

Overview of Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts 2019 Programs

CFWM VISION STATEMENT: *The Community Foundation is a catalyst for positive change in the region; engaging partners, raising flexible endowment. Leveraging resources to solve problems and contribute to the common good. We envision a Western Massachusetts that is thriving, collaborative and generous, where there is opportunity for all. We take an intentional, results-driven approach and see ourselves as a hub for civic engagement and as a permanent resource.*

Competitive Grant Program/Contact	Purpose of Program	Who Can Participate	Funding	Application Timeline
CAPACITY <i>Michael DeChiara</i> mdechiara@communityfoundation.org	Competitive grants to provide internal organizational capacity building activities and initiatives that increase effectiveness of non-profits in the Pioneer Valley.	501c3 organizations with projects directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.	Most grants expected to be \$10,000; maximum grants up to \$15,000.	Opens: 7/10/19 Closes: 9/6/19
FOOD/SHELTER CAPITAL <i>Sheila Toto</i> stoto@communityfoundation.org	Competitive grants to support the capital needs directly related to food and shelter programs.	501c3 organizations whose primary mission is providing food and shelter for residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.	Capital Needs: Requests from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. While all local organizations providing food & shelter are eligible, preference will be given for those with an annual operating budget of less than \$250,000.	Nominating Process Opens: 5/15/19 Nominating Process Closes: 6/23/19
CRITICAL <i>Sheila Toto</i> stoto@communityfoundation.org	To provide support on a temporary basis to organizations experiencing operating issues.	501c3 organizations with projects directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.	Requests from \$5,000-\$20,000 to support up to a 3- month timeframe.	Applications accepted on a rolling basis annually.
INNOVATION <i>Nicole Bourdon</i> nbourdon@communityfoundation.org	Competitive grants for emerging ideas, projects and/or new organizations for solutions to challenging problems to improve the quality of life in the Pioneer Valley.	501c3 organizations directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects.	Funding Amounts to be determined.	Closed: 2019
MISSION <i>Sheila Toto</i> stoto@communityfoundation.org	Competitive grants to support time limited projects and programming.	501c3 organizations with projects directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects.	Requests from \$2,500 up to \$25,000	Opens: 1/7/19 Closes: 2/15/19

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<p>SCHOLARSHIPS & LOANS</p> <p><i>Colleen Kucinski</i> ckucinski@communityfoundation.org</p>	<p>Provides financial assistance in scholarships and/or interest-free loans to students throughout the Pioneer Valley.</p>	<p>Students who have a permanent legal residence in any city or town in the Pioneer Valley, Berkshire county, Enfield, CT or Suffield, CT. Student must meet at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be entering college for the first time • Are currently enrolled in college • Are a graduate student • Are attending college full-time or part-time • Have applied to the Scholarship Program in previous years <p><u>Note:</u> Students who have lived in Massachusetts for at least 5 years are eligible to receive an interest-free loan.</p>	<p>The average scholarship award is \$1,000 but the amount varies for each scholarship fund.</p> <p>Interest-free loans are \$3,000</p> <p>Students attending a 2-year college can receive a maximum of \$4,000 in scholarships per year.</p> <p>Students attending a 4-year college can receive a maximum of \$8,000 in scholarships per year.</p>	<p>Application opens: January 1</p> <p>Application closes: March 31</p>
<p>VALLEYCREATES PLANNING GRANTS</p> <p><i>Nicole Bourdon</i> nbourdon@communityfoundation.org</p> <p><i>Michael DeChiara</i> mdechiara@communityfoundation.org</p>	<p>Competitive planning grants to foster collaboration between arts nonprofits in an effort to stimulate new initiatives or projects that increase access to the arts in the Pioneer Valley.</p>	<p>501c3 organizations with an Arts & Culture focus directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects.</p>	<p>Grants range from \$5,000 – \$10,000 depending on the size of the collaboration and the complexity of the proposal.</p>	<p>Mandatory Convening for Lead Applicant: 1/12/19; Video Application opens: 1/14/19 Video Application Closes: 2/15/19;</p>
<p>VALLEYCREATES: ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING</p> <p><i>Nicole Bourdon</i> nbourdon@communityfoundation.org</p> <p><i>Michael DeChiara</i> mdechiara@communityfoundation.org</p>	<p>Competitive process to select organizations to join a cohort focused on increasing organizational effectiveness. 2018 Training Series will be limited to arts, culture, and creativity organizations.</p>	<p>Any 501c3 or fiscally sponsored non-profit or charitable organization providing arts, culture or creativity programming in Hampden, Hampshire or Franklin Counties. For organizations with an annual budget of \$250,000 or less.</p>	<p>Mini-grants likely to be provided.</p>	<p>Application opens: 7/16/18 Closes: 9/21/18</p>

NOTE: Please check the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts website (www.communityfoundation.org) regularly for detailed information and eligibility criteria regarding our grant funding opportunities.