



## CFMC Grant Application

# COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE Community Foundation of Middlesex County Competitive Cycle.

**Instructions:** Complete the application on the website. You may "Save and Continue Later" - the site will email you a link which is active for 30 days. Review instructions document for full details before completing. Complete all questions.

**Section V requires certain documents to be uploaded to the form - see the Application Instructions Document for a list of the required items. All items must be uploaded as PDF Files. The required Project Budget form is available on the website in Word. This document must be submitted as PDF file as well.**

### I. Application Information

**Legal Name of Organization**

New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

**Division or Department Name (if applicable)**

**Are you a 501(c)3 Organization**

Yes

**Other Tax Exempt Entity?**

**EIN #**

06-6000592

If your organization is not a 501(c) 3 tax exempt entity or division/department of a 170(c)1 government agency or religious organization, please contact Thayer Talbott, 860.347.0025, for further information before completing the application.

**Dollar Amount Requested \$**

5000

**Total Cost associated with request \$**

12520

### Summary Statement

The New Haven Symphony Orchestra requests a \$5,000 grant to support the presentation of in-school music programs (63 sessions) in Middletown Public Schools in 2022 which are expected to reach 1400 students. Programs held in the Spring and Fall will include musical coachings for high school and middle school students, the Creating Musical Readers program for elementary aged children, and additional support for students and teachers as they return to in-person music making following the pandemic.

## II. Funding Request Information

### 1. Proposal / Purpose

Music is pathway for self-expression, connection, and fostering understanding within communities. Its study cultivates perseverance, dedication, and opportunities for lifelong learning. Aside from these inherent values, the arts are a CORE subject in a child's education and their importance has been well documented. Recent reports from Americans for the Arts show that students who participate regularly in arts programs are five times more likely to stay in school, earn higher SAT scores than their counterparts, and are twice as likely to graduate from college. Additionally, the arts have been shown to make students more civic minded – 78% of young adults who had vital arts experiences were more likely to vote.

Despite these benefits, access remains a significant barrier to students receiving a robust music education. Connecticut has the largest opportunity gap in the nation and those most affected by this disparity are children. In Middletown, 12% of families live in poverty (including 16% of children under 18) which is approximately 20% greater than the state average. New Haven Symphony programs, including those presented in partnership with Middletown Public Schools, help to increase arts access for students from all walks of life.

Now in its sixth year, the New Haven Symphony's (NHSO) partnership with Middletown Public Schools has provided students with individual and small group instruction through Musical Coachings as well as fostered childrens' love of music and literacy through the Creating Musical Readers Program. Each season, the Symphony seeks grant funding and support from individuals so these programs may remain free for our partners.

Programs are tailored to meet students' needs and the Symphony's Education Director works closely with Middletown Public School teachers and Marco Gaylord, Chief of School Operations and Communication, to determine which services will be most beneficial. Musical Coachings from professional NHSO musicians help middle school and high school students develop technique, artistry, musicianship, and confidence on their primary instrument. This type of instruction is usually only available in a private lesson format which is cost prohibitive for many families.

While coachings have been a standard component our partnership with Middletown Schools for years, the inclusion of the Creating Musical Readers Program stemmed from a need for additional elementary school programming that was identified during the pandemic. The Creating Musical Readers Program is comprised of eight sessions which may be offered as a series or individually. Each session focuses on one piece of children's literature that contains a musical theme. As the stories are read, NHSO musicians enhance the plot by playing their instruments.

The goals and objectives for the Musical Coachings and Creating Musical Readers Programs are as follows:

- Increase arts access by offering free musical experiences to students in Middletown which enhance students' musicianship, technique, artistry, confidence, and appreciation for music
- Provide support to students and teachers as they return to in-person musical learning following an extended period of virtual instruction due to COVID
- Facilitate 31 coachings and 32 Creating Musical Readers programs in calendar year 2022
- Reach approximately 1400 students through these programs
- Assist educators in meeting emerging needs

Potential challenges to this program include scheduling and the continuation of the COVID pandemic. In prior years, scheduling the proposed number of services has been difficult. During the past season, scheduling was approached with additional lead time and was much more successful. In addition, the pandemic, has necessitated flexibility in order to hold programs safely. While we plan to deliver services in-person, both proposed programs have been successfully held over ZOOM and can be moved to a virtual format if school policies or COVID conditions require.

