



## General Operating Support Grant Process

### **Inquiry**

If your organization is interested in applying for any type of grant, including [General Operating Support](#), please start the process by calling Tara Sundie, Community Investments Senior Associate, at (860) 548-1888 x 1014. You will be asked for initial information such as:

- Have you completed reporting requirements for previous program grants?
- Does your organization meet the Foundation's [Governance Diversity policy](#)?
- Are the overwhelming majority of your agency's services in our funding region ([29-town Greater Hartford region](#))?
- Does your organization have a current Executive Director?
- Is your organization currently implementing a strategic plan?

Your answers will determine whether your agency meets the basic qualification for General Operating Support or other Foundation grants. If you qualify for General Operating Support, your inquiry will be referred to a program officer. You and the program officer will have additional conversations about your agency, your strategic plan, finances, etc. and if your agency meets the criteria for consideration for General Operating Support, you will be sent a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

### **Request for Qualifications**

Your Request for Qualifications will be reviewed by a staff committee. After review of all requests, you will be notified whether your agency will be invited to submit a General Operating Support application.

### **Application**

Agencies that have been invited to apply for General Operating Support will need to submit a complete application. Applications will be reviewed by the program officer as well as a staff committee at the Foundation. Agencies will be notified whether or not they have received a grant award after a decision by the Foundation's board of directors.