

THE WOMEN & GIRLS FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The Women & Girls Fund at The Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut is seeking proposals that

- Address teen pregnancy
- Prevent domestic violence and treat its victims
- Provide for the needs of New London women with limited incomes, aged 62 and over
- Help women enter or re-enter the workforce

Through its Women & Girls Fund, the Community Foundation aims to improve the lives of women and girls in southeastern Connecticut by focusing on these four areas. Please see the specific guidelines for the focus area(s) your proposal will address.

Each organization may submit up to three (3) proposals as follows:

- one proposal - teen pregnancy/STD prevention or domestic violence prevention/treatment program (grant range: \$2,000-10,000)
- one proposal - serving New London elderly women with limited incomes (grant range: \$2,000-10,000)
- one proposal - helping women enter or re-enter the workforce (grant range: \$1,000)

We encourage you to discuss your grant request(s) with Jennifer O'Brien, Program Director, in advance of submission (860-442-3572 or jennob@cfsect.org).

PROPSOSAL DUE DATE: AUGUST 15, 2009 (POSTMARKED)

Grants will be awarded to charitable organizations, including churches, schools, hospitals, or governmental entities approved by the grants committee. Organizations must serve women and/or girls in one or more of the following towns: East Lyme, Groton, Ledyard, Lyme, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Old Lyme, Salem, Stonington, and Waterford.

Grants will not be made to or for: specific individuals; political purposes or lobbying activities; or sectarian religious programs.

Women & Girls Fund
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2009 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Teen Pregnancy/Domestic Violence:

Successful applicants will raise awareness, encourage positive choices or assist women and girls in overcoming these obstacles.

We are seeking teen pregnancy prevention programs that provide alternatives and optimism through mentoring, education, healthcare, arts and athletics.

Grants will be awarded for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence so women and children will be free of fear and isolation and have the strength to take control of their lives.

Proposals should address teen pregnancy/STDs or domestic violence through programs that:

- further education, employment or economic opportunities;
- prevent isolation, exclusion, crime, substance abuse, and victimization;
- address basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and health;
- encourage artistic achievement, cultural enrichment, or athletic excellence; and/or
- promote harmony, tolerance and non-violence.

Grant range: \$2,000-10,000

Elderly New London women with limited incomes:

Grants will be awarded from the Smith Memorial Fund of the Foundation. Successful applicants will provide for the needs of women with limited income, aged 62 or older, who are or have been residents of New London. It is the intention of these grants is that no individuals shall receive cash directly, but rather that their needs will be met by the grant recipient organizations.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals that:

- enable women to continue to live in their own homes
- foster independence and ensure good health and safety
- ensure that the grant funds directly benefit clients

Grant range: \$2,000-10,000

Women Entering or Re-entering the Workforce:

A limited amount of funding is available for organizations that provide women with access to educational and job training opportunities that lead them to greater self-sufficiency and realization of aspirations.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals that:

- Assist women who have not previously been in the workforce or have not been for a length of time
- Reach underserved women who normally might not be readily identified

Grant range: \$1,000 (very limited funding at this time)

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GRANT PROPOSAL NARRATIVE
(Deadline: August 15, 2009- postmarked)

A. PROPOSAL NARRATIVE: *Please provide the following information, limiting your narrative to 3 pages.*

1. Brief summary of organization's history, mission and goals, including your experience providing programs for women or girls
2. Statement of how your program addresses the issue of: teen pregnancy/sexually transmitted diseases, domestic violence, supporting elderly women in their homes or women returning to work. Include any data or information gathered by your organization.
3. Description of target population, including demographics, geography and numbers to be served.
4. Describe the results you plan to achieve and the strategies you will employ to reach the desired results. Be specific about program activities.
5. Plans for evaluation: What are the indicators you plan to measure? How will you know if your program is successful?
6. If applicable, describe the roles of any partners or collaborators in this project.

B. ATTACHMENTS: *Please provide the dates each document covers.*

1. Project budget, including any additional funding sources
2. Organizational budget for current fiscal year
3. Most recent annual financial statement (audited, if available)
4. IRS letter certifying tax exemption status under section 501(c)(3), if applicable
5. Current board membership list
6. Letters of agreement, if this is a collaborative proposal

IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND FOUR (4) COPIES (ORIGINAL PLUS THREE) OF THE COVER SHEET AND NARRATIVE AND ONE (1) COPY OF ALL ATTACHEMENTS.

WOMEN & GIRLS FUND GRANT PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Organization

Phone

Fax

Address (street, city, zip)

Contact person & title

Contact phone & e-mail address

Geographic area served by program

to be served annually in requested program

Amount of request

Brief summary of request and anticipated impact (must be completed):

Signature of Director

Date