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Main Street Community Foundation accepting nonprofit funding requests

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SOUTHINGTON - The Main Street Community Foundation's Barnes Memorial Trust is accepting requests for funding from nonprofit organizations serving the local community Jan. 15 through Feb. 9.

The proposals being accepted must be capital projects, programs or initiatives intended to enhance the community's health and well-being. The deadline is Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.

All grant proposals are reviewed by a nine person volunteer advisory committee, which is comprised by Southington residents and professionals who conduct site visits of each organization and make the final funding recommendations to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.



"The Advisory Committee's thoughtful review of all proposals to ensure feasibility, sustainability and impact as well as their commitment to honoring donor intent is unmatched," said Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation.

The proposed capital project, program or initiative must address one of the following identified community health and health care focus areas:

- Access and affordability to health care
- Mental health and substance use
- Supports to meet the health and health care needs of an aging population
- Better integrated health care (especially the integration of primary and behavioral health, including initiatives that promote a healthy lifestyle).

The Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust was originally established in 1973 by the late Bradley Henry Barnes of Southington to support the health and health care needs of town residents. The trust was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2004.

Interested 501(C)(3) organizations are required to contact Jarre Betts, vice president of programs or Kate Kerchaert, program officer, at 860-583-6363 before submitting a letter of intent. Full guidelines, eligibility criteria and links to the online application are available on the Foundation's website, mainstreetfoundation.org.