

Bolton Greater Together Community Fund Request for Proposals 2023

The Bolton Greater Together Community Fund is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity offering grants in the amount of up to \$5,000 for nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of Bolton. All interested applicants must complete the application that can be downloaded here: hfpg.org/boltoncf. **Applications are due by Monday, October 2, 2023.**

I. Background:

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, including the town of Bolton. The purpose of the Community Fund program is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. Grant awards are made by Bolton's Community Fund Advisory Committee. The list of current members is available [here](#). In its two previous grant cycles, 12 civic and town sponsored organizations received over \$60,000 in grant awards. This will be the third call for proposals in Bolton.

II. Eligibility and Exclusions:

Any nonprofit registered as a 501c3 organization that serves the residents of Bolton 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 Bolton. The Town of Bolton 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 boltoncommunityfund21@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 unless partnered with a fiscal agent.

III. Proposal Requirements:

A grant from the Bolton Community Fund must benefit residents of Bolton. 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.
- The expected benefit: Who will benefit and for how long?
- Why the applicant is well-suited to implement this project.
- The cost of the project. [A budget template is provided with the 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 of \$5,000 nor can they be for less than \$500.

V. Additional Information

Questions can be directed to boltoncommunityfund21@gmail.com at any time.

Proposals should complete all required questions of the application. Each applying organization may only submit one proposal. The deadline for proposals is **Monday, October 2, 2023**. Awards will be made before year end 2023.

I. Key Dates:

Release of Request for Applications: May 1, 2023

Applications Due: Monday, October 2, 2023

Grants awarded by: year end 2023