

# Women's Giving Circle 2024 Grant

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*The Community Foundation of Frederick County*

## *Instructions*

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The 2024 Grants Program of the Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County will support programs that empower women ages 18 and over in challenging situations to improve the quality of their lives, specifically regarding their earning potential and future sustainability.

- Organizations that offer programs and/or services that promote self-sufficiency for women in Frederick County, Maryland, are eligible to apply.
- Organizations may submit up to four proposals for funding. A minimum proposal of \$1,000.00. Each proposal may not exceed \$40,000. Organizations may seek up to \$40,000 total.
- **The application period opens January 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM and closes on February 22, 2024 at 11:59 PM.** The grant period is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. All activities under this grant must be completed within the grant period.
- Grantees are required to submit an interim report due on January 31, 2025 and a final report due August 15, 2025.

### **Funding Priorities for 2024 Grants Cycle**

Furthering women's ability to care for herself and, subsequently, her dependents. Such as:

Furthering workforce and educational opportunity, including but not limited to:

- Direct provision of workforce development programs
  - Job training and placement services
  - Trade and technical certifications
  - Apprenticeship programs
- Direct support, such as scholarships, for post-secondary, apprenticeship, or workforce development programs
- Indirect support of workforce or educational program participation or betterment
  - Mentoring and life skills programs
  - Support of transportation and/or childcare to facilitate participation in workforce development or education programs

Furthering economic capacity, including but not limited to:

- Emergency financial assistance due to changed circumstances
  - Homelessness prevention support
  - Emergency and transitional housing support

- Transportation support
- Access to income supports
  - Systems navigation -- creating access to benefits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), medical insurance, housing vouchers, etc.
- Training in financial literacy
  - Household budgeting, credit scores
  - First time homebuyers' programs
- Financial assistance for next steps
  - Recovery housing costs
  - Low-income homebuyer supports

## *Project Information*

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### **Project Name\***

Please create a name for this grant request.

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### **Amount Requested\***

Please indicate the dollar amount that you are requesting for this project. **Amount requested may not exceed \$40,000.** Organizations may submit up to four proposals for funding. Organizations may seek up to \$40,000 total.

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### **Project Purpose\***

Please explain the purpose of your project in one sentence.

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### **Project Description\***

Your project description should explain

- The program or project for which you are seeking funding
- How this program or project helps to further a women's ability to care for herself (and, as applicable, her dependents), specifically regarding her earning potential and future sustainability.

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### **Location of Project\***

Please provide the address where the majority of the project's services will be delivered.

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## ***Project Services***

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### **WGC Project Activities\***

Please detail the main service activities of the proposed project or program.

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### **WGC Project Indicators\***

Project indicators help answer whether the project's activities are making an impact or creating change. Indicators should be short-term (able to be tracked during the grant period), client-focused, measurable, and specific. They can relate to changes in status, awareness, knowledge, attitudes, motivations, income, or other measurable factors. Please identify at least one and no more than four indicators for your project.

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### **WGC Project Timeline\***

The project period for Women's Giving Circle Grants is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Please provide the timeline of the Project Activities or other milestones that will take place during this time-frame.

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### **Project Evaluation\***

Explain the measurement tool(s) you will use to track your stated indicators and activities, how you will collect the data, and the points of time during the project when the data will be measured. For existing programs, please discuss any significant trends you have seen in your evaluation data. For new programs, please discuss the trends in data that you anticipate during the grant period.

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### **Project Participant Demographics\***

Please provide a brief description of the demographics of the targeted participants for this project (age, race/ethnicity, gender, etc.). Include an estimate of the number of unduplicated people to be served during the grant period.

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### **Residency Verification\***

Please describe how your organization verifies that your clients are Frederick County residents. The Women's Giving Circle defines a resident as someone who has been in Frederick County for 30 or more consecutive days.

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### **Qualitative Program Information\***

Please provide a brief description or story of a challenge, success, or unmet need experienced by the project or by the participants served by this project.

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### **Budget Information**

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#### **Project Expenses Total\***

Please provide the total amount of all project expenses.

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#### **Grant Request as a Percentage of Total Project Expenses\***

Please calculate the percentage of your grant request against the total amount of all project expenses.

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#### **Minimum Funding\***

Please provide the minimum amount of funding this project can receive from the Women's Giving Circle and still move forward.

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#### **Minimum Funding Project Change\***

Please explain the key differences in your project at the minimum funding level.

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#### **Implementation Plan without Women's Giving Circle Funds\***

Please explain how or if this project will be implemented without Women's Giving Circle funding.

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#### **Project Budget\***

Please upload a budget for your project in Microsoft Excel or PDF, including all sources of proposed income by line item and proposed expenses by line item. Your uploaded budget should clearly identify which expenses will be funded with this Women's Giving Circle grant. Be sure to note pending and awarded grants, and in-kind and received contributions. A sample budget can be found ([HERE](#)). Applications without properly prepared budgets will not be considered.

Please use the text box to provide background or explanation of unique features of your budget.

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## ***Organizational Information***

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For this section of the application, the Community Foundation is utilizing **GuideStar for Grant Applications (G4G)**. If your organization has claimed and completed its profile on Guidestar.org, you will be able to fill in fields below with just a couple clicks of a button.

