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Foundation Accepting Grant Applications In Southington

Main Street Community Foundation grant applications are due by Sept. 30.

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The Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting grant applications. (Image via Shutterstock)

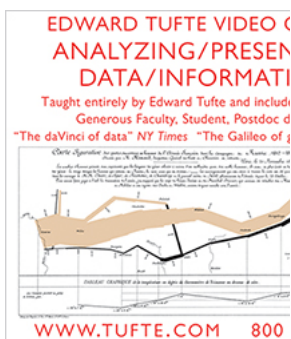
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The Bradley Henry Barnes & Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust with the Main Street Community Foundation is accepting grant applications.

The applications can come from local nonprofits with capital projects, programs or initiatives that enhance the health and wellbeing of Southington residents.



Main Street Community Foundation Scholarship & Program Officer Samantha Rajotte said that applications are due by 4 p.m. Sept. 30. Nonprofit organizations providing health related services in Southington are encouraged to apply.

“The Barnes Memorial Trust awards over \$1 million to support Southington residents annually,” she said.

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

“Since the trust’s transfer to the Main Street Community Foundation, nearly \$11 million has been distributed to benefit organizations in Southington or organizations that provide programs to Southington residents,” said Rajotte.

The suggested minimum grant request for a capital item is \$50,000 and it must be used to enhance a current health related program that is available to the residents of Southington. The suggested minimum grant request for an initiative or program is \$25,000.

Funding requests must align with at least one of the following priority areas:

- . Health/health care needs for an aging population
- . Substance use and mental health
- . Healthy initiatives and lifestyle.

The latter category can include, but is not limited to, COVID-19 related needs and recovery efforts, availability and access to healthy food, environmental protection and sustainability of natural resources, fitness and health, health equity, health literacy and education, transportation and access to health services.

Interested 501(c) (3) organizations should contact Kate Kerchaert, director of grants and programs with the Main Street Community Foundation. She can be reached via email at kate@mainstreetfoundation.org or by phone at 860-583-6363. Applicants are asked to call at least seven business days prior to the deadline for a preliminary discussion of their proposal.

For more information, including complete grant guidelines, eligibility criteria and the online application, visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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