

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES – Spring 2024

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 Community Grant Cycle through February 15, 2024 at noon, Central Standard Time.

Grant guidelines and an FAQ document are available on the [Texas Women's Foundation's Grants Page](#). Click the "Access Application" button to enter the portal. Grant proposals will only be accepted through the Foundation's grant portal.

To create an account, select the application link and click the "Create Account" button. When you have completed the steps to create your account, you will receive an email from mail@grantsapplication.com that confirms your account. Exit the screen and then log back in with your new information.

If you do not see the email from mail@grantsapplication.com in your inbox, check your spam folder. We encourage you to add it to your safe senders list.

Grant Awards

The maximum grant request to be considered is \$40,000.

Only one proposal per organization will be considered and accepted through the Community Grant Cycle. Grants will be awarded for a 12-month period (May 2024 – May 2025) with the grant payment scheduled for June 2024.

Proposals will be considered for all eligible funds designated for the Community Grant Cycle including the Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund.

To be considered for Mrs. H.L. (Ruth Ray) Hunt Memorial Fund, applicants 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 2024, 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, marginalization, and disenfranchisement.

Texas Women's Foundation will consider proposals for capacity building support, general operating support and program/project support for organizations serving women, girls and their families in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Tarrant and the immediate surrounding counties.

Capacity building grants provide funds for the improvement of an organization's effectiveness in its services to benefit women and girls. General operating grants provide flexible funding for the overall operations of the nonprofit. Capacity building grants and operating grants require that at least 75% of the organization's primary service beneficiaries are women or girls.

Program/Project grants provide funds for a specific new or existing program in which at least 75% of the program's primary service beneficiaries are women or girls.

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 cultivates leaders. Our granting addresses such issues as:

- support for economic security and mobility
- workforce development,
- child care and adult care services and caregiver support,
- transitional housing
- basic skills & English as a Second Language (ESL),
- education support services (not individual scholarships),
- access to health care including women's health, general physical health, mental health, behavioral health, and dental health,
- prevention, intervention programs for girls,
- survivors of gender-based violence and prevention of gender-based violence,
- access to legal services,
- engagement and community organizing work for and by women and girls related to economic, social and racial justice, and civic engagement,
- support for participation and contribution to the STEMM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine)

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Funding Priorities

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

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 and inequities. This includes:

- 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 specific skills, expertise, and background to effectively and respectfully address the needs of the women and girls served,
- organizations that demonstrate their 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.

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

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

Eligibility

Eligible nonprofits must:

- have a current 501(c)(3) status, public charity
- 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,
- organizations that have been funded through the Community Grant Cycle for three consecutive years must sit out for one year before submitting a new proposal.

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.

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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,
- 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

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| ➤ Online application & guidelines are available | January 16, 2024 |
| ➤ Tarrant County Information Session | January 23, 2024 |
| ➤ Collin/Denton County Information Session | January 24, 2024 |
| ➤ Dallas County Information Session | January 25, 2024 |
| ➤ Application deadline for 2024 Community Grant Cycle | February 15, 2024, at 12:00PM CST |
| ➤ Notification of site visit or elimination from consideration | March 7, 2024 |
| ➤ Site visiting period (in-person) * | March 19 – April 9, 2024 |
| ➤ Final notification of grant status for <u>site-visited</u> applicants | May 24, 2024 |

**TXWF monitors the community COVID-19 status along with local health and CDC guidelines. Should the conditions change, virtual site visits will be considered. The Foundation considers its protocol and the applicant’s protocol to reach a joint decision.*

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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.

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