

# FANNY HOLT AMES AND EDNA LOUISE HOLT FUND

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## Housing Initiative – Concept Papers Request 2020

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*In 2020, in addition to the standard grantmaking process, the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund will be accepting proposals for housing as a social determinant of health projects.*

### HOUSING AND HEALTH IN WINDHAM AND WINDSOR COUNTY

The Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund (the Holt Fund) was created at Edna Louise Holt's instructions, and established in 2000, with Bank of America as the Trustee. Over the last 20 years, the Holt Fund has invested more than \$17.5 million in community-based programs and initiatives to meet the medical needs of Grafton, Vermont and surrounding communities.

The Holt Fund focuses its funding and resources on meeting the medical needs of individuals who live in Grafton, Vermont and surrounding towns, with priority for those with limited access to health resources. In 2020, the Holt Fund is interested in investing between \$25,000 to \$100,000 per year, in 1-2 projects or initiatives related to housing over the course of up to 3 years.

As a social determinant of health, research completed with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation points to three important and interrelated aspects of housing and its connection to health: the physical conditions within homes; conditions in the neighborhoods surrounding homes; and housing affordability, which not only shapes home and neighborhood conditions, but also affects the overall ability of families to make healthy choices.

Healthy homes promote good physical and mental health. Good health depends on having homes that are safe and free from physical hazards. In contrast, poor quality and inadequate housing contributes to health problems such as chronic diseases and injuries, and can have harmful [effects](#) on childhood development. Poor indoor air quality, lead paint, and other hazards often coexist in homes, placing children and families at great risk for multiple health problems.

The lack of affordable housing affects families' ability to meet other essential expenses, placing many under tremendous financial strain. High housing-related costs place a particular economic burden on low-income families, forcing trade-offs between food, heating and other basic needs.

One [study](#) found that low-income people with difficulty paying rent, mortgage or utility bills were less likely to have a usual source of medical care and more likely to postpone treatment and use the emergency room for treatment. Another [study](#) showed that children in areas with higher rates of unaffordable housing tended to have worse health, more behavioral problems and lower school performance.

County Health Rankings notes, 17% of households in Vermont experience severe housing problems such as overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities. In Windham County, this rate is also 17%, while in Windsor County it is higher at 19%.

Substandard housing is much more of a risk for some individuals or families than others; housing quality varies dramatically by social and economic circumstances. Families with few financial resources are most likely to experience unhealthy housing and typically least able to remedy them, contributing to disparities in health across socioeconomic groups. Unique housing needs exist for homeless veterans, victims of domestic abuse, and runaway and homeless youth. In light of evidence about the many ways housing can affect health, strategies must be multifaceted — focusing on physical quality of housing, health-promoting conditions in neighborhoods, and access to affordable housing for all.

## PURPOSE

The Holt Fund is seeking to support initiatives aimed at improving health by addressing housing in Windham and Windsor County, with a focus on the town of Grafton and surrounding communities:

- Andover
- Athens
- Brookline
- Chester
- Grafton
- Jamaica
- Londonderry
- Rockingham
- Springfield
- Townshend
- Westminster
- Weston
- Windham

Funding of up to \$100,000 per year for up to 3 years is available. The Holt Fund is open to funding in a wide range of topics including but not limited to prevention, intervention, or policy, systems and environmental change strategies.

## TIMELINE

- February 19, 2020 at 2pm                      Concept Papers Due
- February 26, 2020                              Applicants notified if invited to submit full proposals
- April 1, 2020                                      Deadline for receipt of full proposals

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF CONCEPT PAPER

To submit a concept paper, applicants must complete an online form which includes the items below:

### Organization Information:

- Tax Identification Number: *Applicants must enter the tax identification number of the nonprofit institution or organization that is overseeing the project or the fiscal sponsor of the project.*
- Organization to Lead Proposed Project: *If different from organization overseeing project.*
- Organization CEO Contact Information: *Complete requested fields for contact information for organization's CEO, or equivalent.*

- Mission of Organization: *State the mission of organization overseeing the project or the fiscal sponsor of the project. (100 word limit)*

Program information:

- Title of Project
- Target Population: *Describe the population impacted by the proposed program/project. (100 word limit)*
- Geographic Area of Focus: *Select the communities served by the proposed program/project*
- Brief Description of Proposed Activities and Timeline: *Provide a description of the activities and timeline of this work. (400 word limit)*
- Proposed impact on Housing as a Social Determinant of Health: *Describe how the request's activities are expected to impact Housing as a SDOH. (400 word limit)*
- List of Collaborators and brief description of their roles, if appropriate
- List of additional secured and/or potential funding: *If additional funds have already been secured or are in process, please detail them here. (100 word limit)*
- Will dollars from the Holt Fund be used for matching purposes? *If yes, please describe. (100 word limit)*
- Total Project Budget for Year 1
- Amount Request from Holt Year 1
- Total Project Budget for Year 2
- Amount Request from Holt Year 2
- Total Project Budget for Year 3
- Amount Request from Holt Year 3

## ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read guidelines above before beginning online application

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**\* Street Address**

**\* City**      **\* State**      **\* Zip Code**      **Country**  
 - Select One -      United States

**\* Phone (numbers only)**      **Extension (numbers only)**  
 Example: 8025555555      Example: 1234

**\* E-mail**

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State the mission of organization overseeing the project or the fiscal sponsor of the project. (100 word limit)

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**\* Grant Length (in whole months)**  
Enter 12, if you are requesting one year of funding OR a small grant, 24 for two years, or 36 for three years.

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**\* Certification**  
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**Attachments**

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