



## Duncaster Community Outreach Grants

Request for Proposals: Fall 2026 Cycle

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The Duncaster Community Outreach Committee invites nonprofit organizations serving the Greater Bloomfield community to apply for funding through the Fall 2026 grant cycle.

Duncaster's mission is to enrich the lives of those we serve through excellence in senior living, life-enrichment opportunities, and person-centered care. Through the Community Outreach Grants Program, Duncaster supports organizations that strengthen the community, improve quality of life, and address local needs.

Community outreach grants are awarded twice each year, with award amounts based on available funding. All new and returning applicants must schedule a conversation with Duncaster's Office of Philanthropy before their application can be considered.

### Grant Awards

Grants generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and may support programs, services, supplies, equipment, or other project-related expenses that align with Duncaster's community outreach priorities.

Funding decisions are based on mission alignment, demonstrated community need, anticipated impact, organizational capacity, and program sustainability.

### Fall 2026 Grant Cycle Timeline

**Application opens:** Thursday, August 27, 2026

**Application deadline:** Monday, October 12, 2026

**Committee review:** Mid-October 2026

**Grant decisions:** Late October 2026

Applicants are encouraged to review all eligibility and priority criteria carefully before submitting a proposal.

### Grant Criteria

To be considered for a Community Outreach Grant, applicant programs should:

- Enhance quality of life
- Promote health and well-being
- Foster meaningful connections and community engagement
- Address significant community needs
- Create measurable and lasting impact
- Demonstrate clear and measurable program outcomes



## Eligibility

- Applicants must be tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or have an eligible fiscal sponsor.
- Applicants must provide services that benefit Residents of the Greater Bloomfield community.
- Applicants must show evidence of other funding sources secured for the specific project.
- Applicants must demonstrate strong organizational capacity and program sustainability.
- Applicant programs should deepen the connection between Duncaster Residents and the Greater Bloomfield community.

## Grant Reporting

At the end of the funded program, Duncaster will send grant recipients a grant report form to complete. Completed reports are due within 45 days of program completion and should summarize how Duncaster Community Outreach grant funds were used, describe the project's impact and outcomes, note any significant changes to funding, partnerships, or budget, and include a final budget summary showing actual revenue and expenses. Reports may also include a story, quote, or example that illustrates the impact of the funded work on the Greater Bloomfield community.

## Contact the Office of Philanthropy

For questions or to begin the application process, please contact Caroline Poland, Director of Philanthropy, at [cpoland@duncaster.org](mailto:cpoland@duncaster.org) or (860) 380-5133.

**Address:** 40 Loeffler Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002

## Begin your Grant Application

We look forward to learning more about your organization's work and how your proposed project will contribute to the vitality of Greater Bloomfield.

[Duncaster Community Outreach Grant Application Online](#)

Thank you for your interest in partnering with Duncaster and for your commitment to strengthening the community.