

WOMEN GIVING FOR SPARTANBURG GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS

PURPOSE OF GRANT

Women Giving for Spartanburg is a women's giving circle founded in 2007 as a special project of The Spartanburg County Foundation. Our mission is to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and informing our membership, increasing charitable contributions, and significantly improving the greater Spartanburg community through the impact of collective giving.

ELIGIBILITY

Women Giving for Spartanburg considers only those organizations and institutions that are recognized as 501(c)(3) non-profit and/or tax exempt entities. Organizations must not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

GRANTS

Women Giving for Spartanburg will consider grant proposals for projects that meet all the following criteria:

- Address a goal area of the *Community Indicators Project* (www.strategicspartanburg.org) with new, creative approaches:
 - *Civic Health*
 - *Cultural Vitality*
 - *Economy*
 - *Education*
 - *Natural Environment*
 - *Public Health*
 - *Social Environment*
- Result in measurable impact on the community
- Have support from all participating organizations' Boards of Directors
- Request a minimum of \$25,000
- Will use the Grant and complete the project within twelve months
- Upon request and in extenuating circumstances, the Women Giving for Spartanburg Grants Committee may give an extension for completion of the grant for up to an additional three months.

Women Giving for Spartanburg will give *priority consideration* to proposals that:

- Collaborate with other community organizations
- Leverage funding sources
- Effect or resulting effect on large target populations
- Utilize volunteer participation

Women Giving for Spartanburg has the authority to recommend granting less than \$25,000 if the result of the funding is still of high impact.

LIMITATIONS

Grant proceeds may not be used for the following purposes:

- Projects not predominantly serving Spartanburg County residents
- Endowment campaigns
- Projects that are sectarian in nature
- Religious instruction, proselytizing, or preaching
- Sponsorships
- Lobbying
- General operating expenses of the applicant organization including salaries for existing positions
- Consecutive year requests from Grantees

EVALUATION

Women Giving for Spartanburg requires each Grantee to provide a six-month and a year-end report of measurable outcomes and how the grant funds were used. Women Giving for Spartanburg may actively monitor progress throughout the funded term of the project.

THE PROCESS

- Women Giving for Spartanburg expects to receive more strong requests from organizations than it can fund.
- In case of an immediate, catastrophic community need, Women Giving for Spartanburg, at the recommendation of the Grants Committee and the approval of the Executive Committee, will have the opportunity to allocate funds where the community need is the greatest instead of awarding individual grants.