



To: Inquiring Individuals and Community Groups

Re: Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement

Thank you for your interest concerning the **Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement**.

To date, 272 grants totaling \$1,306,359 have been awarded since the Fund's inception to organizations in the following N.H. locations: Franklin, Tilton, Northfield, Bristol, Boscawen, Hill, Sanbornton, Belmont, New Hampton, Andover, Alexandria, Laconia, Gilford, Gilmanton, Goffstown, Merrimack, and other surrounding communities. The Fund for Community Advancement is an advised fund within the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and is comprised of members of both the Bank's Board of Directors and Management.

The Fund is very active in supporting a broad range of nonprofit community activities. Categories of support include, but are not limited to: Economic development, affordable housing, education, health care, social services, environment, arts and humanities, human services, and programs or services addressing the needs of children, adolescents, and single parent families. Also of importance are programs and services addressing the needs of low to moderate income families and individuals.

Grants are awarded one time per year after a competitive review. In 2025, Franklin Savings Bank was honored to hold its 48th round of grants with \$54,850 designated to non-profit organizations.

To apply, please complete the application attached. A completed application must include an **IRS Tax Status Determination** letter, which indicates 501(c)(3) status of an organization, or for other organizations, an indication of what eligible entity will function as its fiscal agent. *A checklist has been provided for your use.*

The deadline for grant applications is **May 30th** (mail, e-mail, or hand delivery). Applications must be **postmarked on or before** this date in order to be eligible for consideration. We suggest applications be delivered to us no sooner than ten (10) business days before the deadline. Please note the turnaround time from receipt of an application to notification of a response may take up to four (4) months.

The grants made from this Fund are not intended to replace the types of donations and community support that have traditionally come from the Bank. We have always been a strong partner of the communities we serve; therefore, the grants awarded from the Fund for Community Advancement serve to strengthen our commitment to supporting areas we have proudly served since 1869.

Sincerely,

Brian F. Bozak
President & CEO

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Program Priorities

The Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement was formed in 1997 to provide support for substantial projects that will significantly enhance the lives of people in the communities that make up the primary market area of the bank. The Fund for Community Advancement has been established as a fund within the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The areas served by the fund currently include Franklin, Boscawen, Gilford, Merrimack, Bristol, Tilton, and Goffstown. The fund may also provide support for projects in other surrounding communities. Grant monies requested must provide support to those living in the communities listed above; although not exclusively, as many projects have a broader geographic impact that will benefit those in other communities as well.

The Fund is very active in supporting a broad range of community activities. Eligible organizations must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or be a school, municipality, or other subdivision of government. Categories of support include but are not limited to: Affordable housing, health care, social services, arts and humanities, human services, and programs or services addressing the needs of children, adolescents, elders, and single parent families. Grants will not generally be awarded as operating support or funding for ongoing or annual programs. Priority consideration will be given to those programs and services that address the needs of low to moderate income families and individuals. The minimum grant award will be \$1,000 and the maximum will be \$10,000. An organization may submit an application for a given project a maximum of two (2) times.

To apply for a grant award from the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement, please complete the Franklin Savings Bank Fund Application and return it via mail to 387 Central Street Franklin NH, 03235 or by email to Renee.Baldini@fsbnh.bank. The FSB Fund will award grants one time per year with applications due no later than May 30th each year.

For more information and grant application materials please visit www.fsbnh.bank. You may also contact the grant program manager Renee M. Baldini, AVP/Executive Assistant & CRA Officer of Franklin Savings Bank at 603-934-8327 or by e-mail at Renee.Baldini@fsbnh.bank.



FSB Fund Grant Application Checklist

Date Postmarked:

Application materials

- ❖ Is application form complete?
- ❖ Executive Summary included (200 words or less)?
- ❖ Has the proposal narrative been included to address:
 - Description of need
 - Project description, goals, objectives
 - Timeliness
 - Results
 - Other notes

- ❖ Have the following attachments been included?
 - Completed application cover sheet
 - IRS tax status determination letter

REMINDER: As noted within the program priorities; grants will not generally be awarded as operating support or funding for ongoing or annual programs. The Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement was formed in 1997 to provide support for substantial projects that will significantly enhance the lives of people in the communities that make up the primary market area of the bank.



Fund for Community Advancement Application

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Application Request: \$ _____

Total Project Budget: _____

Percent of amount request vs. total budget: _____ (Amount requested / total budget x 100)

Project funds raised to date: _____

Project begin date: _____

Communities in which you provide services:
(Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alexandria | <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin | <input type="checkbox"/> Merrimack | <input type="checkbox"/> Tilton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belmont | <input type="checkbox"/> Gilford | <input type="checkbox"/> New Hampton | <input type="checkbox"/> Hill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boscawen | <input type="checkbox"/> Gilmanton | <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bristol | <input type="checkbox"/> Goffstown | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanbornton | |

Population served:
(Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Single-parent Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescents | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-income Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Minorities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate-income Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Individuals |

Age group (Select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and Older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 | |

Gender: Male Female Both

Category of Support: Affordable Housing Healthcare Social Services Arts & Humanities Human Services

Purpose of Request & Category of Support if not listed above: (20 words or less)

Please respond to each question in the field provided. Word limits are provided for each section. You may copy and paste from another format where your application is already prepared (i.e., Word, Publisher, etc.).

Executive Summary: Briefly describe the proposed project or program, its importance, and the results you expect. (200 words or less)

Need: Describe the need or opportunity for the proposed work. (100 words or less)

Project Description: Describe the proposed project or program, including major activities, key people involved, and the timetable for the work. (200 words or less)

Timeliness: Why is this a strategic time for the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement to invest in this work? (100 words or less)

Results: If your project/program is successful, what will be different as a result of your work? (100 words or less)

Other: Is there anything else you would like us to know about this request? (200 words or less)