



2018 Grant Cycle

The Fund for Wellesley (FFW) promotes a spirit of philanthropic giving to support organizations that are working to create solutions for current needs and that are implementing new ideas that will improve Wellesley for the future. We encourage grant applications that bring innovative thinking to big issues and small ones.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

GRANT PROCESS

FFW is an endowed, permanent fund of the Foundation for MetroWest with a separate Community Board that is responsible for evaluating and allocating grant awards. The 2018 grant cycle will operate based on the following timeline:

- 1/31 and 2/7 9:30 – 11:00 AM Nonprofit Open House – Wellesley Free Library
- 1/29 9:00 AM Applications open online: www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
- 3/16 5:00 PM Deadline for proposals
- By end of May..... Applicants notified of decision
- Early June..... Grant award celebration for 2018 grantees

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must have:

- 501(c)(3) tax status as a registered nonprofit organization **OR** have an eligible fiscal sponsor **OR** be a Town of Wellesley department, board, or commission
- Programming that wholly or predominantly serves Wellesley residents

WHAT FFW WILL FUND

Proposals may be submitted for:

- Programming (particularly pilot, or expanded)
- Capital goods or improvements to advance programming or services offered (e.g., laptops)
- Capacity-building efforts including, but not limited to:
 - Strategic planning
 - Data and evaluation
 - Organizational development
 - Communications and marketing
 - Governance

FOCUS AREAS

FFW particularly seeks to support organizations that alleviate language, cultural, economic need, or other barriers that prevent equal access, opportunity, and participation by all Wellesley residents. This can be achieved in a broad range of program areas, including, but not limited to health, human services, education, recreation, arts, and culture.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Beginning January 29th, applicants will have access to the application form online.
2. If your organization is new to FFW or the Foundation for MetroWest, please create an account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
 - b. See www.bit.ly/ApplicantTutorial for a short video tutorial.

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3. If your organization has applied to FFW or the Foundation for MetroWest in the past, please log into your existing account.
 - a. www.bit.ly/ffmw_foundant
4. Once you are logged into your account, click on the Apply icon from the top menu bar.
5. Select **2018 Town Funds**.

TO APPLY: WWW.BIT.LY/FFMW_FOUNDANT

DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2018 AT 5:00PM

If you have questions regarding the eligibility or suitability of your proposal, we encourage you to email grants@foundationformetrowest.org as early as possible to schedule a time to discuss.