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## Main Street Community Foundation accepting applications for variety of grants

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The Women & Girls Fund grant recipients at the Fund's Annual Meeting & Grant Reception in January 2024.

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**BRISTOL —** The Main Street Community Foundation is accepting grant applications from local organizations through mid-September.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship & program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said several grant programs are now accepting applications. Organizations looking to apply must be located in or serve residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and/or Wolcott to be eligible.

The following funds are currently accepting applications:

— Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust - Nonprofit organizations may submit letters of inquiry (LOIs) for new capital projects, programs, or initiatives that improve the health outcomes of Southington residents. The deadline to submit LOIs is Sept. 19.

— Men & Boys' Fund – Grant applications must demonstrate the need for a program or initiative that assists local men and boys to improve the quality of their lives, increase self-sufficiency, and/or make a positive difference in their community. The deadline to apply is Sept. 19.

— Women & Girls Fund - Successful grant applications will address one of three identified priority areas for local women and girls: Services for senior women, confidence building and leadership, and mental health and well-being. The deadline to apply is Sept. 26.

Rajotte said two more grants will be opening to applicants on Oct. 1 — the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund and the Burlington Community Fund.

Interested organizations should email Kate Kerchaert, director of grants & programs at [kate@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:kate@mainstreetfoundation.org), or email Alicia Krar, grants manager at [alicia@mainstreetfoundation.org](mailto:alicia@mainstreetfoundation.org). Krar can also be reached at 860-583-6363.

Applicants are asked to reach out for a preliminary discussion of their proposal at least one week prior to the deadline.

The Online Grants Center can be accessed on the Foundation's website at [mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant](https://mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant).

There, applicants can find more information about the funds and apply.

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