

ROCKY HILL GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND

Request for Proposals

The Rocky Hill Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity for one or more nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of Rocky Hill.

All interested applicants must complete the application which is available *at* <http://www.hfpg.org/RockyHillcf>. Applications must be received by **June 30, 2023** to be considered.

I. BACKGROUND

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 in community funds for each of the twenty-nine towns in the Foundation's region. Rocky Hill is one of those towns. The purpose of Rocky Hill's Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. In 2020, Rocky Hill's Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. This is the second call for proposals for the Rocky Hill Together Community Fund.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Any nonprofit registered as a 501(c)(3) organization that serves the residents of Rocky Hill 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 Rocky Hill. The Town of Rocky Hill 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 rockyhillcommunityfund@gmail.com.

Individuals and for-profit businesses are not eligible to apply. Civic organizations that do not have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation are not eligible to apply.

III. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A grant from the Rocky Hill Community Fund must benefit residents of Rocky Hill. 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 why this project is needed.**
- **Describe how you will implement the project and the expected benefit (both who will benefit and for how long).**
- **Describe why the applicant is well suited to implement this project (detail your experience or knowledge related to the requested project).**

- **Explain what the project will cost and the projected timeline.** (A budget template will be 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 can not exceed the maximum amount available (\$10,000) nor can they be for less than \$250.*

V. Additional Information

- Questions may be directed to the Committee at (rockyhillcommunityfund@gmail.com).
- Each applying organization may only submit one proposal via the online application.

Proposals should complete all required questions of the application: The deadline is **June 30, 2023.**

VI. Key Dates

Release of Request for Applications: May 1, 2023

Applications Due: **June 30, 2023**

Expected Grant Start Date: **September, 2023**

Rocky Hill Greater Together Community Fund Committee