Another challenge would be if the Symphony does not receive adequate funding to support the proposed programs. However, as these sessions are stand alone, this would be addressed by reducing the number of services rather than cancelling the program.

## 2. Sustainability and Assessing Impact

The Symphony has been successfully providing education programs in Middletown for years and is happy to be able to continue this partnership. Much of this success can be attributed to the excellent communication between the Symphony and Middletown Public Schools which ensures that the services offered are beneficial and wanted. This communication remains open throughout the program and following its completion to allow for course correction and future planning.

In order to track program success, attendance is taken at each session. Following individual sessions and the completion of programs, direct feedback is requested from teachers. This feedback has historically yielded positive responses as well as reports of students' growth and increased engagement indicating that programs are successful.

The services presented in Middletown are part of the Symphony's robust music education program and will continue for as long as there is funding to adequately support expenses. In the past two years, the Symphony has successfully diversified funding which has not only allowed for increased stability but the expansion of programs in Middletown Public Schools.

## III. Grant Program / Project Information

### Organization Area of Impact (choose ONE)

Education (Community Wide/Schools)

### Grant Type (choose ONE)

Program Development/Implementation

### Target Demographics (Select all that apply):

- Youth (ages 13-17)
- Children (ages 6-12)
- Students

### Geographic Area(s) Served By This Application:

- Middletown

### Total Number of People in Middlesex County Personally Impacted

1400

## IV. Organization Information

Board of Directors / Trustees Information

### Total Number of Directors/Trustees:

21

### Percent (%) of Directors/Trustees who contribute annually to Operations

100%

### Average number attending in person:

17

### Total Number of Board meetings held last year:

8

### Date most recent IRS Form 990 was filed:

12/14/2020

### Year of Return:

2019

**Organization's Fiscal Year**

July 1 - June 30

**Organization's Total Operating Budget**

2065550

**Division Operating Budget Information****National Organization Chapter Information****Have you APPLIED for funding from CFMC previously?**

Yes

**Did you RECEIVE a competitive process grant in the:**

- 2018-2019 cycle

**Brief Background Statement of the Organization:**

The New Haven Symphony's (NHSO) mission is to enrich Connecticut's cultural landscape through exceptional performances and education programs that are accessible to all residents. Innovative programming offered statewide inspires deeper audience engagement and meaningful artistic and educational collaborations which increase the reach and impact of the Symphony. Commitments to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access move NHSO to provide programming that reflects the richly diverse communities we serve.

Founded in 1894, the Symphony annually reaches over 50,000 residents, including 20,000 children, from 120 Connecticut towns. Key programs include the Classics and Pops Concert Series; Young Peoples Concerts; and Free Family Concerts.

## V. Additional Information To Be Included with the Application

**Please Note: Additional information requested below MUST be uploaded in PDF files. Other document formats will not be accepted by the application form. Attempts to upload other file formats could result in a loss of all application data entered.**

### A. CFMC Application Budget Summary Form:

- NHSO-Program-Budget.pdf

### B. Current Organization Operations Budget

- NHSO-Organizational-Budget-FY22.pdf

### C. Board of Directors and Officers List

- NHSO-Board-List-FY22.pdf

### D. IRS Tax Exempt Determination Letter

- Letter-of-Determination.pdf

### E. PPP / EIDL / Other Loan Information

Loan/Grant Type (ie. PPP, EIDL)	Amount Received	Forgiveable or Repayment
PPP 1	183,637	Forgiveable Loan
CT Cares Grant (Cares ACT funding)	219,300	Forgiveable Grant
PPP 2	244,527	Forgiveable Loan
Shuttered Venues Operator Grant	64,810	Forgiveable Grant

### F. America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Yes

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**Additional financial documentation, including the organization's most recent audit, annual report, and IRS Form 990 may also be required. Only provide this information if requested.**

For programs or projects which are collaborations among two or more organizations or where an organization provides in-school or after-school programming for schools, the Community Foundation requires a list of organizations or schools partnering with your organization as well as Letters of Support.

For the purposes of this application, collaborations are defined as partnerships where two or more agencies are committed through staffing, funding, and resource allocation to the goals and objectives of the program described. Because the nature of the collaboration requires two or more entities to work together, for the purposes of funding, only one organization may complete the application, and in doing so, accepts responsibility for all evaluative and fiduciary reporting.

For all collaborations, the Community Foundation requires letters of support from the non-applicant organization(s) and/or from the school(s) and school district(s) at which the applicant organization is the program.

