



2021 Grant Information Sheet

DESCRIPTION

For 2021, the Women to Women Giving Circle's grant focus is programs that support resiliency (capacity to recover quickly from difficulties) for children birth to third grade and their support networks (families, teachers, caregivers) in our community

- The total amount available to grant to ALL programs is \$38,712; historically, multiple grants are awarded and range from \$3,000-\$10,000; individual requests should not exceed \$10,000
- Applications open **October 1, 2020**; Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. (CDT) **October 30, 2020**

REQUIREMENTS

Grant Eligibility

- Program must address the grant focus; funding may support a new or existing program
- Applicant must collaborate with at least one other organization for a common program; applicant will act as the lead organization for program
- Applicants must have tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, operate under a fiscal agent that is a 501 (c) 3 organization, or be a local unit of local, county, state or federal government. Faith-based organizations may apply for funding provided the program is non-sectarian and available to the community at large. Two or more nonprofit organizations must collaborate and apply together for a common program.
- Program must be available to residents of McLean, DeWitt, Livingston or Logan counties; however, programs do not have to serve all four counties
- Applicants are required to use a budget document developed by the Women to Women Grants Committee; form can be downloaded at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>; Word and Excel files are available under both the Grants and Women to Women tabs
- Program must be operated and organized in such a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated
- Organizations that have received past Women to Women or Illinois Prairie Community Foundation grants must be current on Final Reports
- Executive Director, CEO or President of the Board of lead organization applying must approve the application

Criteria Given Greatest Consideration

- Has potential to be on-going and self-sufficient beyond the time of funding
- Promotes systemic change, increases range of options for girls and women, and fosters self-sufficiency
- Is an existing program that is results-driven or is a new program that offers creative and innovative solutions to address the focus issue by building on proven practical methods
- Facilitates cooperation and collaboration among organizations so as to avoid duplication of services
- Utilizes clear methods of measuring and reporting results
- Has the potential for obtaining matching funds or additional grant money (a bonus, but not an expectation)

What Is Not Funded

- Non program-related expenses
- Applicants from a single organization (applicants must collaborate with at least one other organization for a common program)
- Endowment campaigns
- Annual fund raising events and expenses
- Conference expenses
- Scholarships

Other Expectations

- Finalists will be asked to make a 10-minute oral presentation to the Grants Committee and other Women to Women donors on the afternoon of **December 8, 2020**, at the Illinois State University Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal. The person responsible for managing the program (along with other relevant staff members or volunteers) should make the presentation.
- A representative of the organization and one or two participants of the program, if feasible, will be invited to speak at the summer meeting of Women to Women in **June 2021**.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 1, 2020** – Application window opens for Women to Women grants
- **October 30, 2020** – Application due by 5:00 p.m. (CDT); no applications will be accepted after that time.
- **Mid-November 2020** – Applicants notified of their status
- **December 8, 2020** – Oral presentations by finalists in afternoon in Normal
- **Early January 2021** – Finalists notified of the Grants Committee's and IPCF Board of Directors' decisions

Grant funds will be distributed during the month of January 2021, upon receipt of the Grant Agreement from successful applicants.

We regret that not all projects can be funded. A denial should not be viewed as a negative reflection on an organization, but rather a reflection on the number of applications received and the amount of funding available.

Grant funds must be expended by **January 31, 2022**. A grant Final Report must be completed and submitted by **February 28, 2022**, or within one month of grant program completion, whichever is soonest. If extenuating circumstances prevent the completion of the grant within the specified period, Illinois Prairie Community Foundation must be notified as soon as these circumstances are known, but no later than one month before the deadline. We will try to accommodate reasonable requests for an extension.

The 2021 Final Report template will be available on our website at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>. Failure to submit a Final Report will result in grantee's ineligibility to be considered for future grants from Women to Women and Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

To begin the Women to Women online grant application, go to https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5839?SA=SNA&FID=35011.

To return to a previously started Women to Women online grant application, go to https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5839?SA=AM