

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES – Spring 2022

Texas Women's Foundation invests in the power of women and girls to build stronger, more equitable communities across Texas. Through our research, advocacy, grantmaking and programs, we are driving meaningful social and economic change for women, girls and families. The Foundation's work improves education and quality of life, gives voice to issues affecting women and girls, and cultivates women leaders for the future. The Foundation was built on the belief that when you invest in a woman, there is a ripple effect that benefits her family, her community, and her world.

Texas Women's Foundation is accepting proposals for its annual community grant cycle through February 18, 2022, at noon, Central Standard Time.

All proposal submissions are accepted through the Foundation's grant portal available at <http://twf.spectrumportal.net/>

Grant guidelines and the Online Applications Tips and FAQs document are available on the Foundation's [website](#).

Grant Awards

The maximum grant request to be considered is \$30,000.

Texas Women's Foundation will be granting a total of \$875,000.

Only one proposal per organization will be considered and accepted thru the community grant cycle. Grants will be awarded for a 12-month period (May 2022 – May 2023) with grant payments scheduled for June 2022.

Applicants will be considered for all eligible funds designated for the Community grant cycle including Community Real Estate Women (CREW) in the Community Outreach funds and the Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund.

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)

Texas Women's Foundation 2022 CREW Community Outreach Grants are the result of a partnership between Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) and Texas Women's Foundation, where a portion of the proceeds from the CREW Dallas Golf Classic and other CREW in the Community fundraising are returned to the community through the Texas Women's Foundation in the form of grants to programs benefitting women and girls.

Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund

Applicants to be considered for Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund grants must be faith-related or have a current or historical tie to a faith or religious entity. Agencies representing all faiths are welcome and encouraged to apply by noting their faith connection on the application. Grants will support programs that: aid or benefit women and girls at risk; support or benefit family units headed by women; aid or support the education of girls at risk or support medical care for indigent women provided they do not promote religious activities, proselytize, or require adherence to a particular religion.

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Focus Areas

For the Community Grant Cycle 2022, Texas Women's Foundation is focused on the mid-term and long-term needs of women and girls in North Texas, particularly those facing multiple systems of oppression and disenfranchisement.

Texas Women's Foundation will consider proposals for general operating, program support, and capacity-building support for organizations serving women, girls and their families.

Texas Women's Foundation Community Grants are broad based and effect important issues that improve the quality of life and give voice to issues affecting women and girls, as well as cultivate leaders for the future. Our granting addresses such issues as:

- Support for an economically secure future,
- Access to health care including women's health, general physical health, mental health, behavioral health, and dental health,
- Support for senior women, whose health, safety and housing needs are acute, including aging in place,
- Engagement and community organizing work for and by women and girls related to economic, social, and racial justice,
- Access to legal services,
- Services for survivors of gender-based violence and prevention of gender-based violence,
- Education support services (not scholarships),
- Child care and adult care services and caregiver support,
- Workforce development,
- Basic Skills & ESL,
- Prevention, intervention programs for girls.

Funding Priorities

Proposals that clearly articulate and demonstrate that women and girls who are recipients of the organization's/program's services are thriving.

Proposals that address operational effectiveness with the intention of strengthening an organization's ability to sustain their mission by implementing creative strategies; operating with nimbleness and resilience; and supporting staff recruitment and retention, all of which support positive outcomes for women and girls.

Proposals that promote innovative collaboration, community engagement, or movement building to create systemic change that break down barriers that result in positive outcomes for women and girls.

Proposals that successfully address the diverse health needs of women and girls.

Proposals that support senior women whose health, safety and housing needs are acute, including aging in place.

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Proposals that demonstrate the organization's history of working locally on behalf of and in partnership with historically marginalized women and girls to eliminate persistent cultural, economic and racial barriers including:

- organizations with a history of working directly in and with disenfranchised neighborhoods and communities,
- organizations that are culturally responsive, are multilingual, have staff at all levels who possess other specific skills to effectively address the needs of the women and girls served,
- organizations with a commitment to addressing the unique needs at the intersection of gender and race,
- organizations that reflect the Foundation's values and core competencies of integrity, intentionality, and inclusivity, and have demonstrated support for all women and girls inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Eligibility

Eligible nonprofits must

- have a current 501(c)(3) status,
- demonstrate a three-year operating history,
- serve Dallas, Collin, Denton and Tarrant Counties, and the immediate surrounding North Texas area,
- agree to provide a final report on the use of funds and the impact on girls, women, and their families including number served and race/ethnic breakdown,
- have operations that are consistent with the Texas Women's Foundation mission, vision, values, and core competencies of integrity, intentionality, and inclusivity, and have demonstrated support for all women and girls inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. ([Visit the TXWF Website](#)),
- demonstrate that at least 75% of the clients benefitting from grant funding are women and/or girls inclusive of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expressions.

In addition, nonprofits seeking to be considered for funding from the Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund must be faith-related or have a current or historical tie to a faith or religious entity and disclose that tie in the appropriate section of the online application

Ineligible Proposals

The Foundation does not fund:

- Individuals,
- Campaigns to elect public officials or for partisan political projects,
- Projects or expenses which take place before the grant is awarded,
- Projects inconsistent with federal, state and local nondiscrimination ordinances and laws including discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services,
- Grants that ultimately go wholly to another agency other than the applicant (pass through),
- Organizations which have the ability to levy taxes,
- Event sponsorships,

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- Programs which promote religious activities, proselytize, or require adherence to a particular religion,
- Projects inconsistent with Texas Women’s Foundation mission, vision, values, and core competencies.

Important Dates

Online application available	January 21, 2022
Information Session (Visit our website)	February 1, 2022 - 10:30 am – noon
Deadline to request a login account	February 14, 2022
Application deadline for Community Grant Cycle 2022	February 18, 2022, at 12:00 pm CST
Notification of site visit or elimination from consideration	March 25, 2022
Site visiting period*	March 25 – April 15, 2022
Final notification of grant status for site-visited applicants	May 26, 2022

**Site visits may be conducted virtually or in-person, pending community COVID-19 status, CDC guidelines, TXWF protocol, applicant’s protocol and will be the joint decision of the applicant, volunteers, and TXWF staff.*

Additional Information:

- Due diligence is performed by Foundation staff, community volunteers perform site visits for select proposals. The Foundation’s Board of Directors makes all final decisions regarding approval of grant recipients.
- All grant recipients are required to enter into a contract with the Foundation governing the expenditure of grant funds and recognition of funding. Grantees are required to submit a final grant report 30 days after the completion of the grant period. The Foundation, in collaboration with the grantee, has flexibility on determining a reporting due date in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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