

CFMC 2021-2022 Competitive Application Cycle FAQ

Organizations are strongly encouraged to read this FAQ and the Instructions PDF prior to submission.

1. What organizations may submit an application?

- All 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and 170(b) organizations able to receive a tax-deductible contribution, such as schools, faith-based organizations, and other public entities are eligible.
- We are not able to fund individuals or businesses directly, labor unions, or other 501(c) organizations.

2. Is there a maximum amount our organization may request?

- Application requests of up to \$5,000 will be considered.

3. How are applications submitted?

- **CFMC uses an online application submission process.**
- The link to the application is on the **Grants Program** page [\[Click HERE to access the page\]](#).

4. Is there a geographic focus for this fund?

- Yes, funding requests must directly impact any, some, or all of the fifteen (15) towns of Middlesex County, CT.

5. What is the application cycle timeline?

- Applications are due September 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.
- CFMC Grants Committees will review applications during October and November.
- Recommendations will be presented to the CFMC Board of Directors in December.
- Applicants will be notified of the recommendation regarding their application by January 15, 2022.

6. Is the process restricted to priority needs and issues or open to all requests?

- The cycle is open to all tax-exempt organizations serving Middlesex County.
- The Community Foundation is interested in requests for funding that address all aspects of the community's well-being, an organization's ability, adaptability, and forward-thinking to serve the community, as well as needs and issues that may be a result of or outcome from the issues directly related to the current pandemic situation.
- Funding requests are to support organizational needs in calendar year 2022.

7. Are there certain items CFMC won't consider supporting:

- Grants made directly to individuals.
- Organizations that, in their constitution, bylaws or practice, discriminate against a person or group on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation or identification, political affiliation, or religious belief.
- New staff positions or hazard pay expenses (due to the COVID-19 pandemic).
- Recouping lost revenue which occurred during 2020 or 2021.
- Programs or materials that would normally be included in the regular operating budget for municipal/government agencies or schools.
- Annual fundraising campaigns or event sponsorships.
- Payment of debt or legal settlements or Repayment of SBA, PPP, or other COVID-19 related loans.
- Political or partisan purposes, campaigns, or lobbying activities.
- Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes, although religious organizations providing non-religious community services will be considered.
- Endowments, reserve funds, capital campaigns, or annual fund drives.

8. Do I have to apply for an SBA or PPP loan to be eligible for this grant? Will an SBA or PPP Loan prohibit my organization from being considered?

- No. However, as part of our due diligence, and to better understand the organization's needs and access to revenue, we do ask the status of any loans or funding applications which have been submitted and/or received.