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Main Street now accepting grant applications from area organizations

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Women & Girls Fund grantees from last year.
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SOUTHINGTON — The Main Street Community Foundation is accepting grant applications from local organizations for several grant programs.

“Organizations located in or serving the residents of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott may be eligible to apply to apply,” said Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation.

The following funds are 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. LOIs for new funding requests are due September 18. The continued funding cycle opens Sept. 28 and applications due Oct. 23.

Burlington Community Fund — Organizations located in Burlington and charitable programs that benefit Burlington residents are eligible to apply for funding. Grant requests should support basic needs, access to opportunity and/or vibrant communities. Applications are due Sept. 18.

Elizabeth I. and Louis J. Matt Animal Protection Fund — Funding requests are accepted from organizations providing for the care and support of animals in need that serve Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. Applications are due Sept. 18.

Men & Boys’ Fund — Organizations with programs or initiatives supporting men and boys in the Foundation’s service area are eligible to apply for funding. Applications must support programs or initiatives assisting men and boys to

improve the quality of their lives, increase self-sufficiency and/or make a positive difference in their community. Applications are due Sept. 16.

Women & Girls Fund — Funding requests are accepted from organizations with programs serving women and girls in the Foundation's service area. Grant applications should address one of the fund's priority areas: services for senior women; confidence building and leadership; and mental health and well-being. Applications are due Sept. 16.

The Foundation will also open its annual grant cycle for the Louise Lauretano DeMars Love of Art Fund Sept. 16, with applications due October 28. This fund supports established, local artists in the fine or performing arts looking for assistance to further their creativity, explore their talent or expand their learning.

Organizations interested in applying for a grant from any of the grant cycles should email Whitney Shufelt, director of grants and programs at whitney@mainstreetfoundation.org or Alicia Krar, grants manager at alicia@mainstreetfoundation.org. They can also be reached by calling 860-583-6363.

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