

Main Street Community Foundation awards grants totaling \$7,000

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Main Street Community Foundation recently awarded grants totaling \$7,000 from the Men & Boys Fund to support programs that are impacting the lives of men and boys in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott.

The grants awarded are:

The Children's Law Center, \$2,000, for legal representation for male children in family court from the communities served by the fund.

City of Bristol Youth and Community Services, \$2,000, for the Parent & Child Center's Full Circle program for fathers.

Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut, \$1,000, for summer camperships for boys from the communities served by the fund.

Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, \$1,000, for equine assisted activities and therapies for men and boys.

The Boys & Girls Club of Bristol, \$1,000, for unrestricted operating support.

"Despite the uncertainty surrounding nonprofit organizations during the covid-19 pandemic, most are still running vital programs," according to a press release from the foundation.

"The pandemic has brought significant challenges to many organizations," said Rodger Stotz, fund advisory board chairperson. "These grants will help to continue to provide supports and critical programs for local men and boys."

Established in 2016 at the foundation, fund's mission is to help men and boys improve the quality of their lives, increase self-sufficiency, and make a positive difference in their communities. Each fall, after a thorough grant review process, grants are awarded that align with the fund's mission.

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