

Questions You May Have About the Grant Process



1. *May I mail, email, or fax my Grant Application to Girls Giving Grants?*

No, all grants must be received via the online system used by both g3 and Impact Austin and can be found on the Impact Austin g3 Website

2. *Can we attach additional materials to the Grant Application, like one of our brochures or newsletters?*

No, we ask that you use the online system format and not include additional materials.

3. *The funding we need for our project/program is smaller than the amount of the grant Girls Giving Grants is offering. Can we submit a proposal that doesn't require the full grant amount?*

We are looking for projects or programs that use the full amount of our grant. We do not fund smaller requests.

4. *My organization is faith-based. Are there any restrictions regarding grants to an organization like ours?*

Our [Grant Guidelines](#) state that we will not fund grants that are intended for "inherently religious activities." A faith-based organization should take steps to ensure that any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, are separate, in time or location, from the services that would be funded, wholly or in part, by a Girls Giving Grants grant. Additionally, our grantees may not require program participants to attend or take part in any religious activities and may not discriminate against a current or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief. Any participation in religious activities or events by recipients of Girls Giving Grants' grant-funded services must be completely voluntary.

5. *Can our organization submit more than one Grant Application?*

No. Each organization may submit only one Grant Application each year.

6. *How will Girls Giving Grants decide who will get the grants?*

The membership is divided into Application Review Committees (ARCs). Each ARC is made up of members, led by a Chair and Vice-Chair (girl leadership) and overseen by an adult Advisor. These ARCs review and evaluate the applications to select deserving finalists. The due diligence process will include research and finalists in-person or virtual site visits. The entire process is overseen by the Co-Chairs of Girls Giving Grants and Impact Austin. ARC members attend numerous training meetings to prepare them. Through these training sessions, the members learn about Girls Giving Grants' process as well as how to evaluate grant proposals. This training teaches committee members to consider the credibility, capability and commitment of the applicant organization, and the feasibility and significance of the proposed project or program. The committees are instructed to select a finalist that any Girls Giving Grants member could be proud to support.

7. *Who can we contact to discuss our Grant Application after it has been sent?*

All questions should be made via email to g3@impactaustin.org. If Girls Giving Grants has questions about your Grant Application, we will contact you. Girls Giving Grants is committed to a fair, unbiased process. While we believe in treating every grant applicant respectfully, we will not entertain even a hint of any unfair influence. Unsolicited communication related to topics other than questions about the guidelines, process, or forms will not be accepted. We will not take unsolicited phone calls for the purpose of clarifying information submitted in the Grant Application. Applicants should not contact members of Girls Giving Grants, Impact Austin, or the Impact Austin Board in any other way unless and until Girls Giving Grants contacts you for additional information. Applicants should not make any attempt to lobby for their proposal. Any attempt to unfairly influence the process will be grounds for elimination from consideration. Decisions will be made based on our process as determined by the Advisors and the Director of Girls Giving Grants and will not be subject to outside influence.

8. Will you give a grant that is used across multiple years?

One of our goals is to have a visible, significant impact in our community. The longer the project, the less this will be true. As stated in our Grant Guidelines, we want projects or programs that use our grants within twelve months.

9. Do you give expenditure responsibility grants to organizations that are under fiscal sponsorship?

No. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) public charities.

10. Will you consider a proposal from a group of organizations collaborating on a project or program?

Yes. However, one of the collaborating organizations must be the "lead organization," applying on behalf of the collaboration and taking on all the potential rights, responsibilities, restrictions, and liabilities of the grant as if applying as an individual organization. We recognize that this means the lead organization will not be able to submit a proposal outside of the collaborative proposal, and if this collaboration is selected to receive a grant, the lead organization will not be able to reapply in the following year.

11. Your guidelines indicate you will not fund capital campaigns. Will you fund capital expenditures as part of a proposal?

Yes. We will fund capital expenditures that are clearly related to the proposed project or program.

12. Your guidelines indicate you will not fund general construction or renovation. Will you fund construction or renovation as part of a proposal?

Yes. We will fund construction or renovation expenditures that are clearly related to the proposed project or program.

13. Once an organization receives a grant from Girls Giving Grants, can they reapply the following year?

No. An organization that receives a grant from Girls Giving Grants cannot submit another proposal for the following year. For example, our grant recipient for 2018 must wait until 2020 to apply again.

14. If we submit a proposal this year that is not funded, how soon can we resubmit the proposal?

You may apply again the following year. Girls Giving Grants solicits proposals in Sept/Oct of each year.

15. If you reject our proposal for a specific problem, will you give us a chance to fix whatever the problem is?

No. Any declination is final.

16. Can we get a list of the members of Girls Giving Grants?

No. We do not publish a list of our members.

17. How will we know if Girls Giving Grants will make a site visit?

Applicants will be notified in March if they have been selected as a finalist and whether there will be an in person or virtual site visit.

18. What kinds of communication can we expect from Girls Giving Grants during this process?

In February, applicants will be notified if they have been advanced as a semi-finalist or if the girls have decided to decline the request. In March all applicants will know if they have been advanced to a finalist with an in person or virtual site visit.