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Application Deadline Extended for Vernon Non-Profits to Apply for Grants from the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The deadline for interested non-profit organizations to apply for funding to the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has been extended to August 20th, 2021.

Interested organizations that have been designated a 501(c)3s by the Internal Revenue Service are eligible to submit a letter of interest that describes their proposal. The Vernon Community Fund Advisory Committee will review the proposals based on merit. Organizations with proposals selected by the committee will be notified in September to file a formal grant application.

Minimum grants are \$250 and maximum grants are \$10,000. The actual award will be based on the scope and focus of the proposal.

In 2019 the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 community funds for the 29 towns in its region. The purpose of each fund is to “support residents in taking ownership around the need in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town,” according to the foundation. Non-profits do not have to be based in Vernon, but must serve the residents of Vernon.

In participating communities, grants have been used to make building repairs to a historical society, expand nutritional programs for senior citizens, help immigrants learn to speak and read English, and provide social programs for teens with autism.

Vernon’s Community Fund Advisory Committee is seeking letters of interest for projects that will benefit and serve the residents of Vernon. Additional details about the program can be obtained by visiting www.hfpg.org/vernoncf or by emailing vernoncommunityfund@gmail.com.

Letters of interest can be filed through the website link above or emailed to the address listed above. Additional details and information about how to contribute to the fund can also be found by visiting the link above.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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