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FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Standard Grant Application Deadline is March 31, 2016

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 4, 2016 — The First County Bank Foundation announces the availability of its 2016 grant application for nonprofit organizations in lower Fairfield County. The deadline for submitting standard grant applications is March 31, 2016.

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 \$7 million. The Grant application form is available on the Bank's website at: <http://www.firstcountybank.com/application-process>.

"First County Bank Foundation and First County Bank's directors, corporators, officers and employees, take great pride in distributing charitable contributions to local nonprofit organizations to help assure local needs will be met. Each year we look forward to receiving and evaluating incoming grant applications. It is always gratifying to see the breadth and depth of programs that our local nonprofits are spearheading. And, for those first-time grant applications, we welcome the opportunity to get to know you better," said Reyno A. Giallongo, Jr., president of First County Bank Foundation.

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 165 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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