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**First County Bank Foundation announces
FirstClass Grant Program for Teachers
Applications due October 31, 2016**

Stamford, Conn., September 12, 2016 – [First County Bank Foundation](#) is pleased to announce the FirstClass Grant Program for Teachers, a new grant program developed exclusively for public school teachers. Eligible grant recipients are Kindergarten through sixth grade teachers in Stamford, Norwalk, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan and Westport public school districts. Grant applications are due by October 31, 2016.

FirstClass Grant Program for Teachers was designed by First County Bank Foundation to help teachers fund programs fostering creative education in and beyond the classroom. Special consideration will be given to requests that are creative, innovative and have lasting impact. Examples may include providing materials to create an aquaponics garden, to build a solar oven to roast s'mores, or to create a tsunami or volcano. Requested grant amounts may not exceed \$1,000 and principal authorization is required. Starting in November, grants will be awarded with funds available for the current 2016-17 school year.

"We developed the FirstClass Grant Program for Teachers to commemorate the 15th anniversary of First County Bank Foundation," said Reyno A. Giallongo, president of First County Bank Foundation and chairman, CEO of First County Bank. "We believe

students will benefit by inspiring teachers to conduct exciting and creative learning experiences. This is one way First County Bank Foundation demonstrates its commitment to supporting lower Fairfield County families, children and education.” Since 2001, First County Bank Foundation has awarded over 1,000 individual grants worth over \$7.5 million.

Applications can be completed online at www.firstcountybank.com/firstclass-grant. Questions can be answered by contacting 203-462-4858. Deadline for applications is October 31, 2016.

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.

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, wealth management, business banking services, mobile and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees, assets in excess of \$1.4 billion and is a 2016 Women’s Choice Award winner. 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 it 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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