

## **Enfield Community Fund**

Request for Proposals

February 15, 2024

The Enfield Community Fund is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity offering grants from \$250 to \$5,000 for nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of Enfield. All interested applicants must complete the application here: [www.hfpg.org/enfieldcf](http://www.hfpg.org/enfieldcf). Applications are due March 31, 2024.

### **I. Background:**

In 2019, the [Hartford Foundation for Public Giving](http://www.hfpg.org) established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes the town of Enfield. The purpose of Enfield's Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement. In 2022, Enfield's Community Fund Advisory Committee was selected. The list of current members is available [here](#). This is the first call for proposals in Enfield.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any nonprofit registered as a 501c3 organization that serves the residents of Enfield 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 Enfield. The Town of Enfield 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 [enfieldgtfc@gmail.com](mailto:enfieldgtfc@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.

### **III. Proposal Requirements:**

A grant from the Enfield Community Fund must benefit residents of Enfield. 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 the expected benefit, both who will benefit and for how long.**
- **Describe why the applicant is well suited to implement this project.**
- **Explain what the project will cost.** [A budget template is 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 \$5,000 nor can they be for less than \$250.*

**V. Additional Information**

Please email the Advisory Committee at [enfieldgtfc@gmail.com](mailto:enfieldgtfc@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating or have any questions about the application or process.

**Proposals should complete all required questions of the application:** Each applying organization may only submit one proposal. The deadline for this round of proposals is March 31, 2024

**VI. Key Dates**

Release of Request for Applications: February 15, 2024

Applications Due: March 31, 2024

Expected Grant Start Date: May 2024