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Foundation Seeks Southington Health Projects For Grant Program

It is currently asking groups in the Southington community to apply for funds via the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Trust.



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A regional giving foundation is searching for Southington causes that could benefit from a large grant program it has prepared for town initiatives. (Shutterstock)

Main Street Community Foundation

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SOUTHINGTON, CT — A local foundation serving Southington is asking for input for special funding that aims to improve the local community.

The Main Street Community Foundation is currently accepting letters of inquiry (LOIs) for grants from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust.

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Nonprofit organizations may apply for new capital projects, programs, or initiatives that improve the health outcomes of Southington residents.

The deadline to submit an LOI is Sept. 20.

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In 2023, Main Street Community Foundation awarded a total of \$908,636 from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust.

Originally established in 1973 by the late Bradley Barnes of Southington to support the health and well-being of Southington residents, the trust was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2004.

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Since that time, more than \$13.9 million has been granted to improve health outcomes of Southington residents.

In addition to the Barnes Memorial Trust, MSCF is accepting grant applications for the Women & Girls Fund and the Men & Boys' Fund.

Both of these funds support gender-specific programming in the communities of Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott.

The deadline for the Women & Girls' Fund is Sept. 6 and Sept. 20 for the Men &

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All information on these grant cycles is available on MSCF's website [at this link](#).

Interested organizations should contact Kate Kerchaert, director of grants and programs, at

kate@mainstreetfoundation.org, or another member of the grant-making department at 860-583-6363. The Main Street Community Foundation serves Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington, and Wolcott.

[For complete guidelines and eligibility criteria, as well as the link to the online grant application, visit this link.](#)

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