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FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Standard Grant Application Deadline is March 31, 2015

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 12, 2015 — The First County Bank Foundation announces the availability of its 2015 grant application for nonprofit organizations in lower Fairfield County. The deadline for submitting standard grant applications is March 31, 2015.

To be eligible, organizations must have nonprofit tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and serve the communities of Stamford, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk or Westport. Applicant organizations must support community and economic development, increase the availability of affordable housing or support quality of life and educational enrichment for families and children. Since the First County Bank Foundation was formed in 2001, it has awarded over 1000 individual grants exceeding \$6.4 million. The Grant application form is available on the Bank's website at: <http://www.firstcountybank.com/application-process>.

"The needs of our local communities continue to increase each year, as does our commitment to supporting the nonprofit organizations which support those needs. Each year, we welcome nonprofit organizations that are first-time grant applicants," said Karen Kelly, vice president of First County Bank Foundation. "Through the charitable nature of First County Bank Foundation and First County Bank's directors, corporators, officers and employees, our contributions help assure local community needs continue to be met. We look forward to receiving and evaluating applications and awarding grants we know will be for the betterment of our local communities."

About First County Bank Foundation

Established in 2001 in honor of the bank's 150th anniversary, First County Bank Foundation was created to distribute funds annually to nonprofit organizations that support community and economic development for children and families. As a mutual bank with no shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves.

About First County Bank

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.4 billion. For additional information, please visit www.firstcountybank.com. Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow the bank on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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