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First Citizens' Charitable Foundation offers Personal Investment Grants to its Community

FAIRHAVEN, MA – September 1, 2023 – The First Citizens' Charitable Foundation aspires to strengthen the communities they serve by investing in individuals that contribute to the economic and social well-being of their communities. They have been able to do so for many years through nonprofit contributions and a generous scholarship program. And now, the Foundation will be offering Personal Investment Grants to individuals pursuing a better future. This grant will help community members seeking to start a business, learn a new skill or make a career change. Beginning September 1st, the First Citizens' Charitable Foundation will award up to \$3,000 in grants each application period.

“We really wanted to offer funding to those individuals who were looking to better themselves and their community but didn't qualify for traditional scholarships or nonprofit grants. We have heard stories of individuals wanting to make a career change but couldn't afford to do so, or retirees looking to sharpen their skillset. The Personal Investment Grant is a great way for us to invest in the future of our community and its members.”, said Melanie Howell, Director of Marketing and Social Connection.

The first application period for the Personal Investment Grants will be September 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023. Simply email Community@firstcitizens.org and tell them what you are looking to achieve and what you need to get there. To learn more, visit their website: <https://www.firstcitizens.org/personal-investment-grant>

About First Citizens'

First Citizens' Federal Credit Union is one of the premier, community-centric, financial institutions in southeastern Massachusetts. Today, with over 50,000 members and assets over \$769 million, First Citizens' has offices in New Bedford, Raynham, Taunton, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Falmouth, Mashpee, Hyannis, and Orleans. For more information, visit www.firstcitizens.org.