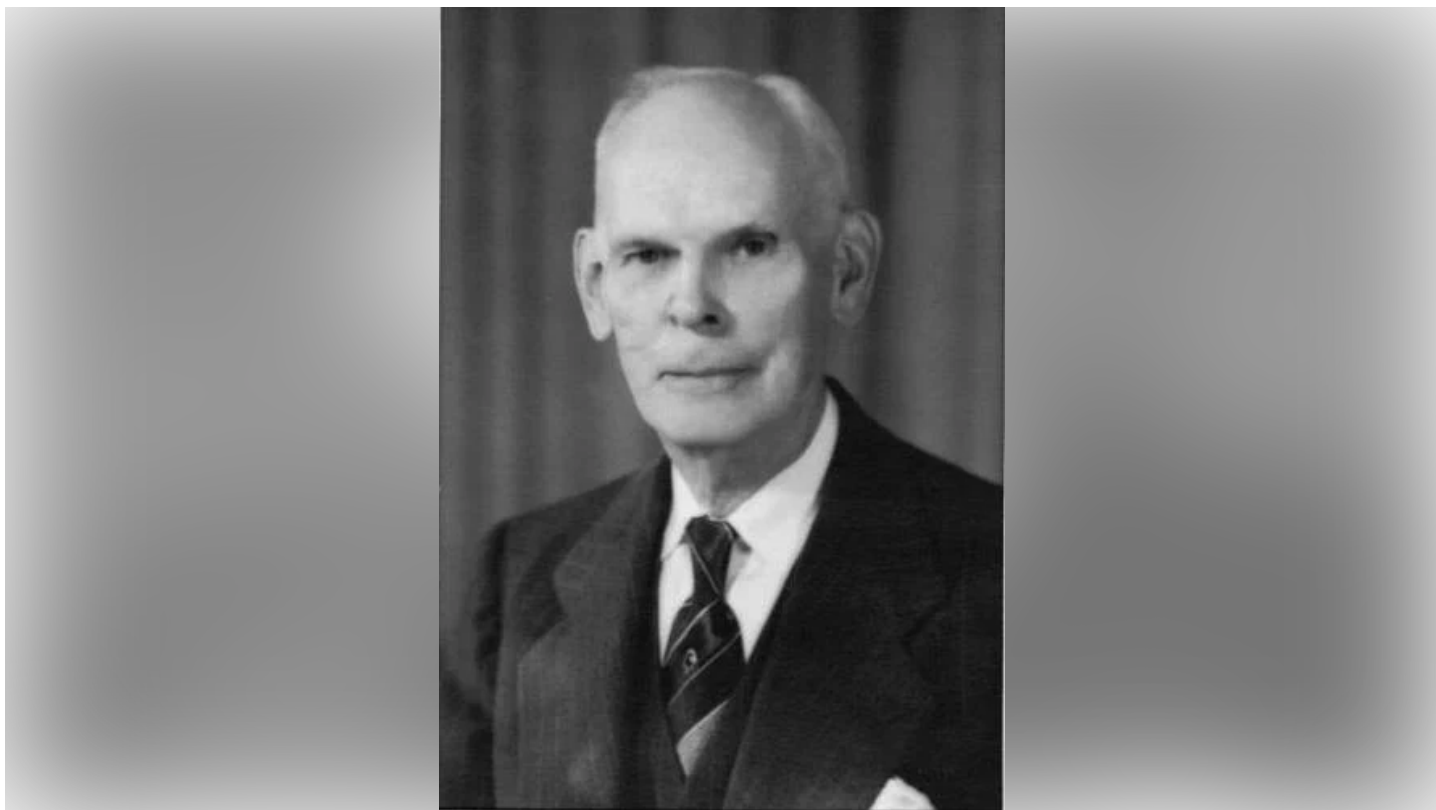


FEATURED

Main Street Community Foundation accepting grant letters

BRIAN M. JOHNSON @brianjohnsonBP

Jan 8, 2026



The late Bradley Henry Barnes.



SOUTHINGTON — The Main Street Community Foundation is accepting letters of intent for grants from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust that will improve health and wellbeing in Southington.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said grants are available to nonprofit organizations for new capital projects, programs or initiatives that improve the health outcomes of Southington residents. Especially in the priority areas of

behavioral health, healthcare needs for an aging population and to support healthy initiatives and lifestyle. The deadline for organizations to submit letters of intent is Feb. 13.

Originally established in 1973 by the late Bradley Henry Barnes of Southington to support the health and health care needs of Southington residents, the Trust was transferred to the Main Street Community Foundation in 2004. Since that time, \$15.2 million has been granted from the Trust to improve health outcomes of Southington residents.

“Last year alone, MSCF distributed nearly \$900,000 from the Trust to improve the health and wellbeing of Southington residents,” Rajotte said.

Interested 501(c)(3) organizations must email Whitney Shufelt, director of grants and programs, at whitney@mainstreetfoundation.org or call 860-583-6363, ext. 152 for a preliminary discussion at least 7 business days prior to the deadline.

The Online Grants Center can be accessed through the Foundation’s website, mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant, and includes the application, full guidelines, and eligibility criteria.

[Learn more about your privacy options](#)