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THE SCRIVEN FOUNDATION AND NYCON ANNOUNCE 2020 CAPACITY BUILDING “MINI GRANTS†AVAILABLE FOR OTSEGO COUNTY NONPROFITS

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The Otsego County Mini-Grant Program has grown in importance every year for the Otsego County nonprofit community. With nonprofits facing leadership transitions, persistent operating challenges, increasing demands for services, and ongoing governance compliance requirements, the Mini-Grant Program is an essential tool and resource for local nonprofits. “The Scriven Foundation has supported this program for 16 years because we recognize how important it is that our local nonprofits have access to high-quality advice and training as they chart their futures,” said Jane Forbes Clark, President of The Scriven Foundation.

There is a total of $45,000 of grant funds available with grant awards averaging $1,000 per nonprofit applicant. Grants will be awarded competitively to qualifying nonprofits with approved project activities. Grant criteria are available at [https://bit.ly/2RE0VYY](https://bit.ly/2RE0VYY). It is recommended that any applicant review the 2020 criteria before applying. To fill out a grant application, go to [https://ccsnys.wufoo.com/forms/2020-otsego-county-minigrant-program-application/](https://ccsnys.wufoo.com/forms/2020-otsego-county-minigrant-program-application/). Grant award announcements will be made by April 1, 2020.

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