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Nonprofits receive over \$167,000 in Main Street Community Foundation awards



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Main Street Community Foundation scholarship recipients from earlier grant cycle. | Main Street Community Foundation

Forty-seven local organizations received \$167,740 in grants from the Main Street Community Foundation through its General Grant Cycle, the foundation announced earlier this week.

“We are excited about all of our grants this year! However, we have seen an increased need for organizations providing food and basic necessities. Nearly \$40,000 was awarded across 12 grants to support organizations providing food security and assistance with basic needs for residents in our communities,” said Samatha Rajotte, MSCF scholarship and program officer.

General Grant Cycle awards support basic needs, increase access to opportunities, and create vibrant communities to meet the needs of the communities served by the Foundation. Grants are distributed from endowed funds established by donors to support local communities and causes they are passionate about, from arts and culture, to food and housing, and mental health and wellbeing.

Among those in Bristol or serving Bristol are the following:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Connecticut – \$2,000
- Bristol Adult Education – \$2,100
- Bristol Brass & Wind Ensemble – \$2,700
- The Bristol Chorale Society – \$3,000
- Bristol Family Resource Center – \$5,000
- Bristol Little League – \$6,500
- Bristol Recovery Club Inc. – \$1,686
- City of Bristol- Department of Aging – \$4,710
- Connecticut Community Care – \$5,000
- Connecticut Foodshare – \$6,000
- Connecticut Humane Society – \$2,000
- Connecticut Science Center – \$4,500
- Covenant to Care for Children, Inc. – \$2,500
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church – \$3,170
- Grace Pantry – \$2,200
- Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center – \$1,500
- Invent the Summer – \$3,000
- Literacy Volunteers of Central CT – \$3,910
- Meals for Neighbors – \$2,500
- Prudence Crandall Center, Inc. – \$1,527
- Reach Out and Read – \$2,240
- Shepard Meadows Equestrian Center, Inc. – \$1,500
- The Agape House – \$4,626
- The Children’s Law Center, Inc. – \$5,000

“This is our largest competitive annual cycle in terms of volume, with nearly 60 organizations applying for funding for programs and projects that serve Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott,” Rajotte said.

“We support a broad range of programs, prioritizing basic needs, access to opportunity and vibrant communities. The funding used during this grant cycle also comes from over 35 funds, all of which were established by local individuals, families, businesses, or organizations,” Rajotte added.

Applications for the General Grant Cycle are submitted annually in the spring, and are reviewed by local residents that volunteer on MSCF’s Distribution Committee.

“All applications are reviewed by the Foundation’s Distribution Committee, a group of 30 individuals from the local area who volunteer to read the applications, conduct site visits, and make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. The process relies on these volunteers, and we are incredibly grateful for their commitment and thoughtful consideration.”

This annual process ensures that the nonprofits’ goals and programs are feasible and align with the fund donor’s intent.

Since its establishment in 1995, MSCF has awarded grants and scholarships totaling nearly \$36 million and is one of the leading grantmakers in the Central Connecticut region. The foundation grants cover organizations in Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott. To learn more about the Main Street Community Foundation, visit mainstreetfoundation.org. To view all grants awarded in this cycle, visit mainstreetfoundation.org/grants-awarded#general.