

# TOWN OF VERNON



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## VERNON GREATER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUND SEEKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Applications Due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020*

**(VERNON)** - The Town of Vernon has received a \$100,000 grant to establish the “Vernon Greater Together Community Fund” from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The Fund supports residents in taking ownership of their town’s needs, encourages broad and inclusive civic engagement, and anchors the Hartford Foundation in each town. In 2019, the Foundation established the Greater Together Community Fund program to help residents participate in identifying and addressing needs in their community. Vernon is one twenty-nine (29) towns to receive funding.

As required by the Foundation, Vernon’s Community Fund will be overseen by an Advisory Committee consisting of town residents representative and reflective of the community at large. Town residents will take the lead in deciding how Vernon’s Community Fund will be used to address community needs and then design a grant-making process to ensure the maximum impact and benefit to town residents. The Foundation will provide oversight on participatory decision making, grant-making, and fund development.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and members of our community to find innovative ways to engage our residents and enhance the quality of life in Vernon”, said Michelle Hill, Vernon’s Director of Youth Services and Co-Chairperson of the Greater Together Community Fund Selection Committee. “We encourage residents with a passion and interest in helping our community to step forward and work with us in building a greater Vernon”.

Nominations for the Vernon Greater Together Community Fund Advisory Committee can be submitted online by visiting <https://www.hfpg.org/donors/ways-to-give/community-funds/vernon>. Questions regarding committee membership may be emailed to [hfpg4vernon@gmail.com](mailto:hfpg4vernon@gmail.com).

**The deadline for applications is Friday, July 31, 2020.**

## **About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and well-being of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capitol of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the county.

Recently designated as a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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