

Main Street taking grant applications for projects to improve residents' health

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SOUTHINGTON – Main Street Community Foundation is accepting letters of intent through Feb. 14 from organizations serving Southington for funding from the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust.

Samantha Rajotte, scholarship & program officer with the Main Street Community Foundation, said funding is available to nonprofit organizations for new capital projects, programs, or initiatives that improve the health outcomes of Southington residents.

“Priority areas” for these grants include behavioral health, healthcare needs for an aging population, healthy initiatives and lifestyle. Letters of intent are due no later than Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.

The Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust was originally established in 1973 by the late Bradley Henry Barnes of Southington to support the health and health care needs of Southington residents.

The Trust was transferred to Main Street Community Foundation in 2004.

Since then, it has awarded \$14 million in grants.

“Last year alone the Main Street Community Foundation distributed over \$910,000 from the Trust to improve the health and well-being of Southington residents,” Rajotte said.

Those organizations interested in sending letters of intent must contact Kate Kerchaert, director of grants & programs at kate@mainstreetfoundation.org or 860-583-6363, at least seven days prior to the deadline. She will determine the eligibility of the proposals.

The Online Grants Center can be accessed through the Foundation’s website at mainstreetfoundation.org/apply-for-grant

The website includes the application, full guidelines, and eligibility criteria.

For more information on the Bradley Henry Barnes and Leila Upson Barnes Memorial Trust, contact the Main Street Community Foundation at 860-583-6363 or visit mainstreetfoundation.org.

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