

Plainville Community Fund accepting grant applications

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Last year's Plainville Community Fund grant winners.
Samantha Rajotte

PLAINVILLE — The Plainville Community Fund at the Main Street Community Foundation is now accepting applications.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said grant applications from organizations serving residents of the local communities are now being accepted.

“Deadlines to apply are mid-March for the Plainville Community Fund and the end of March for our general cycle,” she said.

The Main Street Community Foundation is now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations serving Plainville residents for grants from the Plainville Community Fund. The deadline to apply is March 13. Nonprofit organizations located in Plainville and programs benefitting Plainville residents are eligible to apply for a grant.

“Grant requests should fall within the following program areas: basic needs, access to opportunity and vibrant communities,” she said.

The Plainville Community Fund was established in 2006 by a group of Plainville leaders to create a permanent resource for charitable projects and programs that would enhance the lives of Plainville residents. Since 2006, Main Street Community Foundation has awarded over \$160,000 in grants from the Fund, including \$15,800 in grants in 2025.

Main Street Community Foundation’s annual general grant cycle is also open. The Foundation welcomes nonprofit organizations serving Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington and Wolcott to apply for grants. The deadline to apply is March 27.

“Grants from MSCF have made a positive impact on hundreds of nonprofits since the Foundation’s establishment in 1995,” Rajotte said.

Rajotte said grant requests should fall within the areas of basic needs or access to opportunity and vibrant communities. They must benefit residents of MSCF’s service area.

Preference will be given to organizations with programs and projects that:

Respond to changing or emerging needs of the community; Leverage or generates other funding or resources; Promote collaboration among nonprofit organizations without duplication of efforts; and/or Enhance an existing program to encourage sustainability.

In addition to the program areas mentioned above, funds are available for the following specific uses: Care and support of animals; Sports field maintenance in Bristol and Burlington; Programs and projects benefiting the Burlington community; and non-sport, noncompetitive programs and activities for children attending elementary and middle schools in Southington

Interested organizations must email Whitney Shufelt, director of grants and programs, at whitney@mainstreetfoundation.org, or email Alicia Krar, grants manager at alicia@mainstreetfoundation.org. Krar can also be reached by phone at 860-583-6363. Those interested in applying for a grant must arrange for a preliminary discussion at least one week prior to the deadline.

To learn more about the application process, guidelines and eligibility criteria, visit mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant.

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