

# Bank of America Private Bank Philanthropic Solutions Grantmaking Procedures – Connecticut Office

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Bank of America, N.A. serves as trustee, co-trustee, or agent to numerous private foundations. The Connecticut-based Philanthropic Solutions office manages many of these discretionary foundations which support nonprofit organizations serving vital community needs. The majority of these foundations were created and structured by donors to provide focused grantmaking based on a specific program and/or geographic area.

Working with internal or external distribution committees, co-trustees, family members, or external advisors, we carefully evaluate grant proposals to ensure that meaningful grants are awarded in accordance with the philanthropic mission of each foundation. We have prepared these grantmaking guidelines as a general overview to help the nonprofit community better understand the grantmaking goals and process for Connecticut-based foundations.

Section IV provides a summary of many of the major foundations administered in Connecticut, their application deadlines and other key information. There are additional discretionary foundations in Connecticut that are not currently listed in this document or on our website. After researching foundations on our website, if you have not identified a potential funding match, please contact us at [ct.grantmaking@bofa.com](mailto:ct.grantmaking@bofa.com). We will advise you if there are other potential funding matches among other foundations that are not currently listed.

The majority of grants from these foundations are awarded in Connecticut; however, there are a few foundations with geographic focus areas reaching outside the state. Please review Section IV of these guidelines to learn more about the various foundations and their geographic focus areas.

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**Please note that if your organization is awarded a grant, a Post Grant Evaluation Report is required within 1 year of the grant application date. Please see pages 10 and 11 for more details.**

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## II. PHILANTHROPIC GOALS

### **Program Focus Areas**

We seek to positively impact the lives of the traditionally underserved within our communities through our support of charitable organizations. There are a limited number of Connecticut foundations where the donor granted **broad** funding discretion to Bank of America, Private Bank. These foundations generally fund the areas of human services, education, health care, the arts, and the environment.

The majority of foundations administered in Connecticut have specific funding guidelines; therefore, we ask that you please refer to our website, [www.bankofamerica.com/grantmaking](http://www.bankofamerica.com/grantmaking), to learn more about the individual foundations and the specific program focus areas. You may research the various foundations using the Find a Foundation Search feature which will provide you with further details and giving preferences of the foundations.

## **Type of Support**

Several of the foundations have limitations and will only provide support for programs and/or projects. The majority of the foundations will provide general operating support in addition to program and project support. Please be sure to check the guidelines of each of the respective foundations. None of the foundations provide support for endowment campaigns.

Please refer to our website to learn more about the giving preferences and restrictions. You can navigate to all of these foundations using the 'Find a Foundation' search feature. This will allow you to research each respective **foundation detail** page for further clarification on the types of grants and giving preferences.

## **Other**

We typically do not provide support for start-up nonprofits or programs that are not yet established. However, we are open to discussing possible opportunities with you.

## **Grantee Lists**

You may review each foundation's most recent list of grantees in the 'Grant History' section of each **foundation detail** page. The interactive *Foundation Maps* tool is part of Candid-The Foundation Center's eGrant Reporting Program. To learn more about navigating the Maps, visit Candid-The Foundation Center's tour of *Foundation Maps*. (<https://maps.foundationcenter.org/tour.php>)

## **III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Each foundation has its own mission statement, funding parameters, and application deadlines. The first step in the application process is to determine if there is a match between your organization's work and the funding parameters of any of the foundations. Based on these results, you will select a particular foundation(s) to direct your application.

*Due to the high volume of inquiries, we ask that you visit our website to research the most appropriate funding matches **before** contacting us with questions and clarifications.*

## **Before You Apply**

We recommend that you thoroughly research the information provided at [www.bankofamerica.com/grantmaking](http://www.bankofamerica.com/grantmaking). The website provides detailed information about each foundation, and the Find a Foundation search feature may assist you further in selecting the various foundations. Specifically, we recommend that you thoroughly read the **foundation detail** pages, which are 1-page summaries on each foundation, and the **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) tab which provides helpful overview information. After exploring our website, you should be able to determine:

1. An appropriate foundation by entering the *Area Served* and/or *Program Type* preference(s) in the search filter
2. If your organization meets the geographic and/or programmatic parameters of the specific foundation
3. The proposal deadline of the specific foundation, ensuring that your proposal is submitted at the appropriate time of the year

Please refer to Section IV for details about the geographic focus area(s) and proposal due dates of each foundation.

