



The Leever Foundation

2010 Grant Guidelines

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OUR MISSION

The Leever Foundation's mission is to support programs and organizations that will create opportunities for people, enhance healthcare and promote the arts primarily focused in the Greater Waterbury area. Specifically, The Leever Foundation seeks to:

- ❖ Create opportunities for people of all ages, but especially children, who are in need by creating opportunities for them to better their lives physically, emotionally, educationally and spiritually.
- ❖ Maintain strong community support for, and to enhance, healthcare in the Waterbury area.
- ❖ Promote and preserve the arts in all forms: In order to broaden society's appreciation for and understanding for life.
- ❖ Offer scholarships to the children of MacDermid employees: To encourage continuous education.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We founded The Leever Foundation as a method to fulfill what we believe to be our responsibility to our community and to encourage our continued family involvement, in perpetuity, in philanthropic endeavors.

ADMINISTRATION

The Leever Foundation is administered by the Connecticut Community Foundation, a community foundation serving twenty one communities throughout Northwest Connecticut.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

1. The applicant is either a public institution or a private tax-exempt organization under Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Individuals may apply for scholarships or awards only.
2. Political, lobbying or religious activities are ineligible. Religiously affiliated organizations may propose nonsectarian projects.

3. The applying organization must have a minimum six-member board, representative of the community, of which a majority is neither employees nor relatives of employees.

TYPES OF GRANTS

The Leever Foundation makes three types of grants:

Legacy agencies

The Leever Foundation has identified specific agencies which reflect the philanthropic priorities of Harold Leever. These agencies will receive annual grants for program or operating expenses. No annual application is required but The Leever Foundation will undertake an assessment of these agencies every three years to insure that they are meeting their charitable mission.

Any legacy agency which is eliminated from the Connecticut Community Foundation's list of certified nonprofit agencies will be ineligible for Leever Foundation grants until it has addressed any deficiencies and been restored to the Connecticut Community Foundation's certified agency list.

Non-legacy agencies

Annually, The Leever Foundation will send a request for proposals to a list of non-legacy agencies which have been traditionally supported by The Leever Foundation or the Leever Family. Agencies may request funds for either program or operating expenses but must detail the use of funds.

New requests

The Leever Foundation will consider requests for new funding as follows:

1. Priority to requests in the following areas:

- **Opportunities for people:** Requests in this category should focus on increasing the long term ability of people to help themselves over immediate needs. Programs and services focused on early childhood are given priority.
- **Arts:** Priority is given to music programs over other art forms. Grants for arts education are limited to community based agencies working with schools or other agencies.
- **Health:** Requests addressing residents needs for greater access to healthcare receive the highest priority.

2. Located in or serving residents of the Greater Waterbury area.

3. Give priority to program grants over those for capital or equipment. Grants for endowment are specifically prohibited.

4. Although multi year requests will be considered, the agency must make a strong case for the need for multi year funding in its initial request.

Grantmaking Process for New Requests

The first step in the grant process is to contact The Leever Foundation to determine the appropriateness of the grant request based on the guidelines. The Foundation has adopted the universal grant application process utilized by Connecticut Community Foundation. The letter of inquiry is available at www.conncf.org. The program officer then reviews the request with the Foundation Chairman who will determine whether a full application will be considered. The Leever Foundation's willingness to consider a grant request should in no way be construed as preliminary approval of the grant request.

If The Foundation agrees to consider a grant request, the program officer sends an application packet to the applicant. The request will then be reviewed at the next Leever Foundation meeting. Applicants will be notified after each meeting as to the Board's decision.

The Leever Foundation will review grant requests twice in 2010 with the following deadlines:

Letter of inquiry	Deadline
1/27/2010	3/5/2010
9/15/2010	10/15/2020

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