**Overview of Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts 2020 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.

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<td><strong>Capital/ Capital Campaign Grants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sheila Toto &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:stoto@communityfoundation.org">stoto@communityfoundation.org</a></td>
<td>Competitive grants to support:&lt;br&gt;a) capital projects with a life span of (3) years or more&lt;br&gt;b) capital campaigns for new building construction or renovations&lt;br&gt;c) land purchases for public benefit</td>
<td>501c3 organizations with projects directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects where appropriate.</td>
<td>Capital Projects: Requests from $2,500 up to $20,000. Capital Campaigns: Up to $30,000.</td>
<td>Opens: 7/6/20&lt;br&gt;Closes: 9/11/20 at 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Critical Grants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Sheila Toto &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:stoto@communityfoundation.org">stoto@communityfoundation.org</a></td>
<td>To provide support on a temporary basis to organizations experiencing operating issues.</td>
<td>501c3 organizations with projects directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties.</td>
<td>Requests from $5,000- $20,000 to support up to a 3-month timeframe.</td>
<td>Applications accepted on a rolling basis.</td>
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<td><strong>Innovation Grants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Nicole Bourdon &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:nbourdon@communityfoundation.org">nbourdon@communityfoundation.org</a></td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>501c3 organizations directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects. Year 3 of the current Innovation program is underway. Not open to new applicants.</td>
<td>Funding amounts to be determined.</td>
<td>Closed: 2020</td>
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<td><strong>Mission Grants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Nicole Bourdon &lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:nbourdon@communityfoundation.org">nbourdon@communityfoundation.org</a></td>
<td>Competitive grants to support programs and events.</td>
<td>501c3 organizations with programs and events directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored projects.</td>
<td>Requests from $2,500 up to $25,000.</td>
<td>Opens: 12/2/19&lt;br&gt;Closes: 2/14/20 at 5:00 p.m.</td>
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**ValleyCreates Arts Hub Implementation Grants**

Jim Ayres  
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Funding to support the planning, development and launch of a web-based platform designed to bring about greater connectivity between artists, arts organizations, and potential arts patrons.

Currently in the second phase of this grant program. Not open to new applicants.

$40,000  
Closed: 2020

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**ValleyCreates Implementation Grants**

Nicole Bourdon  
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Competitive implementation 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.

501c3 organizations with an Arts & Culture focus directly benefitting residents of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties. Fiscally sponsored Projects. Currently in the second phase of this grant program. Not open to new applications.

Minimum of $80,000 total available for funding.

Application for current grantees opens: 1/3/20  
Application Closes: 1/24/20 at 5:00 p.m.

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**Trainings & Workshops/Contact**

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| **Capacity Workshops** Jim Ayres  
jayres@communityfoundation.org | To provide support for organizations based in and serving the Pioneer Valley that are interested in specific topic areas to strengthen their organizational effectiveness. | Organizations based in and serving Hampden, Hampshire or Franklin counties which seek to enhance their organizational effectiveness. Registration for individual workshops required. Registration closed when workshop capacity is reached. | Not a funding opportunity. | Individual workshops offered throughout 2020. Registration for individual workshops required. |
| **ValleyCreates: Artist Capacity Training** Nicole Bourdon  
nbourdon@communityfoundation.org | Competitive process to select artists to join a cohort focused on increasing organizational effectiveness. 2020 Training Series will be limited to artists. | Any artists engaged in the arts, culture, or creativity programming in Hampden, Hampshire, or Franklin Counties. | Mini-grants likely to be provided. | Application Opens: Nov. 2019  
Closes: December  
Training Series held Jan., 2020 |

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### Scholarship & Loans

**Purpose of Program**
Provides financial assistance in scholarships and/or interest-free loans to students throughout the Pioneer Valley

**Who Can Participate**
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:
- 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

Note: Students who have lived in Massachusetts for at least 5 years are eligible to revive an interest-free loan.

**Funding**
The average scholarship award is $1,000 but the amount varies for each scholarship fund.

Interest-free loans are $3,000.

Students attending a 2-year college can receive a maximum of $4,000 in scholarships per year.

**Application Timelines**
- Application Opens: January 1
- Application Closes: March 31

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