## **Submitting an Application**

Please note that the majority of **the foundations have moved to an online application process**. Please see the individual **foundation detail** page to access the ‘Apply Now’ link and to review the Online Application Help document for more detail. For your convenience, only the foundations **not** currently accepting online applications are in **bold** type in section IV.

### *Special Requirements:*

The foundations listed below require online applications and have a geographic restriction for which we require a breakdown of number/percentage of people served **by specific towns**. **Please note the breakdown of number/percentage of people served by specific towns in the online application in the ‘Demographics for This Request section: Additional Demographics’ field.**

- The Anna Fitch Ardenghi Trust
- The Thomas J. Atkins Memorial Trust
- The Lena Benas Memorial Fund
- The Bodenwein Foundation
- The Marion Isabell Coe Fund
- The George Ensworth Memorial Fund
- Mr. & Mrs. William Foulds Family Foundation
- The David Lane Trust
- The Frank Loomis Palmer Fund
- The Katherine Matthies Foundation
- Frederick McDonald Trust
- The Marjorie Moore Charitable Foundation
- The Linford & Mildred White Fund

Please submit online applications by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the foundation’s deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend or a federally recognized holiday, applications are due on the next business day by 11:59 p.m.

Online grant applications will be accepted 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, generally on, or prior to the proposal due date. However, applicant inquiries can only be answered during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST. Please be advised that technical support is not provided on weekends for password resets or general technical inquiries. Therefore, it is best to start your application early, seek technical support during business hours, and to submit your application in advance of the due date.

### **Exceptions:**

The foundations noted below are no longer hosted on the website. Please email [ct.grantmaking@bofa.com](mailto:ct.grantmaking@bofa.com) for more information regarding the new application process.

- Eugene G. & Margaret M. Blackford Memorial Fund
- Frederick W. Marzahl Memorial Fund

#### IV. LIST OF FOUNDATIONS

Below is a list of the major foundations managed by the Connecticut office with geographic and program focus areas, corresponding application deadlines, and decision dates. Please note that the foundation names in **bold** type below have **not** moved to the online proposal process. See the individual **foundation detail** pages for more information.

<b>Foundation Name</b>	<b>Geographic Focus</b>	<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Decision Time Frame</b>	<b># of Copies</b>
Ensworth Charitable Foundation	Hartford & Surrounding Communities	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Health; Human Services	January 15	3-4 months	N/A – Online Application
The Lucy Downing Nisbet Charitable Fund	Organizations operating in VT	Animal-Related; Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Environment; Health; Human Services	January 15	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Lily Palmer Fry Memorial Trust	New York City & Westchester County, NY; Fairfield & Hartford Counties, CT	Human Services	February 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Charles Nelson Robinson Fund	Hartford, CT	Education; Health; Human Services	February 15	2 -3 months	N/A – Online Application
Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Fund	Hartford, Connecticut	Arts, Culture, & Humanities	February 28	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
George A. & Grace L. Long Foundation	Connecticut	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Health; Human Services	April 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Mr. & Mrs. William Foulds Family Foundation	Manchester, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Human Services	April 30	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
Katharine Matthies Foundation	Lower Naugatuck Valley, CT *	Education; Health; Human Services	May 1	3-4 months	N/A - Online Application
Mary Mulligan Charitable Trust	NY	Arts, Culture, & Humanities Education Health Human Services	March 1; September 1	3-4 months	N/A - Online Application

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George H.C. Ensworth Memorial Fund	Glastonbury, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Environment; Health; Human Services; Religion-related	May 15	2 months	N/A - Online Application
The Kendrick Foundation*	National	Religion-Rated	June 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
William T. Sloper Trust for Andrew J. Sloper Musical Fund	New Britain, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities	June 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
George W. Wells Foundation	Southbridge & Surrounding Communities, MA**	Education, Health, Human Services	June 1	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
Anna Fitch Ardenghi Trust	New Haven, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Health; Human Services	June 15	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Linford & Mildred White Charitable Fund	Waterbury, CT & Surrounding Communities	Education; Health; Human Services	June 15	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
David N. Lane Trust for Aged & Indigent Women	Fairfield & New Haven Counties, CT	Health; Human Services	June 15	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
Mabel F. Hoffman Charitable Trust	Hartford, CT & Surrounding Towns	Education; Health; Human Services	June 23	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Frederick McDonald Trust	Albany, NY*	Education, Health, Human Services	June 30	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Robert E. Leet & Clara Guthrie Patterson Trust	Connecticut	Health	July Deadline date published on HRiA website.	5-6 months	Visit <a href="https://hria.org/tmf/patterson/">https://hria.org/tmf/patterson/</a>
Swindells Charitable Foundation	Connecticut	Health; Human Services	August 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application

