

South Windsor Greater Together Community Fund

Request for Proposals March 1, 2022

The South Windsor Greater Together Community Fund is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity offering a total of up to \$50,000 in grant funding, with a maximum award of \$10,000 for any individual proposal, for one or more nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of South Windsor. All interested applicants must complete the application at: hfpg.org/SouthWindsorCF. Applications are due April 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

I. Background

In 2019, the <u>Hartford Foundation for Public Giving</u> established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes the town of South Windsor. The purpose of South Windsor's Greater Together Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership of needs in their towns and encouraging broad and inclusive civic engagement. In 2020, South Windsor's Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. The list of current members is available here. This is the first call for proposals in South Windsor.

II. Eligibility

Any nonprofit registered as a 501c3 organization that serves the residents of South Windsor 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 South Windsor. The Town of South Windsor 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: swac.greatertogether@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.

III. Proposal Requirements

A grant from the South Windsor Greater Together Community Fund must benefit residents of South Windsor. 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 how it addresses a need for a portion of the town's population and does not discriminate among residents who share that need.



Applicants are asked to:

- Describe the project and why this project is needed.
- Describe the expected benefit, both who will benefit and for how long.
- Describe why the applicant is well suited to implement this project.
- Explain what the project will cost. [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 \$250.

V. Submission Information

- Applicants must complete all required information for their proposal to be accepted.
- Each applying organization may only submit one proposal.
- The deadline for proposals is April 15th.
- Proposals may be submitted online through the google form found at <u>hfpg.org/SouthWindsorCF</u> or by emailing to <u>swac.greatertogether@gmail.com</u>.
- Questions may also be directed to this email, however last minute questions before the deadline might not get answered in time to impact your submission. We recommend you ask your questions early.

VI. Key Dates

Applications Due: April 15th, 2022

Expected Award Announcements: Mid May 2022

Award delivery 1-2 weeks following the announcement