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West Hartford Greater Together Community Fund Seeks Grant Applications

Deadline for Grant Applications is Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Virtual Information Sessions will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7-8 pm and Tuesday April 15, 2025, 9:30-10:30 am

West Hartford, CT - On April 1, 2025 the West Hartford Greater Together Community Fund (WHGTCF) at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will open its application window for 2025 grant proposals for programs or projects in the West Hartford community. To celebrate the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Centennial year in 2025, the Foundation has announced a new investment in each of its 29 town Community funds.

The West Hartford Greater Community Fund is pleased to announce a fifth round of grants with this increased funding. Applications for grants in the amount of \$2500, \$5000, or \$10,000 will be accepted from non-profit organizations proposing programs or projects that will benefit West Hartford residents. Preference will be given to programs/projects that build an inclusive West Hartford community by addressing mental health, social, and/or basic human needs.

The WGTCF Advisory Committee will accept and evaluate applications from any eligible organization or project/program that benefits West Hartford residents. Grant awards from the WHGTCF may be used for, but not limited to, improvements to current projects/programs or

innovative new initiatives. Partnerships, collaborative efforts, and inventive ideas to effect change are encouraged.

Any nonprofit registered as a 501(c)(3) organization serving the residents of West Hartford is eligible to submit an application, regardless of where it is based. Groups of town residents not part of a registered nonprofit may prepare an application in partnership with a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit that has agreed to serve as the Fiscal Agent/Sponsor for the proposed project. Only organizations and groups with an operating budget not exceeding \$2 million will be considered for a grant award.

Interested applicants are invited, but not required, to attend a virtual information session to learn more about the West Hartford Greater Together Community Fund and the grant making process. In advance of the information sessions, please register using this <u>Link to Virtual Info Session Registration</u>

Info Session 1: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7-8 pm Info Session 2: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 9:30-10:30 am

Applications must be submitted online unless there are accessibility issues and prior arrangements are made by contacting 860-548-1888. The deadline for grant applications is Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:00pm EDT. Questions must be submitted by April 15, 2025 to westhartfordac@hfpgcommunityfunds.org Proposals will be selected and notified of awards by mid-June. All grants are awarded at the sole discretion of the West Hartford Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee with the support of Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. For ongoing updates and information, visit and follow the WHGTCF Facebook Page and the WHGTCF page on the Foundation's website.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes the town of West Hartford. The purpose of the community fund is to support the community in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town. Past grant awardees and programs for WHGTCF may be found online.

The West Hartford Community Fund Advisory Committee, all volunteers, was established in 2020. The Advisory Committee includes West Hartford residents Bryson Carter, Jaclyn Carter, Christopher Clark, Viviane De Oliveira Rinaldi, Debbie Ducoff-Barone, Candace Fisher, Mike Fournier (co-chair), Jacob Jackson, Shuruti Mwajirani, Krista Schroth-Bylsma, Penny Smith, Holly Williams.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Greater Together Community Fund program also creates an opportunity for organizations and individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to the West Hartford Community Fund. All donations are welcome and will be utilized in support of West Hartford residents. For additional information, email westhartfordac@hfpgcommunityfunds.org

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is the community foundation for Hartford and 28 surrounding communities. Made possible by the gifts of generous individuals, families and organizations, the Foundation has awarded grants of more than \$998 million since its founding in 1925. For more information about the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, visit www.hfpg.org or call 860-548-1888.