Consultant Support Program

From time to time, a nonprofit Executive Director, senior staff member or Board member needs a thought partner or coach to work through a challenge or explore an opportunity. The Consultant Support Program can provide funding for a consultant to work a limited number of hours plus ancillary expenses (not to exceed $2,000 total).

Eligibility Criteria
• Nonprofit organizations serving
  The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven’s twenty-town service area, including the five towns served by the Valley Community Foundation.
• Can be a fully-funded project (up to $2,000) or used to supplement other funds as part of a larger project with a total budget not to exceed $5,000.

Other Considerations
• Applicants may choose from a vetted list of consultants or engage their own consultant.
• Organizations may receive funding from this program one time in 12 months.
• Award will not impact eligibility for any other grant process offered by either Foundation.
• Staff time (hourly or salaried) and administrative expenses associated with the project cannot be included in the budget.

To inquire about this program, please contact a staff member below. You will be asked to complete a short application and budget form if your proposal is suitable for this program.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
The Consultant Support Program can be used to engage a consultant to work with your staff, board and/or volunteers around creating equity within your organization. For example, you can use the support to have a series of meetings or workshops; explore internal and external hiring and personnel policies and processes; or to attend trainings as a team. For DE&I work, the funded project may be part of a larger project with a total budget which may exceed $5,000. Please contact us to talk about ways the Foundations can help your organization on its DE&I journey.

Acceptable Expenses
• assessment tools
• coaching
• consultant time/travel/materials
• data management
• development strategies
• financial management
• participant hospitality/meeting facilitation and expenses
• printing and handout materials
• retreat or convening expenses
• staff professional development and wellness activities
• strategic alliance conversations
• other short-term projects by request