Farmington Greater Together Community Fund

Request for Applications

June 27, 2022

The Farmington Greater Together Community Fund invites organizations to submit an application for grants of up to $5,000 for projects directly benefiting the Farmington community. All interested applicants must complete the application here.

Applications are due by **Friday, September 30, 2022.**

I. Background:

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established $100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, including the town of Farmington. The purpose of Farmington's Greater Together Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their town and to encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. In 2020, Farmington's Advisory Committee was selected. The list of current members is available here. This is the second call for proposals in Farmington. In 2021, the Farmington Greater Together Community Fund awarded over $24,000 to 6 different community groups.

II. Eligibility and Exclusions

Any nonprofit registered as a 501(c)(3) organization that serves the residents of Farmington is eligible to apply. Civic organizations that do not have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation are not eligible to apply, unless partnered with a fiscal agent/sponsor. Nonprofits do not need to be based in Farmington.

Groups of town residents may prepare an application in partnership with a registered nonprofit that has agreed to serve as a fiscal agent/sponsor for the proposed project. A fiscal agent/sponsor is an organization that receives, disburses and accounts for grant funds on behalf of another group. The Town of Farmington may also serve as a fiscal agent/sponsor for applicants. If a group of town residents has an idea for a project and needs help identifying a fiscal agent/sponsor, please email the Advisory Committee at FarmingtonCTCommunityFund@gmail.com.

Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply.

III. Proposal Requirements:

A grant from the Farmington Greater Together Community Fund must benefit residents of

Farmington. 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 why it addresses a need for a portion of the town's population and does not discriminate among residents who share that need.

Applicants will be asked to:

- Describe the Farmington community need(s) the project addresses.
- Describe both who will benefit from the project and for how long.
- Describe why their organization is well-suited to implement this project.
- Explain and justify the cost of the project. A budget template is provided with the application and is available here for download.
- Provide a copy of their organization's Form 990 or other financial statement to the Committee.
- If selected for a grant, applicants will be requested to submit a final report at the end of their funded project.

IV. Criteria for Consideration:

- How many town residents will be impacted by the project?
- What is the project duration?
- Does the organization involved have a good plan for how to implement the project?
- Does the organization have experience or knowledge that makes success likely?
- Does the cost seem reasonable for the expected impact or benefit?

V. Additional Information

Questions can be directed to the Farmington Advisory Committee at FarmingtonCTCommunityFund@gmail.com at any time.

Each applying organization may only submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **Friday, September 30, 2022.**

VI. Key Dates

Grant Applications Available: **Monday, June 27, 2022**

Applications Due: **Friday, September 30, 2022**

Notification of Grant Awards: **Approximately 4-6 weeks after application deadline**