

# NEIL AND LOUISE TILLOTSON FUND

Grant Programs



NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

# TODAY'S AGENDA

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The Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund serves as a resource for the people of our region to forge their own pathways to well-being and cultivate a region that thrives.



# GEOGRAPHY

- Core area: Coös County, NH and communities that are directly adjacent to Coös County
- Programs, projects or agencies that operate outside the region but offer clear benefit to Coös County
- MRC de Coaticook, Quebec, Canada

**Not sure about geographical fit?  
Please contact us!**

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

Our Commitment: Support community-identified and community-driven strategies and solutions.

Our Tools: Grantmaking, social impact investing, advocacy, convening and partnerships.



## Individual and Family Well-being

**Goal:** Support individuals and families to meet their essential needs and achieve well-being.



## Healthy Workforce Ecosystem

**Goal:** Strengthen the capacity of local employers to maintain and/or grow operations, build and retain a dynamic workforce, stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship, ensure business continuity and plan for the future.



## Environmental Stewardship

**Goal:** Address the impacts of climate change by investing in climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, responsible stewardship of natural resources and efforts that foster the human connection to the natural environment.



## Resilient Communities

**Goal:** Support initiatives and activities that build trust, belonging and connection and lead to stronger, more resilient communities.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK



## Individual and Family Well-being

- Meet essential needs for families and individuals: food, accommodation, transportation, health care, learning, childcare etc.
- Strengthen systems of care, defined as a broad array of supports for individuals and families that focus on:
  - inter-agency collaboration
  - individualized, strength-based practices
  - cultural competence
  - collaborative community-based services
  - full participation of families at all levels of the system
  - Shared responsibility for successful results

### Big Bet: A Whole Family Approach

Expand early childhood development strategy to a “whole family” approach, further aligning investments with the work of partners to accelerate improvements in family and child well-being in Coös County.



## Healthy Workforce Ecosystem

- Attract and retain the workforce.
- Establish workforce housing solutions.
- Help companies and employees build skills and systems for sustained success.
- Link employers and employees to financial supports.
- Increase access to affordable quality childcare.

### Big Bet: Invest in Workforce Housing

Establish a workforce housing seed fund for planning and concept development of housing solutions; and a workforce housing investment fund for development and construction.



## Environmental Stewardship

- Be good stewards of the land, air, forests, waterways and wildlife.
- Encourage and support responsible tourism and recreation.
- Build and enhance sustainable food systems.
- Promote, sustain and scale energy efficiency, clean energy and green building.
- Implement climate smart forestry solutions.

### Big Bet: Protect Our Natural Capital

Invest in environmental stewardship in recognition that preserving the region’s natural capital is crucial for a thriving economy and healthy communities.



## Resilient Communities

- Empower youth.
- Convene, collaborate, celebrate.
- Build skills, knowledge and approaches to advance equity.
- Support community builders and change agents.
- Revitalize population hubs and preserve cultural and historical assets.
- Improve civic health.
- Strengthen municipal capacity and leadership.

### Big Bet: Champions for Our Communities

Hire up to three full-time Community Stewards who live in or near Coös County to serve as community champions and to help community members advance local priorities. Create the Community Builders Hub to strengthen the skills, confidence, motivation and connections of community builders.

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GRANT PROGRAMS

# 2023 GRANT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Decrease application questions from 10 to 4 (Local and large grants). Project or operating budget in any format
- Accept reports in a variety of formats
- Large grants: Rolling deadlines, single stage invited application
- Improved accessibility: translation, ADA compliance, mobile devices
- Annual convenings to share learning and network around shared themes



Meaningful  
Collaboration

Measurable  
impact

Leverage  
resources



Capital Criteria

# GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

# Did you know:

1. We encourage applications for multi-year operating support.
2. We prefer that you apply to one Tillotson program per year (except for Dash).
3. You can apply for Tillotson grant and a NHCF grant in the same year.
4. We love to hear from you and we are here to help! Please reach out in advance of submitting an application.

# LOCAL GRANTS

UP TO \$20,000

DEADLINES:  
JANUARY 18 & JULY 19





# LARGE GRANTS

\$20,001 TO \$300,000

ROLLING DEADLINE

DECISIONS:  
MARCH & SEPT.

# DASH GRANTS

\$250 UP TO \$2,000

DEADLINE: ROLLING





# EMPOWER COÖS YOUTH

UP TO \$10,000

DEADLINE:  
JANUARY 18



Questions?