



Fairfield County Community Foundation

SOUTHBURY COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

The Southbury Community Trust Fund is a component fund of the Fairfield County Community Foundation (FCCF). It was established by an anonymous donor at the Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation (GBAF) in 1994 to serve the community of Southbury CT. On January 1, 2008 the GBAF merged into the FCCF. This special fund provides grants to organizations that support the physical, social, and emotional well-being of Southbury residents. During the past 10 years, the SCTF has granted more than \$350,000 to Southbury-area nonprofit organizations.

Key Principles

Consistent with the Fairfield County Community Foundation's overall mission, grantmaking from the Southbury Community Trust Fund is guided by five key principles. Working with local organizations and residents, we seek to:

- support programs which respond effectively to current needs and emphasize community strengths;
- encourage collaboration and build or strengthen bridges among stakeholders;
- build nonprofit capacity;
- increase access to opportunities and resources, and improve and enrich the lives of individuals and the communities in which they work and live; and
- increase community knowledge regarding effective programs and strategies.

Eligibility

Organizations with IRS 501(c)3 status serving Southbury are eligible to submit Letters of Inquiry for the Southbury Community Trust Fund. If invited, organizations may apply for multi-year grants. Invitations to apply for multi-year funding will be issued during the LOI process. An invitation to submit a one-year or multi-year application is not a guarantee of funding.

Following three consecutive years of funding, organizations will be required to take a year off from funding.

Review Process

The Connecticut Community Foundation provides grantmaking services and staff support to SCTF through a contract with FCCF. Organizations seeking to apply to SCTF should utilize the CT Community Foundation's deadlines and letter of inquiry form. The LOI form is available at <http://www.conncf.org/guidelines-loi.pdf> Letters of inquiry are considered three times per year.





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The Community Foundation works with other local funders serving as a central point for accessing funding. This partnership offers the possibility of joint funding of larger projects that may be beyond the resources of any single funder. Consequently, funding requests may be reviewed by multiple funders at the same time. To reduce the burdens of multiple applications to different funders, the Foundation and its partner funders have adopted a single letter of inquiry process, common application form and standard reporting forms and deadlines.

Deadlines	
Letter of inquiry	Full application (if invited to apply)
January 9, 2009	February 13, 2009
March 27, 2009	May 1, 2009
August 28, 2009	October 2, 2009






Grantmaking Priorities

In 2008, SCTF completed a needs assessment and chose the following grantmaking priorities for the next three years (2009-2012):

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Positive Youth Development – programs and services to address behavioral health needs including preventive (programs for groups of youth) and intervention (counseling and related efforts)
- 
Social services for needy families with particular attention to food sufficiency

SCTF is particularly interested in proposals addressing these two priority grantmaking areas through new evidence based programs, long term systems change or improved capacity of nonprofit agencies to provide services in these key areas.

In addition, SCTF will consider grants in the following areas:

-  Arts
-  Community and Economic Development
-  Education
-  Environment
-  Health/Human Services



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Types of funding and Prohibitions

High priority is given to:

- New or enhanced programs
- Organizational capacity building
- Policy change addressing root causes of problem

Low priority is given to:

- Capital expenses
- Duplication of existing programs or activities

SCTF does not provide grants for:

- Religious purposes
- Political campaigns
- Annual appeals
- Campaigns: building fund/capital, endowments, memorials
- Loans or deficit financing
- Federal, state, or municipal agencies or departments supported by taxation *
- Individuals

*The Foundation will consider applications from municipal entities only for programs/services generally provided by nonprofit agencies, but not for programs/services that are traditionally the sole responsibility of government (e.g. public schools and libraries, law enforcement, etc)

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