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Elizabeth Carse Foundation	Connecticut	Education; Human Services	August 1	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
R.S. Gernon Trust	Norwich, CT	Education; Health; Human Services	August 1	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
The Charles Parker Trust/ Public Music Fund	New Britain, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities	September 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Thomas J. Atkins Memorial Trust Fund	Middlesex County, CT	Education; Health; Human Services	October 1	2-3 months	N/A – Online Application
Lena Benas Memorial Fund	Litchfield, CT and Surrounding Communities*	Health; Human Services	November 1	2 months	N/A - Online Application
Marion Isabell Coe Fund	Litchfield County, CT *	Human Services	November 1	2 months	N/A - Online Application
Olga Sipolin Children’s Fund	Connecticut	Education; Health; Human Services	November 1	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
Frank Loomis Palmer Fund	New London, CT	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Health; Human Services	November 15	3-4 months	N/A - Online Application
Bodenwein Public Benevolent Foundation	New London County, CT *	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education; Health; Human Services	November 15	3-4 months	N/A - Online Application
Marjorie Moore Charitable Foundation	Kensington, CT*	Arts, Culture, & Humanities; Education Environment; Health; Human Services	December 1	2-3 months	N/A - Online Application
Frank B. Hazard General Charity Fund	Providence, RI*	Health; Human Services	December 1	3-4 months	N/A – Online Application

\* Please see foundation detail pages for further geographic restriction. Indicates a donor-directed charitable giving program area.

\*\*Indicates a further geographic or issue area restriction.

## V. CONTACTS

For general inquiries, please contact us at [ct.grantmaking@bofa.com](mailto:ct.grantmaking@bofa.com). After you have visited the website and conducted preliminary research, you may contact one of the foundation contacts. Our staff contact information is also listed below for your convenience.

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<i>Lena Benas Memorial Fund</i>		<i>Katharine Matthies Foundation</i>
<i>Eugene G. &amp; Margaret M. Blackford Memorial Fund</i>		<i>Marjorie Moore Charitable Foundation</i>
<i>Bodenwein Public Benevolent Foundation</i>		<i>Frank Loomis Palmer Fund</i>
<i>Elizabeth Carse Foundation</i>		<i>The Lucy Downing Nisbet Foundation</i>
<i>Marion Isabell Coe Fund</i>		<i>The Charles Parker Trust for Public Music Fund</i>
<i>George H.C. Ensworth Memorial Fund</i>		<i>Robert E. Leet &amp; Clara Guthrie Patterson Trust</i>
<i>Ensworth Charitable Foundation</i>		<i>Charles Nelson Robinson Fund</i>
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<i>R.S. Gernon Trust</i>		<i>Joseph S. Stackpole Charitable Trust</i>
<i>Harold &amp; Rebecca H. Gross Foundation</i>		<i>Swindells Charitable Foundation</i>
<i>Mabel F. Hoffman Charitable Trust</i>		<i>Linford &amp; Mildred White Charitable Fund</i>

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*Frank B. Hazard General Charity Fund*

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## **Post Grant Reporting**

A grant report is required within 1 year of the grant application date, regardless of whether all of the funds have been spent. You will be ineligible for future grant funding if this report is not received within a year of the grant award. Organizations receiving multi-year awards are required to submit reports annually until the end of the grant term.

Online grant report forms for approved requests submitted online, will be published in your [MyAccount](#) portal in the Requirement tab. If the online grant report form is not yet visible, please let us know via email [ct.grantmaking@bofa.com](mailto:ct.grantmaking@bofa.com) and we will publish an online grant report form to your account.

If you submitted a hard copy application for one of our foundations that does not use the online application process, please use our post grant evaluation form on **pages 10 and 11**. We will also accept the Connecticut Council of Philanthropy Common Report Form, which may be downloaded from <http://www.ctphilanthropy.org>. Your completed grant report may be emailed to [ct.grantmaking@bofa.com](mailto:ct.grantmaking@bofa.com). Be sure to include in the subject line the following information: “Post Grant Evaluation for the [*Note the Foundation Name*] and [*Name of your organization*]”



