

Dear Nonprofit Partners,

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications for grants from the Norma and Natale Sestero Fund. We project that grants ranging from **\$1,000 to \$50,000** will be awarded, depending upon the size and maturation of the agency and the scope of work to be performed through the proposed project.

**Purpose of the Fund:**

Norma and Natale Sestero were longtime residents of Glastonbury. Through their charitable remainder trusts, the Norma and Natale Sestero Fund was established to support organizations that benefit people and institutions from the Town of Glastonbury in the areas of **culture, health, education, social welfare and the environment (including town beautification and preservation of heritage)**.

**Types of Support and Grant Focus:**

The Hartford Foundation supports a wide range of needs, including:

1. Capital/equipment projects (support for capital improvements, such as construction and renovation of a building or the purchase of capital equipment),
2. Capacity building (support for strengthening organizational capacity),
3. Enhance or strengthen existing activities (support to enhance, expand, or strengthen the range, quantity, and/or quality of an agency's programs and services. However, in general these funds **are not meant** to maintain the current activities or level of service),
4. General Operating Support (support of board approved strategic plan and/or annual plan), and
5. New activities or services (support for new programs or demonstration projects that do not commit the Foundation to recurring expenditures).

Proposals will be considered for the specific areas noted above. Requests for grants that will leverage other support (e.g., challenge grants) or employ a collaborative approach are encouraged. Requests for start-up support will not be considered through the Sestero Fund.

**Funding Amounts and Duration:**

The maximum grant award is **\$50,000 for a 12-month period**. Note that the Foundation does not generally fund an entire project budget; therefore, additional funding sources must be identified or committed at the time of submission. Requests for projects that are finite in duration, or will become self-sustaining over time, are encouraged. **This fund is not intended to replace governmental funding of projects or needs that properly should be funded through the municipal appropriations process.**

Please contact Cierra Stancil, Community Impact Officer, at 860-539-0810 or [cstancil@hfpg.org](mailto:cstancil@hfpg.org), if you have questions about whether a specific project is likely to be considered. If you have technical difficulties please contact our Grants Administration Team at [grantsadministration@hfpg.org](mailto:grantsadministration@hfpg.org). You may also contact Susan Hills, Senior Community Impact Associate, at either [shills@hfpg.org](mailto:shills@hfpg.org) or 860-933-6451.

**Proposal Process:**

To apply for a grant from the Sestero Fund, please log into our online system by following: <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/AManVN>. The access code is **Stero21**. Please note, you only need to use the access code one time. If you have not logged into our system since January 1, 2019, please contact Susan Hills at [shills@hfpg.org](mailto:shills@hfpg.org) or 860-933-6451 prior to using the link.

Applications and all supporting materials are due to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving no later than **11:59 pm on October 6, 2021**. **We anticipate that grant decisions will be made by the first week of November, and all applicants will be notified.**