

KNP Seedling Fund Program Launch



Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) has been awarded monetary resources to support community pilot projects that respond to the needs in our communities and the vision and mission of KNP*.

Purpose

The KNP Seedling Funds are designed to support **community-based initiatives** within the KNP service area; these include the towns of: **Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.**

Who Can Apply?

Any individual and/or organization operating in the KNP service area is eligible to submit a seedling application for support to the KNP Seedling Fund Committee. Whether you are part of an organization, or an individual, we welcome you to bring your idea or project forward.

We encourage projects that are intended, over time, to have broad application or meet critical needs and have a clearly articulated plan for financial sustainability after the initial KNP contribution. Projects for example, may address but not are limited to Food, Housing, Transportation, Isolation, Mental Health, Education, Children's needs in the community.

You might consider these questions to help determine if you are ready to bring your idea forward.

1. Will my project benefit members of **Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot?**
2. How does my project align with KNP's mission and vision*?
3. Can I describe my idea/project in enough detail for others to understand its purpose, who will benefit, its impact and estimated financial requirements and return, for the community it will serve?
4. What are the plans for sustainability following the initial seedling funds?

The amount of funds available depends on project scope and the ability to be high impact projects.

Here is how it works

To apply or if you have questions, please send an email to sfp@knpnh.org. We will provide an application and a point of contact for you at KNP for your application process. If you do not have email, please feel free to call Sue Williamson at 508-626-6100 and she will arrange to get you an application.

Applications for KNP Seedling funds are accepted on a rolling basis and will follow this process:

1. Initial submission is reviewed by the KNP Seedling Fund Committee to ensure the project meets basic requirements (i.e. project is within the KNP Service Area and meets strategic objectives of the organization) you may be asked questions or for more information to be included in your final application.
2. Monthly review of submitted project applications by the Full Committee to determine whether or not the project has been nominated for funding and for what amount.
3. Notify the point of contact for the project within 48 hours of the decision.

We are here to support you

The Seedling Fund Committee and Volunteers have a breadth of connections, knowledge and experiences that may be helpful to you - we are committed and excited to support you as you progress through the application and on to your project. in your process of the Seedlings Grant Program and in achieving your goals!

Have immediate questions – send an email sfp@knpnh.org and we will quickly connect back to you.

KNP

***Vision**

We envision a community where neighbors help each other flourish and everyone is provided the opportunity to experience material, spiritual and relational wholeness.

***Mission**

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners is a volunteer organization that collaborates with individuals and organizations to create a vital and resilient community, empowering people to achieve the lives they aspire to live.