Scroll back to the top of the application and click the Copy GuideStar Profile button in the upper right corner. Choose from a table of available questions and those fields will automatically populate. ***You will be able to modify these answers.*** Selecting the Copy GuideStar Profile button will not overwrite any previously provided responses in your application. Responses in your application will not update your GuideStar profile.

***Please provide financial information for your most recently completed fiscal year.***

### **Your Organization's Mission Statement\***

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### **Your Organization's Fiscal Year Start (Month and Date)\***

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### **Your Organization's Total Assets (Last Fiscal Year)\***

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### **Your Organization's Total Liabilities (Last Fiscal Year)\***

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Your Organization's Net Assets End of Last Fiscal Year\***

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### **Your Organization's Total Revenue (Last Fiscal Year)\***

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### **Your Organization's Total Expenses (Last Fiscal Year)\***

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### **Audit, Reviewed Financial Statement, or Financial Form Upload\***

Please provide one of the following documents depending on the amount of your organization's annual charitable contributions **for the most recently completed fiscal year**:

- Nonprofits with annual charitable contributions less than \$300,000 complete a prescribed financial form (HERE). Quasi-governmental, faith-based, and civic organizations and organizations who are chapters of a "parent" organization must also complete this financial form if they do not have their own audit or independent financial review.

- Nonprofits with charitable contributions over \$300,000 but less than \$750,000 upload a financial review performed by an independent certified public accountant.
- Nonprofits with charitable contributions over \$750,000 must upload an audit performed by an independent certified public accountant.

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### Staff List\*

Please upload a list that contains the names of your organization's key leadership staff and titles. If explanation is needed, use field below.

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### Governing Board List\*

Please upload a document that lists your current governing board (Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, etc.)

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## Data

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Questions in the Data section are part of a data project being done by funders in Frederick County. The goal is to identify gaps in funding in our community. Answers to these questions will not impact your organization's eligibility for this grant opportunity.

### Fiscal Sponsor

Is your organization fiscally sponsored by another entity?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Applicant Staff Size

#### Choices

None

1 to 5

6 to15

16 to 50

51 or more

Unknown

### Applicant Budget

#### Choices

Up to \$100,000

- \$100,001 to \$250,000
- \$250,001 to \$500,000
- \$500,001 to \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 or more
- Unknown

### Frederick Specific

Does this grant serve only Frederick County?

*If the grant will serve Frederick County as well as other counties, please answer No.*

#### Choices

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

### Continuity

Indicate whether this grant serves a new or ongoing activity.

#### Choices

- New
- Ongoing

### Topic/Issue

Please select only **one** option from the following list. If your work could reasonably fall into more than one category, use your best judgement to decide which category you would prefer to use for this grant request.

*For more complete details about what types of work belong in each category, click here.*

#### Choices

- Animal Welfare
- Arts and Culture
- Civic, Public Affairs, and Governance
- Community/Economic Development
- Disaster Response
- Education-Early Childhood
- Education-K to 12
- Education-College
- Education-Beyond College
- Environment
- Historic Preservation
- Education-Multiple
- Human Needs-All
- Human Needs-Employment/Job Training
- Human Needs-Family Stability
- Human Needs-Financial Services
- Human Needs-Food

- Human Needs-Health-Physical
- Human Needs-Health-Mental
- Human Needs-Health-Substance Use/Addiction
- Human Needs-Housing
- Human Needs-Human Rights
- Human Needs-Other Income Supports/Benefits
- Human Needs-Personal Safety
- Human Needs-Personcare
- Human Needs-Person Hosting
- Human Needs-Services Navigation
- Human Needs-Telecommunications
- Human Needs-Transportation
- Other
- Personal Development
- Public Services-Libraries and Information
- Public Services-Other Public Facilities and Amenities
- Public Services-Parks and Recreation
- Public Services-Public Safety
- Religion
- Science
- Sport and Athletics
- Unknown
- Not Applicable

### *Due Diligence Attestation and Grant Application Certification*

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The Community Foundation will verify your organization's compliance with the State of Maryland. Each organization is responsible for maintaining its compliance with the State of Maryland. If the State's two online databases show your organization is not currently in compliance with each division at the time you submit your application, the application may not be considered.

#### **Compliance with Maryland Solicitations Act\***

Is your organization currently in compliance (registered and in good standing) with the State of Maryland Solicitations Act? Check [HERE](#)

#### **Choices**

- Yes
- No
- Exempt - Religious Organization
- Exempt - Government/Quasi-Government Organization
- Exempt - Civic Organization

#### **Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation Personal Property Return\***

Is your organization current with the State of Maryland Personal Property Return filing? Check [HERE](#)



**Choices**

Yes

No

Exempt- Religious Organization

Exempt- Government/Quasi-Government Organization

Exempt - Civic Organization

**Name of Applicant\***

Please type the full name of the person completing the application for the organization.

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**Title of Applicant\***

Please type the title of the person completing the application for the organization.

*Character Limit: 50*

**Name of Media/Public Relations Representative\***

Please type the name of your organization's media/public relations representative.

*Character Limit: 250*

**Contact information for Media/Pubic Relations Representative\***

Please provide email address and direct phone number for your organization's media/public relations representative.

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**Name of Chief Professional Officer\***

Please type the full name of the Chief Professional Officer for the applying organization.

This attestation confirms that this named person has given consent for the organization to apply for funding from the Women's Giving Circle.

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