



The Mission of the Women's Giving Circle is:

- to share the joy of giving;
- build the ethic of living generously for future generations; and
- help members reach the most important needs in our community—together.

## **2019 Grantmaking Guidelines**

### **Timeline**

- Applications will be available March 15
- Proposals are due April 15

### **Eligibility**

501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that have been in active service to the public for at least one year prior to the application.

Requests for funding should clearly demonstrate how the grant will be used to help women and children gain self-sufficiency; and/or significantly address barriers to opportunities for women and children.

The Women's Giving Circle supports one-year awards of up to \$5,000. A maximum of 15% of the project budget may include operating funds i.e. employed workers, fixed and flexible expenses and other costs of doing business. Only one proposal may be submitted per organization.

Preference is given to proposals that use one or more of the following approaches:

- Improve quality of life for women and children in our community
- Eliminate gaps in services and systems
- Build on community strengths
- Lead to long-term, sustainable solutions
- Develop clear and measurable program results
- Support an open, growing and diverse community
- Increase equity and social justice

The following are EXCLUDED from consideration:

- Organizations that promote a particular religious or political ideology
- Capital projects and campaigns
- Dinner galas, advertising, and other special fundraising events
- Programs to be implemented outside of the CFGD service area
- Programs receiving funding from the Circle the previous year (the same organization may apply for a different program each year)

**Process**

- All applications are reviewed by the Women's Giving Circle Grantmaking Committee.
- Grants will be awarded at the Gifts and Grants Celebration on Thursday, June 6.
- We make every effort to keep applicants updated on the status of their proposals.

**Awards**

- Grant recipients will be required to sign an agreement before funds are distributed.
- Grantees are required to file a final report at the end of their project.

**How to Apply for a WGC Grant**

Please visit [www.dbqfoundation.org/grants](http://www.dbqfoundation.org/grants) to apply by April 15.

**Questions?**

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