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The New York Council of Nonprofits (NYCON) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2021 Otsego County Mini-Grant Program. The focus of this effort is to measurably improve the governance and management of qualifying Otsego County 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits. Applications will be accepted immediately and through March X, 2021. Initiated in 2004, this program is made possible with underwriting from The Scriven Foundation.

With the profound impact of COVID-19 on nonprofits throughout Otsego County, the Mini-Grant Program is an important resource for local nonprofits facing significant challenges and can help staff and boards to adapt their management and/or programs or services in a rapidly changing environment. The foundation is proud to support this important program. In this time of uncertainty, we recognize how essential it is that our local nonprofits have access to high-quality advice and training as they seek to fully serve their clients and communities, 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 http://bit.ly/38d3ysZ. It is recommended that any applicant review the 2021 criteria before applying. To fill out a grant application, go to https://ccsnys.wufoo.com/forms/2021-otsego-county-minigrant-program-application/. Grant award announcements will be made by April 1, 2021.

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