Main Street Community Foundation announces grants
Main Street Community Foundation has listened to the nonprofits struggling during the pandemic in many local communities and adapted its grantmaking guidelines to provide funding for what is needed the most: unrestricted operating support. This month, $465,226 in general operating support grants were awarded to help sustain nonprofit organizations in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott, according to a statement.

“The Board of Directors took action and recognized the challenges facing our local nonprofits during this extraordinary time," said Susan Sadecki, president & CEO of the foundation. “Back in March, we joined hundreds of foundations throughout the country in partnership with the Council on Foundations to pledge our commitment to more flexible funding to help grantee partners meet emerging needs prompted by the COVID-19 crisis.”

Unrestricted operating support grants totaling $112,353 were awarded to 18 organizations from the COVID-19 Response Fund, the Bristol Brass General Grant Fund, the KAWFY Memorial Fund and several donor advised funds: the Clement Family Fund, the Hamzy Family Charitable Fund and the Pat & Bob Wollenberg Charitable Fund. The grants ranged from $2,000 to $20,000 and the organizations awarded are: American Clock & Watch Museum; Animal Rescue Foundation, Inc.; Boys & Girls Club of Bristol; Brian’s Angels Homeless Outreach Center; Bristol Preschool Childcare Center, Inc.; Bristol Recovery Club; Community Counseling Centers of Central Connecticut, Inc.; Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, Inc.; Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center; Lock Museum of America, Inc. ; New England Carousel Museum; Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra, Inc.; Plainville Community Food Pantry ; Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.; St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol; Tabernacle Christian Church - Giving Back Food Pantry; United Way of West Central Connecticut; and Veterans Strong Community Center

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