**Is this application a collaboration of two or more nonprofit organizations (NOT schools)?**

No

**Is this application in collaboration with a School(s) or School Districts?**

Yes (Letter(s) of Support REQUIRED)

**If Yes, is this a New or On-Going Collaboration?**

On-going

**If this is an On-Going Collaboration, how long has the collaboration existed?**

5 years

**List of Collaborators**

Middletown Public Schools and Marco Gaylord, Chief of School Operations and Communications for the Middletown Public School District

**Letters of Support (if a collaboration with schools or other nonprofits))**

- NHSO-letter-of-support.pdf

## VI. Organization Contact Information

Are you a new nonprofit applicant to the Community Foundation?

No

**Executive Officer's Name**

Elaine C. Carroll

**Title**

CEO

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**Contact Person**

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United States

**Street Address**

Connecticut  
United States

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**Social Media Channels**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newhavensymphony/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nhso/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nhsomusic/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9DBrUHFq-Lrr2k7GwPx3lg>

## VII. Non-Funding Needs

One of the best forms of support would be to help the Symphony identify community needs and potential partners for future programming. Additionally, the Symphony would welcome help with publicity for programs and identifying other funding opportunities.

## **VIII. Marketing and Public Relations**

Organizations receiving grants from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County must promote their funding awards according to the marketing and public relations guidelines established by the Community Foundation. By signing the application below, the CEO/Executive Director understands the Community Foundation's marketing and public relations requirements if awarded a grant. The Community Foundation will host a seminar on marketing guidelines and tips for grantees annually. The Community Foundation's Grantee Communications Kit may be downloaded on our website in the Nonprofit Resources section, [middlesexcountycf.org/nonprofits/resources/forms-pr-guidelines/](http://middlesexcountycf.org/nonprofits/resources/forms-pr-guidelines/).



## **IX. Tax Exempt Standing and Use of Grant Funding Certification**

By signing this application, the CEO/Executive Director/Board President is certifying that your organization is a qualified 501c3 organization or other charitable organization recognized and currently in good standing with the IRS, or 170(c)(1) governmental agencies. Should a grant be approved by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, these funds may only be used for the purpose outlined in your original application; you must notify us if you are unable to do so. If grant funding is provided, you may only use these funds for charitable purpose as described in Section 170(c)2 of the IRS code, and funds may not be used for any political or lobbying activity. In addition, no tangible benefits, goods or services may be received by our donors or by staff members of the Community Foundation of Middlesex County in exchange for grant funding.

### **Signature Certification**

I certify that my printed name as stated and assigned below constitutes my signature and may be accepted as such.

**Printed Name**

Elaine C. Carroll

**Title**

CEO

**Date**

09/23/2021



## **New Haven Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors**

### **OFFICERS**

President

Keith Churchwell, M. D.

21 Mill Road, Guilford, CT

Yale New Haven Hospital, President

4 year

Vice President

Cristi Stroud

39 Pinewood Trail, Deep River, CT

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5 years

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15 Marion Drive, North Haven, CT

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Secretary

3 years

Treasurer

Patrick Dunleavey

73 Greenbriar Road, Trumbull, CT

CironeFriedberg, LLP, Principal

7 years



## **DIRECTORS**

Burton Alter  
199 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, CT  
Retired, Attorney  
13 years

Linda Astmann  
11 Mansfield Road, North Haven, CT  
Community Volunteer  
12 years

Jonathan Berryman  
55 Walnut Street Apt. 7, New Haven, CT  
Heritage Chorale, Director  
Betsy Ross Magnet School, Teacher (Choral Music)  
2 Years

Robert Blocker  
435 College Street, New Haven, CT  
Yale School of Music, Dean  
12 years

Robert Diggioia  
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Hearst Media  
2 years

Bert Dovo  
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Music Arranger  
2 years



Christopher Getman  
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Fairfield Bush, Senior Managing Director  
40 years

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1 Year

Annie Lin  
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1 Year

George Logan  
Ansonia, CT  
Former State Senator  
1 year

Richard LoPresti  
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North Haven Economic Development Commission, Chairman  
8 years

Amey Marrella  
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Former Selectman of Woodbridge  
4 year



Laurie McCurdy Gerard  
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3 year

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Retired, Broadcasting Executive  
32 years

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10 years

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University of New Haven, Professor  
2 year

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1 year