ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Impact Fairfield County Grant will provide restricted funds to develop new programs; enhance, expand or strengthen existing programs; and/or improve organizational capacity that advances the nonprofit organization’s core mission. Our transformative grants are in the amount of $100,000 to be spent over 24 months, of which, up to 20% is allowed to be allocated toward general operating expenses, as needed.

Please review the following eligibility criteria to determine whether both your organization and your project meet the criteria for a grant from Impact Fairfield County.

Organizations must be:
- Classified as a “public charity” with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- Operating in, serving residents of, and fully expending funds in Fairfield County, Connecticut
- Targeting under-served populations
- In possession of three years of independently prepared, audited financial statements
- A new awardee; in other words, not a recipient of an Impact Fairfield County $100,000 grant for a period of at least three years

Grant Proposals must:
- Have a total budget of at least $100,000, with no more than 20% of funds to be used for general operating costs
- Use the full amount of the grant within 24 months
- Have a high impact on the organization, beneficiaries and/or community
- Be fully utilized within Fairfield County or for the full benefit of Fairfield County residents. Preference will be given to organizations that clearly link the investment to the organization’s core mission and demonstrate why this is the right time to invest

Impact Fairfield County will not provide grants for:
- Debt reduction, operating deficits, or interim or bridge funding
- Endowment funding
- Individuals or private or community foundations
- Scholarship funding directly to individuals
- Activities that are religious or partisan, legislative, or political in nature
- Fundraising events, fund drives, or annual appeals
- Medical Research
- Pet or animal welfare
- Capital funding not central to success of proposed grant

All questions may be directed to grants@impactffc.org