

## root2fruit

### Cultivating communities from within

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#### 2018 *root2fruit* Grantees

Art Encounter

Chessmen Club of the North Shore

Childcare Network of Evanston

Evanston Work Ethic (WE) Program

Girls Play Sports

Hip Circle Empowerment Center

Institute for Therapy through the Arts

NAMI CCNS

Reba Early Learning Center

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Dear Friends,

Evanston Community Foundation is delighted to invite applications for the *root2fruit* grant initiative, funded by the Mammel Foundation. *root2fruit* is a three year capacity building program. Grantee organizations are part of a learning community which meets four times annually, sharing knowledge and ideas with the *root2fruit* advisory board and their peers. Advisory board members, all of whom have board or staff leadership experience in the nonprofit world, are available to help mentor grantees

Since 2003, *root2fruit* has helped 51 small and mid-size organizations serving Evanston build their capacity in order to increase their sustainability and impact, investing over \$1.5 million in Evanston. Participation in *root2fruit* has helped organizations build long-term sustainability through improved board effectiveness, fundraising capacity, and business practices. Evanston benefits because these strengthened organizations are able to have greater positive impact.

During fall 2018, the Evanston Community Foundation will choose up to three new organizations for *root2fruit* grants of up to \$10,000 each. Grants will be for the 2019 calendar year and will be renewable for two years after the initial grant is received for a maximum award of \$30,000. Please note that participation in four grantee meetings annually is required of *root2fruit* grantees. **Applications are due by midnight October 16, 2018.**

**The Foundation uses eGrant, allowing you to prepare and submit your *root2fruit* application online. The application and guidelines can be found at <http://evanstoncf.egrant.net>. If you need assistance, please contact me at [schroeder@evanstonforever.org](mailto:schroeder@evanstonforever.org) or at 847.492.0990.**

If your organization is not a fit for *root2fruit*, please share this information and application with other groups you think might benefit from this program. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Mammel Foundation and Evanston's vibrant nonprofit community.

Sincerely,

Marybeth Schroeder  
Vice President, Programs