

Grant Calendar

TIMING	GRANT/OPPORTUNITY	PURPOSE
Spring 2022	Food Security	To partner with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to administer the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG-CV”) Food Security Program in Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties. This support will be granted to 501(c)(3) organizations working in the food security space who are looking to implement a new service or a quantifiable increase in the level of service as a result of COVID-19. Decisions will be made in mid-August 2022. This non-renewable program ends on March 31, 2023.
July	Interest -Free Loan Application for Students (Round One)	To support students with post-secondary educational expenses. Applicants should apply for one cycle each year.
July	ValleyCreates Working Capital Grants	To support artists who currently live or have studio space in Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden Counties, Massachusetts. This program pairs a \$1,000 artist mini-grant with one-on-one coaching along with financial and business resiliency workshops and coaching.
August	Flexible Funding	To support nonprofits addressing current community needs. Preference is given to organizations with work aligned to the Community Foundation’s stated focus areas: 1) A strong start for all children through high-quality early education and care. 2) Accessible and more affordable post-secondary education and training, providing pathways to completion and employment. 3) A vibrant and local arts and creativity ecosystem to support self-expression, economic vitality and connection; and to those organizations addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion in their organizations both internally and externally through policies, procedures and programming. Decisions will be made in Fall of 2022.
October	Loaves & Fishes	To support programs run by liberal, reformed Protestant churches in Hampshire and Franklin counties that are implementing creative and novel new modes of religious activity which meets human needs. Decisions will be made in December 2022.
November	Interest-Free Loan Application for Students (Round Two)	To support students with post-secondary educational expenses. Applicants should apply for one cycle each year.
November	Deerfield River Enhancement Fund Grants	To support projects assisting with watershed conservation, development of low impact recreational and educational facilities, and planning, design, maintenance and monitoring of such facilities in the Deerfield River Watershed. Decisions will be made in early 2023.
January 2023	Scholarship Application Opens	To support students with post-secondary educational expenses. Applicants should apply for one cycle each year.
Early 2023	Racial Equity & Social Justice Fund Grants	To support nonprofit organizations and initiatives closing racial equity gaps in our community and expanding opportunities for all.
Year-Round	Capacity Building & Training	CFWM will share webinars, specific cohort opportunities, and other trainings to support capacity building. New programs beginning 2023.

PRINCIPLES:

- ▶ Organizations can participate in more than one opportunity provided they meet necessary criteria.
- ▶ Outstanding grant reports must be completed to be eligible for new opportunities.
- ▶ In an effort to employ trust-based philanthropic principles, CFWM will offer general operating support when possible.
- ▶ All applications are reviewed by staff and community volunteers.

