

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Theresa Sullivan-Barger or Rie Poirier-Campbell, co-chairs,
Canton Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee,
CommunityFundCantonCT@gmail.com
or tsullivanbarger@gmail.com or 860-805-4404 (Theresa)

Nonprofits Serving Canton Invited to Apply for Community Fund Grants

Whether serving children or adults, athletes or artists, nature lovers or history buffs, nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for a grant beginning Jan. 25, 2025. Nonprofits can apply for grants ranging from \$250 to \$10,000, seeking full funding for a need or partial funding.

Over the past three years, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Canton Greater Together Community Fund has awarded 23 grants totaling \$85,530 to address a wide range of community needs and improvements in Canton. This is the fourth call for grant proposals in Canton.

The Canton Community Fund will offer grants to Canton-based nonprofit groups or individuals who are working under the umbrella of an existing nonprofit as their fiscal agent. Organizations and individuals from throughout the Canton community are encouraged to apply. The application period will remain open from Jan. 25 until March 15, 2025 at 5 p.m. Grant awards will be announced in early June.

The Canton GTCF Committee will host an in-person information session to provide an overview of its grant application process and to answer any questions about how to apply for a grant. This information session is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Community Center and will include light refreshments.

In 2024, the [Canton Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving](#) awarded grants to 11 nonprofit organizations serving Canton residents. Canton GTCF Committee members carefully reviewed all the applications to fulfill the Hartford's mission to enrich the lives of a broad cross-section of residents and fulfill unmet needs.

The Canton Committee awarded grants from \$2,000 to \$6,500 each for a total of \$46,100 to organizations and programs serving kids with different abilities, student athletes, student musicians, older adults, people in need of energy assistance, domestic violence survivors, people interested in bringing nature to their homes and dog park visitors.

Eligible Projects

Projects do not need to benefit every town resident if the proposal can demonstrate how it addresses a need for a portion of the town's population and does not discriminate among residents who share that need. In general, grant 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.

To learn more about the Canton Greater Together Community Fund, grant project guidelines and how to apply for grant funding, go to: www.hfpg.org/cantoncf. Email questions to cantonac@hfpgcommunityfunds.org. Members are happy to work with potential applicants and answer questions in the fall and winter so applicants are ready with a proposal by the March 15 deadline.

About the Greater Together Community Fund

All Canton residents ages 14 and older are welcome to serve on the Canton GTCF Committee, as long as they are not elected officials or running for office. New members are always welcome. The Committee meets monthly from September through June. Please go to the Canton Community Fund page at www.hfpg.org/cantoncf and fill out an application if you're interested in volunteering. The following Canton residents serve on the committee: Rie Poirier-Campbell, co-chair, Theresa Sullivan-Barger, co-chair, Maggie Carlin, Dave Delcampe, Anne Hunter, Maggie Meehan, Mark Pickett, Dave Santis and Alan Weiner.

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 Greater Together Community Funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region, which includes Canton. Since then, the fund has received another \$80,000 totaling an investment of \$180,000. The purpose of the community funds is to support residents in taking ownership of the needs in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town.

In addition to grant opportunities, the Greater Together Community Funds also create an opportunity for organizations and individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to the 29 Greater Together Community Funds to support their towns. All donations are welcome both large and small.

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 <https://www.hfpg.org> or call 860-548-1888.

