

ELIZABETH H. NORTON TRUST

2026 GRANT APPLICATION

FUNDING PARAMETERS

Elizabeth H. Norton Trust Grants (“Norton Trust Grants”) may be used for program costs only. Program funding includes direct expenses essential to the project.

The Elizabeth H. Norton Trust does NOT fund:

- Expenses that occur prior to or after the project’s start and end dates.
- Deficit and debt reduction
- General operating expenses, including salaries (a visiting lecturer/artist fee may be part of the request)
- Projects or activities presented in the context of a religious service or event. Faith-based organizations may submit applications if the project meets Norton Trust guidelines and serves a broad segment of the population.
- Lobbying and Political activities
- “Brick and mortar” private capital development

By submission of this application, you consent to having your organization’s name as well as project information relating to the grant request published on the Elizabeth Harding Norton Trust website and/or other related publications.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

Applicants that meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for a Norton Trust Grant:

- Organizations based in Plainville, Connecticut, with federal tax-exempt status (501(c)(3). If the nonprofit organization does not have federal tax-exempt status, a prospective applicant may apply through an eligible nonprofit and federal tax-exempt organization which agrees to be the legal Applicant/Fiscal Agent for the grant activity.
- Nonprofit organizations in communities bordering Plainville may be eligible if the project substantially benefits Plainville residents.
- Organizations part of the Plainville Community Schools. (Note: The Superintendent of Schools must review the application and co-sign as an applicant.)
- Organizations must be considered in good standing with the Elizabeth H. Norton Trust, including but not limited to submitting a Final Report for any previously funded Norton Trust Grant.

Applicants who have an outstanding Final Report for a previously funded grant are not eligible to apply for the next two calendar years, Grant Utilization Reports for 2025 Grants must be filed not later than September 30, 2026.

GRANT APPLICATION AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant application package must include the following:

1. ☐ Completed and signed Application
2. ☐ Copy of the IRS 501(c)(3) letter verifying tax-exempt status (Note: If another Organization allows you to use their tax-exempt status, include their 501(c)(3) letter.)

Please, EITHER email the completed application package to glennfpetit@yahoo.com before October 30, 2026 or mail it to Grants Committee, Elizabeth H. Norton Trust, PO Box 304, Plainville, CT 06062 post-marked by October 30, 2026.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization's Name:

Organization's Website:

Organization's Mailing Address:

Contact Person's Name:

Contact Person's Position in Organizations:

Contact Person's Phone Number:

Contact Person's Email Address:

1. Grant Request (write below the total funding amount requested).

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2. Provide a brief history of the organization and its principal services.

3. What is the mission statement of the organization, and how does this proposal advance that mission?

4. How does the proposed project serve the residents of Plainville and the surrounding towns?

5. What are the anticipated start and end dates of the proposed project?

6. What is the expected outcome of the proposed project?

7. Attach the proposed project's budget to this application. ☐

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Position: _____ Date: _____

Co-Signer (or Superintendent of Schools), if applicable:

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Position: _____ Date: _____