

**WETHERSFIELD GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND**  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
October 1, 2024

The Wethersfield Greater Together Community Fund is pleased to announce a competitive grant opportunity offering a total of up to **\$20,000** for one or more nonprofits proposing projects to benefit the residents of Wethersfield. All interested applicants must complete the application here: [Wethersfield Greater Together Community Fund](#). **Applications are due Thursday, October 31st no later than 5:00 PM. Only one proposal per applicant will be allowed.** Completed applications with any additional supporting materials should be emailed to [wethersfieldfundcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wethersfieldfundcommittee@gmail.com).

**I. Background**

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes the town of Wethersfield. The purpose of Wethersfield's Greater Together Community Fund is to support residents in taking ownership around the needs in their towns and encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement.

**II. Eligibility**

Any nonprofit registered as a 501c3 organization that serves the residents of Wethersfield 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 Wethersfield. The Town of Wethersfield 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 [wethersfieldfundcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wethersfieldfundcommittee@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 Wethersfield Greater Together Community Fund must benefit residents of Wethersfield. 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. Grants are awarded for a period of 12 months. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

WGTCF is seeking proposals which address one or more of the following funding priorities:

- Mental Health and Social Wellbeing developed with the active collaboration of Wethersfield Youth
- Support Services, including but not limited to: food assistance, energy assistance, at-risk youth programs, support for victims of domestic violence, support for disabled, elderly, or low-income residents
- Combating Human Trafficking
- Leadership Development

Applicants will be asked to:

- Describe why this project is needed
- Describe the expected benefit, both who will benefit and for how long/frequency
- Describe why the applicant is well-suited to implement this project
- Explain what the project will cost
- Identify any other funding sources for this project

#### IV. Criteria for Consideration:

- The projected 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?) during the proposed grant period and beyond
- 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 \$7,500 nor can they be less than \$1,000.*

#### V. Additional Information

Questions can be directed to [wethersfieldfundcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wethersfieldfundcommittee@gmail.com) at any time.

**Applicants should complete *all* required questions of the application. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. Organizations are asked to submit only one proposal.**

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Please note that should your organization receive a grant award, the Wethersfield Greater Together Community Fund does not require written program status reports. However, we may contact your organization to inquire about how the program is going and how the application process went, post-award.

**VI. Key Dates**

Release of Request for Applications: October 1, 2024

Applications Due: Thursday October 31, 2024 by 5 PM

Grant recipients announced: November 30, 2024