



PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

Overview

The Main Street Community Foundation, Inc. is a community foundation serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Programs and policies of the Foundation continually evolve in order to remain responsive to the community.

The Plainville Community Fund was established in 2006 by a group of Plainville leaders to create an additional resource for charitable projects and programs that would enhance the lives of Plainville residents. Grants are made to either a public institution or private tax-exempt organization engaged in charitable activities defined by Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Either the organization or the program for which funding is requested, must be located in Plainville and be of benefit to Plainville residents.

Basic Eligibility

To be eligible for funding from the Plainville Community Fund, organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Grants are made for a charitable purpose and must serve the public to be a charitable expenditure. General Competitive Grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) not for profit organizations and 170(c)(1) public or governmental units.
- Either the organization or the program for which funding is requested, must provide a service to the residents of Plainville. Strong documentation must be provided from out-of-area organizations that they serve individuals from our six-town service area.
- A Statement of Non-Discrimination Policy must be signed.
- Repeat requests from agencies are certainly welcome.
- Follow up reports from all closed grants must have been completed and returned to Main Street Community Foundation. If they have not, the organization will not be eligible for funding.

Grantmaking Criteria

- Grant requests should fall within the following program areas: Basic Needs, Access to Opportunity and Vibrant Communities.
- The Foundation is looking to support nonprofits and organizations as they work to sustain and improve the delivery of services. Both existing and new programs will be considered for funding, but less emphasis will be placed on new programs unless they serve a documented unmet need.

- A proportionate amount of salaries, overhead/operational expenses can be included in the program or project budget for which funding is being requested.
- Grants for capital expenditures and general operating support will be considered.
- All requests must include stated outcomes and criteria by which the outcomes will be evaluated.
- In general, grants are made for future, planned expenditures and not to cover operating deficits or previously incurred obligations.
- The Main Street Community Foundation, at its sole discretion, may provide outright grants, challenge grants or grants which require matching funds.

Projects Not Funded

Projects not generally funded by the Foundation include, but are not limited to:

- Operating/budgets deficits
- Previously incurred obligations
- Endowments, research, political and/or lobbying activities
- Property repairs/maintenance
- Loans and memorials
- Replacement of governmental or other public funding
- Fundraising events

Grants are not available to individuals. Religiously affiliated or supported organizations may solicit grants for secular projects; however, grants for religious activities will not be entertained.

Interested organizations should contact Kate Kerchaert, Director of Grants & Programs, at kate@mainstreetfoundation.org or another member of the grantmaking team at 860-583-6363 to confirm that they are eligible to apply and that their request falls within the Foundation's guidelines.