

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Helping people grow in faith and love as disciples of Jesus

September 2018

Dear Community Partner:

Asylum Hill Congregational Church's Outreach Committee is responsible for distributing and monitoring the funds given to agencies doing God's work locally and globally. In addition to the funding, we place a value on the role our members play in volunteer service with our mission partner organizations and those they serve.

We are currently accepting grant applications for the 2018-2019 funding cycle: July 2018 through June 2019.

Through the generosity of members, our church strives to provide funding that focuses on programs that primarily serve the needs of the Asylum Hill Neighborhood; when we are able, we support programs throughout the City of Hartford. The funding criteria concentrate on programs and initiatives involving food, education, housing, and human services.

Special Note: Over the last few years we have had courageous conversations on how to continue being strong supporters of our community partners. This hard look at our funding has resulted in targeting our efforts for greater impact. Every community partner does amazing work across a wide spectrum of human need and we appreciate the work done so that *"... even one life has breathed easier because you have lived."* This year, we will continue in the direction of funding 20 to 25 community partners. This message weighs heavy on our hearts; we want to be as transparent as possible with you regarding our current funding ability.

If you would like to be considered for this funding cycle, please complete and submit the following:

- 2018-19 Grant Application with detailed budget
- Required Documents
 - Organizational Chart
 - Annual Financial Report
 - Asylum Hill Congregational 2017-2018 Program/Project Report (if applicable)
- Other Supporting Documents

In order to be considered for the 2018-2019 funding cycle, a completed application and all other supportive material must be submitted by **3:00 PM on Friday, October 12, 2018**. An electronic acknowledgement will be sent within 48-hours of submission. **Grant applications will not be accepted after Friday, October 12, 2018.**

It is preferred that all materials be submitted electronically in PDF format to mway@AHCC.org; however, if you must apply by hard copy, please submit two copies of all documents to:

AHCC – Outreach
Attn: Mary Way
814 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

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The Outreach Committee will review every application and we will be looking for:

- The demonstrated and/or potential impact of the proposed program;
- The impact the AHCC Grant would have on the proposed program and/or make in addressing a specific need in the community;
- Financial strength and viability of the agency/organization; and
- Compatibility of your organizational mission with the core values of Asylum Hill Congregational Church (please see attached/enclosed)

In early November, a member of the AHCC Outreach Committee will call each organization to inform you of your status. Site visits will be scheduled accordingly. In late February/early March, you will be notified of the Committee's decision regarding your grant.

Asylum Hill Congregational Church is a *"Church in the heart of the city, with a heart for the city."* It is due to our commitment to Christ, the Capital City and our world, that we make these financial gifts available. It is also why we work to inspire our members to give, not only of their dollars, but also of their time and talent to all of you with whom we proudly partner to do transformative work as the hands and feet of the God who loves us all.

Blessings,

Africka S. Hinds
Chair, Outreach Committee

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