addressing housing inequity
- Specific plans for ensuring that proposed work will be catalytic, transformative, and impactful
- Maximally achieving proposed goals through the leveraging of additional funds and/or other resources

Questions can be directed to Michael Wotorson (mwotorson@hfpg.org) or Betty Ann Grady (bgrady@hfpg.org). Organizations submitting successful LOIs will be invited to submit full proposals

Completed LOIs should be submitted to Michael Wotorson (mwotorson@hfpg.org) by Friday July 30, 2021.