

Vernon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee Application

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established an initial \$100,000 community fund for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's geographic region, which includes Vernon. The funds are earmarked to support residents in taking ownership of their town's needs, to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. The established funds must be managed by an advisory committee for the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund that is diverse and representative of all its residents. The advisory committee, utilizing an inclusive grant-making process, will identify a community need(s) that will be most beneficial or have the greatest impact on town residents. In 2021, the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund made inaugural grants to seven organizations totaling \$18,500.

If you are interested in becoming an advisory committee member, kindly fill out the application below. **Please note that you must be a Vernon resident, age 14 or older, and not be an elected official to apply.**

Are you a Vernon resident? **(Only Vernon residents can apply.)** Yes _____ No _____

Number of years living in Vernon: _____

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

The following questions are intended to help us include a diverse and broad demographic of committee members. Diverse feelings, experiences and perspectives are welcomed and encouraged.

- 1) Why are you interested in or called to participate in the Advisory Committee for the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund?

- 2) What unique talents, experiences, or skill sets would you bring as an advisory committee member?

3) Have you been part of any organizations, clubs or groups? If so, please list.

4) Our advisory committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm currently by Zoom. We strive for consensus on process and grant making. Regular attendance at meetings is expected of all members. Is this something you are able to commit to at this time?

Diversity and the inclusion of different voices on the Advisory Committee is our top goal. The following questions are optional. Your answers, should you choose to provide them, will help the Advisory Committee choose members that fully represent the Vernon Community. You can answer all or some of these questions, as you feel comfortable.

Gender: _____

Age:

☐ 14-20

☐ 41-64

☐ 21-40

☐ 65 or over

With what group(s) do you identify? (i.e. ethnic, ancestry, culture, religion or spiritual practices)

Do you identify as a natural born citizen, immigrant, or other _____

Marital Status:

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Divorced

☐ Other _____

Number of minor children residing with you: _____

In Vernon, do you:

☐ Rent ☐ Own Other ☐ _____

Military Status:

☐ Active ☐ Veteran ☐ Other _____ ☐ N/A

Employment Status:

☐ Employed full time (30+ hours per week) ☐ Self-Employed
☐ Part time (less than 30 hours) ☐ Retired
☐ Unemployed/currently seeking employment ☐ Not in the workforce

Education: (check highest attained)

☐ Some High School ☐ Bachelor's Degree
☐ High School Diploma/GED ☐ Master's Degree
☐ Associates Degree ☐ Post Graduate Degree
☐ _____

Are you a student currently?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes what school? _____

Do you wish to share any other demographic information that you feel would be relevant for the selection committee? (For example, sexual orientation, foreign languages, etc.):

The following sections relate to applicants under 18 years of age. Interested applicants in this age group must obtain permission from a parent or guardian.

What are your interests outside of school?

Permission:

I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to be a member of the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee and to participate in all meetings and activities of the same. I understand that the Community Fund may wish to make known the success of this venture, and I therefore authorize my child to appear in photographs or other publications for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*The completed application can be emailed to vernoncommunityfund@gmail.com or dropped in the mail to PO Box 3067, Vernon CT 06066. **Applications will be accepted through August 16.***

Vernon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee applications can be found on our website at: **www.hfpg.org/vernoncf**