**Civic Engagement Mini-Grant Application**

The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut’s Civic Engagement Mini-Grants help residents of our 42-town region be active participants in building and strengthening their communities towards a just, civil society. These grants of up to $1,000 each can be used to support small-scale, local efforts including, but not limited to, nonpartisan voter registration, community dialogues and informal trust-building activities, participatory budgeting, and leadership development training.

These grants *cannot* be used to endorse or denounce a political party or candidate, or to withhold or refuse Information or other assistance based on support for or opposition to particular candidates, parties, or policy/platform positions. Additionally, grants may not be requested for event sponsorship, staff training or general program support.

To apply, complete the application below and email it to Deb Battit at deb@cfect.org. Questions? Call us at 860.442.3572. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. You will be notified within two business weeks of receipt of your application.

* Contact person’s name:

* Contact person’s email address and phone number:

* Name of organization (Must be a 501c3 nonprofit, public school or municipal government, or use 501c3, public school or municipal government as fiscal agent):

* Mark an X next to the description that applies to your organization:

\_\_\_ This organization has a 501c3 determination letter from the IRS.

\_\_\_ This organization is a public school or municipal government department or agency.

\_\_\_ This organization has agreed to be the fiscal agent for the purposes of this grant project. It agrees to be the recipient of the grant funds, to be legally responsible for the proper use of the grant funds, and to submit a report on the use of the funds within a reasonable period of time.

* Address of organization:

* Phone number and website of organization:

* Name and title of CEO/executive director (if different from contact):

**Amount requested:** ­­­ $ ($1,000 maximum)

**In no more than two pages, respond to the following:**

1. What do you want to do? (describe the project or activity and when you expect to do it)

1. Who is your target audience? (best estimate of numbers and demographics)

1. Why do you seek to do this project or activity? What’s the impact you hope it will have? How will it increase civic engagement in your community?

1. How will the grant funds be used?

1. Lay out a brief budget below or attach it separately.