



## Girls Giving Grants—a Program of Impact Austin

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### GIRLS GIVING GRANTS GRANT GUIDELINES AND PROCESS

**Overview:** Girls Giving Grants, the youth enterprise of Impact Austin, is changing the face of giving. We are a grantmaking cooperative, funded and operated by young women in grades 8 - 12. Our mission is to know and to serve our community. Our members each contribute a \$125 annual donation, with \$100 combined to directly fund grants, which are awarded in April of each year to a local nonprofit organization. We want our funds to make a visible difference in our community. We award grants to charitable programs or projects that benefit youth within Travis, Hays, Bastrop and/or Williamson counties. The programs or projects must strengthen, improve, enhance, and positively impact the lives of children and youth in the greater Austin area. The members of Girls Giving Grants will choose the recipient of the grant. All the money contributed by the members goes to fund these grants; any funds used to operate Girls Giving Grants have been raised from other sources. Girls Giving Grants' funding cycle runs from October 1st of one year to September 30th of the next year. In each funding year, proposals are solicited and evaluated from late Sept /early Oct through April and grants are awarded in April. The exact amount of funds available for award in any given funding year will be announced approximately October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be classified as a "public charity" with tax-exempt status under Sec/on 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. In addition, the organization's proposal must:

- Outline a project or program that targets a specific youth population for a specific duration and with specific measurable goals to be achieved.
- Provide services in Travis, Hays, Bastrop and/or Williamson counties, Texas.
- Use the full amount of the Girls Giving Grants' available grant; and
- Plan to expend the grant funds within 12 months of receipt of the grant.

### Types of Programs We Will Not Consider:

- General operating expenses
- Debt reduction
- Endowments or memorials
- Bridge funding or interim financing
- Operational deficits
- Partisan, political lobbying or legislative activities
- Fraternal, sectarian, and religious organizations where the grant is intended for the principal benefit of the organization's own members or adherents, or where the grant is intended for inherently religious activities.
- Private foundations
- Legal expenses incurred in any action by or against the organization.
- General construction or renovation (unrelated to a specific proposed project or program)
- General capital campaigns (unrelated to a specific proposed project or program)
- Fundraising activities or events
- Advertising
- Sports teams or any sports-related activity or competition

Our guidelines are continuing to evolve, and Girls Giving Grants reserves the right to change its criteria without prior notice at any time.

**Other Restrictions:**

- An organization may submit only one application each year.
- An organization that has received a grant from Girls Giving Grants may not reapply the following year.

**Review Process:** Girls Giving Grants has a two-part Grant Application process:

1. Grant Application: Due late Oct/early Nov via online submission. See g3 website for specifics.
  - Create Agency Profile
  - Or if you already have a login, login to Impact Austin's Grant Management SystemSemi-finalists are selected in February and Finalists in March. You will be notified by phone and in writing if your organization has been selected as a Finalist with an in-person Site Visit or a virtual Finalist Presentation meeting.
2. The Site Visit / Virtual Finalist Presentations: The site visit / virtual presentation is extremely important because it allows our members to gain a full-color picture of your organization and its proposal beyond the printed page of your application. Note: g3 has created a virtual Finalist Presentation option in lieu of in person Site Visits due to the fact that many nonprofits have programs that restrict entry, require strict security measures, or do not have a facility to visit and arranging transportation for all girls to and from site visits constricts the number of members able to attend. We strive to create the most inclusive and informative experience for the members and will inform Finalists which option to prepare for. The site visit / virtual presentation will be conducted on a weekend date so as not to interfere with the academic schedules of our members. It shall last no longer than two (2) hours in duration. For your organization to be considered as a grant recipient, it must be willing to accommodate a site visit / virtual presentation meeting on a weekend. We will request that you reserve a specific day, that will be communicated to you and on the g3 website. After the finalist site visits or virtual presentations have completed, results will be shared with all g3 members. Within the next few weeks, the Girls Giving Grants' members vote on the finalists. Each member casts one vote and the majority decide the grant recipient. The grant recipient is then notified in writing and by phone. The grant award and ceremony are generally made in concert with the final g3 meeting in late April and then acknowledged at the Impact Austin annual meeting in June.

Girls Giving Grants reserves the right to reject a Grant Application for any reason, including if it is late or incomplete in any way.

**Terms of Grant:** Prior to receiving the grant money, the grant recipient must execute Girls Giving Grants' Terms of Grant.

**Evaluations:** Girls Giving Grants requires that the grant recipient submit periodic progress reports. Girls Giving Grants uses the periodic progress reports to measure program progress and outcomes, promote learning from experience, improve program performance and encourage our grant recipients to build effective self-evaluation plans into their projects.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence regarding the g3 grant process (including questions) is requested to be made in email to [g3@impactaustin.org](mailto:g3@impactaustin.org).